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Friends,

**I can't believe you are still planning to use the Yucca Mountain area as a nuclear waste dump!**

Let's leave aside for now the fact that there is only one possible sane place to dispose of nuclear waste – the sun – and concentrate on why, if we have to put it somewhere on Earth, Yucca Mountain is the **wrong** place to put it.

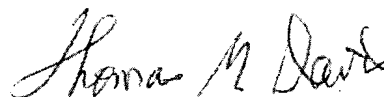
You already know all this. You know that the Transport and Disposal (TAD) containers have not been demonstrated to be safe for this use. You know that the necessary analyses have not been completely or correctly done – for example, the impacts on the environment and the public of a terrorist attack on the spent fuel pool (the non-TAD contained waste). You know that research has proven that the site cannot meet required standards for waste isolation, and that instead of looking for a better site, the rules for disposal have been repeatedly changed to allow disposal at *that* site.

Why? Why is Yucca Mountain the only site you've been looking at since 1987? Easy answer – the people who live there are powerless, and easy to bully out of the way. The project was cited by UN as a racist human rights violation of Western Shoshone treaty lands. But that doesn't matter! We're the all-powerful white man. The red man can die, again. The Native Americans' land can be taken from them, again. It is our manifest destiny.

Or forget their moral arguments, since you seem not to pay any attention to them. Pay attention to the facts that there are 33 geologic faults in the area; that it is a Class 4 earthquake zone, in the 3rd most earthquake-prone state in the country; and that a 5.2 earthquake just 8 miles south of Yucca Mountain in 1992 caused over \$1 million in damage to DOE's own buildings.

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Sincerely,



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