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Attention of Manager

Subject: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements - YUCCA MOUNTAIN

This statement has so many problems that I would have to write a document like yours to cover them all. Therefore, I will stick to transportation and canister issues.

- 1 [The proposed Transportation Aging and Disposal Canisters (TADs) can be shipped only via rail or very large, heavy-haul trucks. But rail access is NOT available at Yucca Mountain and may never be. The SEIS did not consider the impact of a TAD-based transportation system that could not use rail as the mode of transportation to Yucca Mountain.

TAD designs are unspecified in the draft SEIS. Costs and finance for the use of TADs are also unknown.

Also, the proposed TAD system is incompatible with dry storage systems currently in use at civilian nuclear power plants.

Utilities have problems with using the proposed TAD system at specific reactor sites.

The Department of Energy has offered no real alternative to the proposed TAD canister system.]

- 2 [The transportation system in the draft SEIS does not address transportation safety and security. It underestimates the consequences of severe accidents, as well as human error.]
- 3 Further, [the impact of overweight trucks in Nevada and elsewhere is not analyzed.]
- 4 [I can only add, at this point, my complete disapproval of the Draft SEIS. Storage at Yucca Mountain has never been a viable alternative.]

Sincerely yours,



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