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Due to a pressing medical engagement in Las Vegas, I find myself unable to attend your meeting in Amargossa Valley on the 26th of November. I also find it difficult because of my age and the price of gasoline to attend the one in Las Vegas on December 3rd. Because of this I wish to make my feelings known in writing.

1 [Yucca Mountain has never made one bit of sense. Because the then President, Jimmy Carter, said that re-cycling nuclear waste was too expensive, no other method other than burial was considered. To date, approximately eleven billion dollars has been squandered on a hole in the ground while other countries have built facilities to re-cycle. We have even shipped our spent fuel rods to France to be recycled and then bought them back for use in our nuclear plants.] ... continued below

2 [The thought of building a railroad to handle the waste to Yucca Mountain has not been looked at with an eye to the possibility of a nuclear disaster. Your people keep touting the safety of the storage casks, but lets face it, just looking at the number of train wrecks in the last two years should alert you to the fact that a disaster will happen.]

3 [You have lied to us since the inception of the storage facility. First we were to believe that 77,000 tons of waste were destined for storage, and now you, if given approval, would double that. The waste has been proven to have a life of 250,000 years before it could be deemed safe. I wonder what you could put on the door of Yucca Mountain that some poor fool in the 23rd century would know not to open the door. Lets face it, in a thousand years, the english language as we know it would look like the Rosetta Stone to an archeologist.]

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... 1 [If the present administration continues in its quest to build nuclear powere plants, you will run out of places to store the waste especially since they make deals around the world to accept the waste from other countries when they share our knowledge to build them nuclear plants.]

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I must stress the term "Common Sense" because the proliferation of nuclear energy dictates that the waste must be recycled, not burried. In the great plan to build all these nuclear plants, the only good that is coming out of it is that companies like Bechtel are becoming wealthy ala Halliburton. They could also be used to build more wind farms and solar plants. I picture a solar plant in nevada being used to generate steam to grind tires for asphalt to make our road better and quieter. These companies could also make their profits by building four mile long recycling plants like the one in France. As there are no nuclear plants in Nevada, I resent the fact that our state is being used for a garbage dump for the other states. Im sure that if you went to Chicago and asked Mayor Daley what he thinks of nuclear waste shipments going through his city, he would give you the same answere that Mayor Goodwin of Las Vegas has given you.

Its time for COMMON SENSE. Storage is not the answer. Texas is planning to store on site until the garbage can be recycled. Some day it will have to be recycled not shipped to somebody else's back yard.]

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