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Carol Hanlon  
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U. S. Department of Energy  
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Re: Public comment on Yucca Mountain

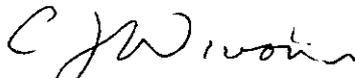
Dear Ms Hanlon:

If the Secretary determines that the scientific analysis indicates that the Yucca Mountain site is likely to meet the applicable radiation protection standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency and Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I believe that he should proceed to recommend the site to the President at this time.

The past months terrorist attacks in New York and Washington have me concerned about the vulnerability of the many Dry Spent Fuel storage facilities throughout the country. I do not believe that these installations can survive the kind of attacks we have experienced.

I would like to see the government accelerate the construction of the Yucca Mountain repository and get this spent fuel safely underground as soon as possible.

Sincerely



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