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Dr. Jane Summerson
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Dear Dr. Summerson,

The extension of the comment period on the "Supplement to Yucca Mountain Repository Environmental Impact Statement" provides yet another delay in activating the repository. Environmental impact study after environmental impact study have been submitted to your office by the most respected organizations during the past four years. The casks for holding the nuclear waste material have been designed and successfully tested under the most rigorous conditions.

As you know, Yucca Mountain has been considered safe and secure by those performing the studies.

The problem is not the need for more information; it is the need for leadership and decision making in the Energy Department to activate the facility. This problem goes all the way up to the President. His office has shown complete disregard for the safety of the public from a nuclear disaster. Terrorists know of 101 nuclear waste storage facilities located throughout this country – we need to move this material now!

I realize that as a department manager, the situation is beyond your control, but please forward these remarks to your boss at the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

In summary, after billions of tax payers dollars have already been spent on the Yucca Mountain Repository, not one single cask of radioactive material has been placed in any already completed parts of the repository.

Frustratedly,



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P.S. I note that Palo Verde, the largest nuclear plant in the world, is just 50 miles southwest of my home in the Phoenix area.