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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

You may be wondering why I am interested in this recommendation. I have been a professional working in the Commercial Nuclear Plants since 1971 and have the perspective and knowledge of the consequences of not designating ONE Site as a National Repository yet. I also feel that it is my civic duty to address this issue. Apart from the technical, and regulatory aspects, my long and varied experience in this Industry coupled with Common Sense prompts me to conclude that ONE place to store the Nuclear waste is SAFE and better not only for the public safety but economically as well, compared to the present situation of storage at 70 or more sites. At times I wonder whether those interests which unilaterally oppose this, understand the consequences of their actions !!!! We have to ACT and ACT quick especially in view of the present situation. We, the Americans were the first in advocating the Nuclear Technology. But when it comes to utilizing the same to our country's and society's benefit we have fallen behind. I make this statement not with the idea of pointing a finger at any one or any one group but with sincere feeling and a sense of disappoinment.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

I sincerely thank you for your time and patience in reading this and giving it's due consideration.

Sincerely,

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