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I have had the opportunity to review the two supplemental DEIS regarding to the Yucca Mountain. It is visible that the DOE, the government, and the scientists are accomplishing efforts in the best ways to transport and dispose the nuclear wastes in the U.S. Future issues with air quality, land use, hydrological, and biological resources are being properly studied and managed. In fact, I am not concerned about the present time. I have no doubt that we, as well as our children and grandchildren will not suffer from any injury caused by the new nuclear waste repository. However, my biggest concern is with the upcoming hundred years. I believe that is completely impossible to predict what is going to happen in the future. By studying the present and the past, we can draw conclusions of what is possible to occur, nevertheless, we cannot be positive that the conclusions are right.

The Yucca Mountain Project can be hazardous for the wildlife and especially for the human beings lives. The canisters and the facilities built are resistant enough to prevent any release of nuclear material that can happen in case of an accident or even a terrorist attack occur. In despite of this, I strongly believe that in the future there will be more powerful weapons that can destroy all these barriers. We cannot predict what is going to happen during the 10,000 years period; unfortunately, it is something that human beings are not able to do. As stated on chapter 3, Affected Environment, although even small, there are chances that a volcano dike disrupts the repository during the first 10,000 years (p. 3-21). Studying what can happen during this period is the great importance in order to protect lives; however,

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counting only on the number of chances that it will not happen is definitely wrong. We are talking about lives, and even if small, there are chances that natural or manmade accidents can happen; and the consequences can be disastrous. People have a risk of suffering from cancer or even dying if any human mistake or accident that releases the radioactive material 1. It is obvious that a new place for the nuclear waste disposal is necessary. It is much more dangerous to keep it in populated areas in the east coast than to create a big national repository at Yucca Mountain. However, I am very concerned about this "clean power." If anything happens at any stage of the nuclear storage process, the consequences can be irreversible. Buildings can be rebuilt. Poisoned water supplies can be flushed out. But what can we do about an accident, or even a terrorist attack, that spills radioactive material across a city?]
