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Dear Carol Hanlon:

I oppose any shipment of irradiated fuel rods to Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

Shipments from 103 operating reactors will inevitably result in transport accidents. The drivers and guards, low-wage workers, are vulnerable to terrorism as well as transport accidents. Theft, deliberate crashes, careless spillage, and loss of whole trailers number among the possibilities.

Intended routes and quantities of waste shipments have not been disclosed so local communities have had no opportunity to review the plans and consider their own emergency procedures.

I also oppose the use of Yucca Mountain as a repository for nuclear waste. It is geologically unsuitable and seismically unstable.

We live with nuclear waste here in St. Louis from the development of the first atomic bombs as well as from Calloway nuclear power plant. I don't know what to do with this waste, but I am certain piling it onto trucks and trains and shipping it across the country is a bad idea. Personally, I recommend that we stop making the waste until we develop a better storage plan.

Sincerely yours,



Mary Ann McGivern

CC: Senators Jean Carnahan and Christopher Bond