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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I sincerely request that the Department of Energy formally recommend to President Bush that the Yucca Mountain, Nevada, site be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel.

Many years of effort and many taxpayer and ratepayer dollars have been spent on locating a national disposal facility, and the DOE has identified a suitable location. Certainly, it is in our national public interest to store high-level radioactive waste at one location rather than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at several dozen sites throughout the nation.

Transporting the material to a single site will not pose any extraordinary danger to the public. 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.

Finally, the National Academy of Sciences has recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible option for the storage of high-level radioactive waste. The scientific evidence demonstrates that Yucca Mountain satisfies all qualifications for this type of facility.

Therefore, I urge the DOE to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,  
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