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Dear Mr. Richardson,

I am opposed to storing high level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Yucca Mountain is on land guaranteed the Western Shoshone Nation through the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. The mountain is sacred to Shoshone and Paiute peoples. In addition to the moral injustice of storing America's deadliest garbage on sacred Native territories, I am opposed to the Yucca Mountain project because it poses a serious health risk to all Americans. Have you no respect for your fellow man at all? No shred of common decency? What are you doing to these people? Still, after all these years, it still goes on doesn't it. Don't think that the rest of the world is unaware of the problems facing all Native Americans, even today in 2000, and the rest of the world is astonished and well aware of the situation of many of these peoples.

Yucca Mountain is a seismically active, leaky mountain and does not meet the containment requirements for isolating radioactivity for the next quarter million years.

I believe America must stop producing nuclear waste and invest in a safe energy future. I urge you to protect all Americans and the original peoples of this land by enacting policies that phase out nuclear power and herald in renewable energy resources and energy efficiency.

Please have some sense of decency towards these people.

Sincerely,
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