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Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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Richard Measure, Chairman

Dear Chairman Measure,

Prior to the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup> concerns, to the DOE, about terrorism either at Yucca Mountain, or in transportation of nuclear waste to it, were either ignored or minimized. The DOE and the NRC must face a new reality. My concern about the close proximity of Yucca Mountain to the Nellie bombing range has been ignored, by the DOE. It is real, since under the red flag scenario, we train foreign pilots, from Saudi Arabia and even Iraqi in the 1980's. We probably train other middle eastern military also. The Nellie bombing range is 2 minutes flying time in a plane loaded with fuel, bombs and missiles flying @ 600 MPH. There is not only terrorist danger ~~but~~ also from accident and suicide.

The DOE proposal to place 5500 tons of rods in a cooling pool,

near or on the top of yucca mountain  
would be the most likely target that  
would pollute air, soil and water.

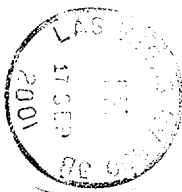
as an aside, why does the NRC  
have opposition to even a weak EPA  
4 millirem water standard @ 12 miles  
from yucca mountain? why no standard  
when one is reasonable?

The NRC, which has oversight over  
the DOE programs, must err on the  
side of safety and security.

cc Senator Harry Reid  
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