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As a physician in community health I am astounded that my government continues to pursue a nuclear waste repository at YUCCA Mountain. First, this area is on a fault line. It stands to reason that something as potentially dangerous as nuclear waste material would not be placed where a natural disaster could create a public health disaster like Chernobyl. Secondly, do you plan to expose all of America to radiation by transporting the nuclear waste over our highways and railways? I have had to personally evacuate my patients and staff from my medical office due to railcar accidents that leaked toxic fumes into my neighborhood. Just recently another nearby neighborhood had the same problem. Once clean up was completed things returned to business as usual. What if the railcar accident had leaked nuclear waste? Toxic fumes were bad enough and a number of my patients had pulmonary problems resulting from the chemical toxins. Exposure to nuclear radiation is not so easily handled. If there were two railway accidents here, imagine the number of occurrences throughout the country. This is truely setting the stage for a "traveling Chernobyl". Please do not proceed with this poorly designed solution. In addition the area is sacred ground to the Shoshone. After the centuries of travesties against our native american peoples is the US government going to totally disregard the wishes of this tribe? Again I ask you to rethink this plan. It is not a solution, and creates more problems than we can handle. Thank you, Yolanda Huet-Vaughn,