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- 1 [-->It's clear that the evaluation of Yucca Mountain as a potential site for storage of nuclear waste is a very large project. And it's clear that the success of a project, especially a large one, is dependent upon a well defined project scope. However, I believe the scope of the Yucca Mountain DEIS was far too narrow. And I am disappointed at how much this narrow statement has cost to date, with reports ranging from \$3-7 billion.] Following are fundamental concepts or areas I believe were overlooked:
- 2 [1. Equity. Why are we sending high level nuclear waste from all over the nation to one of the few states that does not have any nuclear power plants? Why aren't those states which use nuclear power for electricity burdened with their own waste? In other words, the owners of the problem should bear the associated risk.]
- 5 [2. Seismic Activity. What is the logic in selecting the third most seismically active state for long term storage of an unstable product? Surely there are many other locations that are more predictably unmoving?]
- 6 [3. Population. What is the logic in locating a hazardous site just a stone's throw from one of the fastest (if not the fastest) growing cities in the nation? Surely it's obvious that the concentration of citizens within a dangerous proximity to the dump is growing exponentially?]
- 7 [4. Opposition. How is it possible that our national government can force an installation upon Nevada that 75% of the residents oppose?]
- 3 [Finally, are we investing at a comparable rate in clean, renewable energy? Or are we only throwing billions into the coffers of the nuclear industry? Any program for disposable of hazardous by-products should also address how we eliminate those wastes in the future.]
- 4 And, as a postscript, [there has been insufficient notice provided of this meeting. Most of my associates were unaware of the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns about the Yucca Mountain project.]