

**Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino**



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SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

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Ms. Wendy R. Dixon
EIS Program Manager, M/S 010
U. S. Department of Energy
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Mgmt.
Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office
PO Box 30307
North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0307

Dear Ms. Dixon:

1... The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the attached resolution at our meeting yesterday. It expresses our substantial concern over the lack of notification from your department with regard to your plans to transport thousands of shipments of high-level radioactive waste through the major cities of our County.

The only hearing held in this State, took place in a remote area hundreds of miles from our major population centers. In addition we were not provided with any official notification of the issuance of the Environmental Impact Statement nor were we provided a copy of same.

While we understand that transportation and storage/disposal of this material is essential for operation of various facilities, it is only appropriate that the jurisdictions which will be recipient of the majority of these shipments be given notice and response opportunities.

We ask that you provide us with full disclosure, additional time for response and review, and a public hearing to be held in our area. The hearing

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should be held somewhere near the population centers which will be subject to these shipments and the potential dangers imposed thereby.

We appreciate your serious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



JERRY EAVES
Supervisor, Fifth District

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- cc: Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Congressman Jerry Lewis
Congressman Joe Baca
Congressman Gary Miller
Governor Gray Davis
Senator Jim Brulte
Assemblyman John Longville
SB Board of Supervisors
SB County Administrative Officer
SB County Fire Chief Peter Hills
SB County Fire Marshal Peter Brierty

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, PETITIONING THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
YUCCA MOUNTAIN HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL SITE**

ON MOTION by Supervisor Eaves, seconded by Supervisor Mikels, and carried, the Board adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy, has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement for the Yucca Mountain High Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Site, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY of SAN BERNARDINO has learned through non-official sources that the United States Government plans to construct and operate a disposal site for high level radioactive waste which will include spent nuclear fuel rods, and

WHEREAS, no less than a year ago, the COUNTY of SAN BERNARDINO was provided inadequate notification on another Department of Energy Radioactive Waste project and formally expressed its objections to the lack of proper notification, and

WHEREAS, almost all of the shipments will pass through major population centers in San Bernardino County on Interstate Highways 10, 15 and 40, State Route 247 and rail lines in San Bernardino County, and

WHEREAS, the project presents obvious potential hazards from transportation accidents, which place an unnecessary additional burden on emergency response resources; and

WHEREAS, had it not been for the news media; the public would not have known that the project was underway because no public hearing has been scheduled or held in San Bernardino County or anywhere else in Southern California, and

WHEREAS, there has been no opportunity for our citizens to review or comment on this project in a formal setting, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the COUNTY of SAN BERNARDINO have a right to be informed of and have an opportunity to comment on a project of this magnitude that poses a potential significant threat to their health, property, air and water quality and other natural resources, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of SAN BERNARDINO, petition the United States Department of Energy to extend the comment period on the Yucca Mountain Project, and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that public hearings be held by the Department of Energy in San Bernardino County so as to provide our citizens a reasonable opportunity to comment on this project, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded without delay to United States Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congressmen Lewis, Baca and Miller.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

- AYES:** Supervisors: Davis, Hansberger, Aguiar, Eaves, Mikels
- NOES:** Supervisors: None
- ABSENT:** Supervisors: None

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ss.

I, EARLENE SPROAT, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by said Board of Supervisors by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of January 11, 2000, Item 1x, lw.

EARLENE SPROAT
Clerk of the Board

By  Deputy

