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I am concerned primarily with the flawed EIS process as exhibited in the DEIS presented to the public in July of 1999. Firstly, the need for the repository is not included and secondly no comparison to reasonable alternatives is given. All other EIS's must provide this information. Congress's move in 1987 to exempt this particular EIS from the requirement to provide this information makes it an irresponsible anti-democratic activity that denies the intent of NEPA. The public is not allowed the chance to make informed decisions since neither the design of the repository nor its impacts is included in the current EIS. The only rational way to rectify this appalling disregard of the democratic process

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is for Congress to recognise their huge manipulative mistake and scrap the 1987 decision. The problems of nuclear waste must be addressed head-on and not buried. Allowing the continuing accumulation of such lethal material is irresponsible. Encouraging its continued production by moving it around does not address the profound negative legacy being foisted on the Earth and coming generations. Alternate, clean energy sources are everywhere available and their development needs to be encouraged and the public informed re. these possibilities that could take us beyond the perceived need for polluting power sources or one that leaves us with a poisonous residue.

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