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Dear Mr. Hickey:

I am a student at Tuskegee University who has a deep concern about the hazardous health problems we as a society must face. One problem in particular that I am concern about is the disposal of nuclear waste. Even though nuclear waste is a by-product of nuclear power which enables many homes in this country to be supplied by electricity, nuclear waste is being treated as if it will one day just vanish and not harm anyone. Since nuclear power is considered to make the people of America advance in technology, there should be better ways of disposing nuclear by-products that just might put an end to society's faith and well-being.

The conclusion to this problem that I have come to believe is that there is no known way of disposing of nuclear waste. I have researched that nuclear waste is filled in containers which are placed in landfills and also sroted on deserted islands. In a number of years, the containers will erode and form openings in which the dangerous chemical will escape. The hazardous chemicals will contaminate our natural resources which are vital for human existence.

The government should provide more federal funding to different agencies to research more alternaate ways of disposing nuclear waste. Is there a better way to treat this environmental problem the world or could this problem be a hint to the world that we will suffer for our advancement in nuclear technology?

Sincerely,



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