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Dear Mr. Lesar,

I am writing to express my opposition to plans to store nuclear waste at the Yucca Mountain site, or at any central site that would entail the transporting of such materials on highways, railways and waterways.

Yucca Mountain is in an area that is known to be earthquake-prone. A large earthquake occurring in the area—which certainly is a possibility over the next millennium—could expose nearby inhabitants and the land itself to irreversible, deadly exposure and contamination. We cannot, as a civilized society, commit to such a known risk.

Development of a national repository for nuclear waste storage would require shipping of waste from numerous sites around the country via highways, railways, and waterways. Shipments of these materials will expose the majority of Americans, and the majority of the American countryside, to the very real possibility of catastrophic nuclear accidents. Are you willing to take the chance that our aging highways and railways are safe for such transport? Can we trust the vagaries of weather and natural disasters? Can you assure us that such shipments will not be targets of terrorists—either foreign or domestic? Can you even assure us that the American shipping companies who will no doubt be contracted for the job will shield us from exposure and will in the end be able to account for all materials?

As a resident of California, I would like you to look at the maps enclosed. Two are maps of proposed routes for nuclear materials being shipped from the West Coast to the Yucca Mountain repository. The other is a map of earthquake faults as well as of actual earthquakes in the California and Nevada in the past few days. Please remember that great distances along these proposed shipping routes traverse not only densely populated areas, but also areas in the most earthquake-prone part of the continental United States. One of the largest earthquakes that occurred in America was in the Tejon Pass, along one of the routes for these shipments. The freeway pass in this area, just north of Los Angeles, was felled twice since 1972 by earthquakes. During the Northridge Earthquake, a train carrying sulfuric acid was derailed. It spilled 80,000 gallons of acid along with 20,000 gallons of diesel. As you may be aware, the Northridge Earthquake caused considerable damage to major structures, as well as numerous landslides in nearby mountains. Sir, it was also only a moderate earthquake.

Please, protect your family and loved ones, and those of all Americans by not approving this plan.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Edwards

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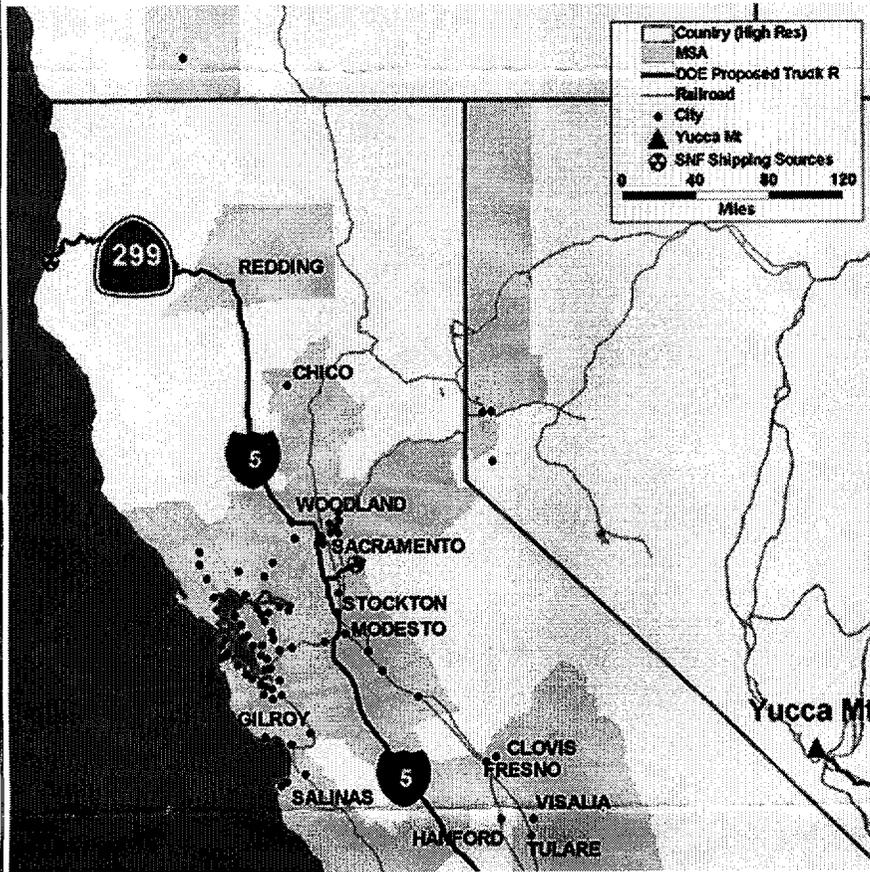
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The map below shows the proposed routes that trucks carrying nuclear waste would travel through California on their way to Yucca Mountain.

Northern California:



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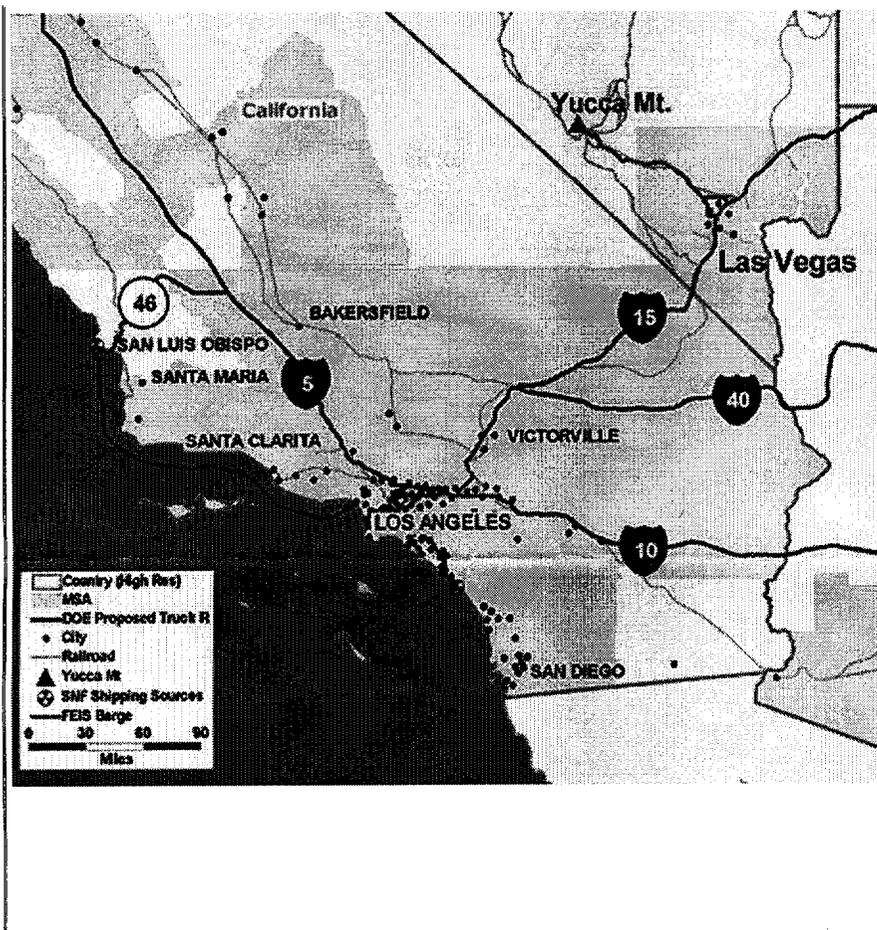
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We need your help to spread the word about the dangers of Yucca Mountain. Please click above to forward a Flash commercial to your friends.

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You have a Senator(s) who is a key swing vote on the Yucca Mountain issue. Please take action and make a FREE phone call right from the web site.

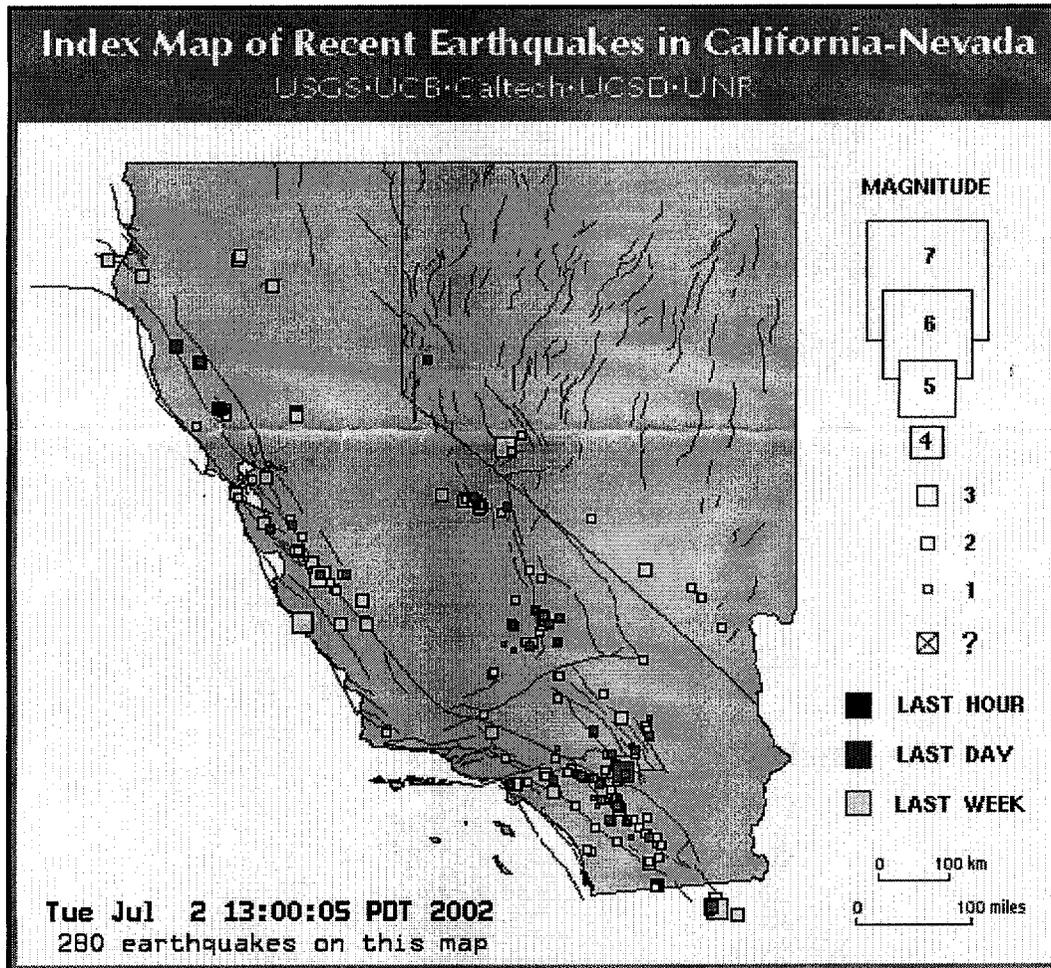


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