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Dear Mr. Richardson,

I am opposed to storing high level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Yucca Mountain is on sacred land of 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 waste on sacred Native territories, I am opposed to the Yucca Mountain project as it poses a serious health risk to all Americans, and promotes a devastating future for all our children.

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

America must stop producing nuclear waste and instead, invest in a safe energy future. I urge you to protect all Americans including indigenous Nations of this land by enacting policies that phase out nuclear power and herald in renewable energy resources and energy efficiency.

The Administration must consult with all Indian Nations whose lands have been targeted as nuclear waste sites.

Now is the time for such consultation as we move into the new milleneum. We must honor our earth.

Sincerely,

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