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Regarding: YUCCA MOUNTAIN. Mailing deadline October 5.

Dear Ms. Carol Hanlon, US Department of Energy; Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (M/S #025); PO Box 30307; North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0307.

The amount of money that has been spent and wasted on nuclear power over the past 100 years or so is unbelievable to a housewife with no individual income. Perhaps a plan should have been devised from the beginning in order to have had a sensible method for storage and disposal of the radioactive wastes especially the high level radioactive wastes. Rushing into things with no foresight usually is disorganized.

The use of uranium and radioactivity can have both good and bad results. Madame Curie worked with uranium for the benefit of mankind. She especially saw the benefits in better healthcare for mankind. She didn't have any money even to visit the United States after all her hard and dangerous work. It was only through the generosity of other women that the money was raised for her to come to America to visit years ago.

The use of uranium and related elements have been used for many things all over the world. Besides the many benefits of their use, the elements have been misused and abused to create many problems and hardships for many nations and people. Presently, the problem of what to do with the high level radioactive waste is especially complicated. The question of where to store that waste should have been devised long ago in the beginning stages of the nuclear power game. Too much good land has been wasted with contaminants and pollutants to lose even more.

Perhaps this is a good time to take a pause and discuss the best means of storage and disposal of all the human garbage and waste man has created over the years. It is a good time to decide with conversation what will be the best course to take for garbage, trash and waste disposal for the future. Younger generations, like the children that are being born this year and next year, have their whole lives ahead of them at a time when all waste dumps and landfills were supposed to have been at full capacity ten years ago. I am expecting a new grandchild around January 24, 2002 so I am especially concerned with the future environment of the earth for him and all the other children of the world.

Money has been squandered so much so that the community in North County St. Louis, Missouri, where I live, will soon be deprived of basic healthcare and healthcare facilities. There isn't any money to hire and pay enough people to keep hospitals, schools, stores and businesses operating efficiently. They don't keep the areas swept and clean which translates to the possibility of disease, crime and despair. Other people and places that don't experience this don't care. After September 11, I think it is time all people start to care and take a positive and peaceful course of action to improve conditions in neglected areas like where I live in Florissant, Missouri. TV and radio talk shows should discuss solutions and funding so all have a chance for happiness in their lifetime.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sandra Delcours