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DEAR MRS. HANLON:

AS A CITIZEN AND A RATEPAYER, I AM WRITING TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT BUSH THAT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA BE DESIGNATED THE NATIONAL REPOSITORY FOR HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AND SPENT FUEL.

I REALIZE MANY LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED PRO AND CON ON THIS ISSUE. ONE NEW ARGUEMENT APPEARS TO BE DECISIVE TO ME IN LIGHT OF THE EVENTS OF 09/11/01. SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL WHICH HAS ACCUMULATED OVER 40 YEARS OF REACTOR OPERATION IS MORE EASILY GUARDED AND IS SAFER AT 1 SITE THAN SCATTERED AT 70 SITES ACROSS THE NATION. THERE HAVE BEEN ARTICLES IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE [SEE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2001] ISSUE. I AM SURE TO MOST REASONABLE PEOPLE 20 YEARS OF ENGINEERING ANALYSIS HAS YIELDED ENOUGH DATA TO CONCLUSIVELY SHOW YUCCA MOUNTAIN IS A SAFE DEPOSITORY.

I URGE THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT TO RECOMMEND THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE TO THE PRESIDENT.

SINCERELY,
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