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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

Community Against Railroad Pollution (CARP), a group working to protect people living and working near railroad tracks and yards from environmental hazards resulting from practices of freight railroads, firmly opposes the Yucca Mountain plan.

The freight railroad industry has major safety and environmental problems, most of which are becoming worse year by year, and rail transport of large quantities of high-level nuclear waste would create an unacceptable hazard to railroad neighborhood residents. The largest chemical hauler in the U.S., Union Pacific Railroad, has been described by the Federal Railroad Administration as fundamentally unable to operate safely, and the FRA recently determined that Union Pacific engaged in a pattern of discouraging reporting of accidents, leading to a highly inaccurate safety record.

Another sector of the population who would be endangered by the Yucca Mountain transport are residents of Los Angeles and Las Vegas, whose water comes from sources located along the proposed transport routes. In addition, the site is on Native American land, and the Western Shoshone Nation has made statements of opposition to the plan.

In a worst-case accident, a Yucca Mountain transport train could necessitate the evacuation of an entire urban area and impair the health of residents living many miles from the city limits in any direction. To rescue and relocate millions of people and replace their possessions would be very expensive. Much of the potential damage could never be undone.

Please reject the authorization of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste site.

Sincerely,
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