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-->Dear DOE-

First a thanks for providing an on-line method for submitting comments.

I am writing to comment on the draft EIS for the proposed nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain.

I have been involved in nuclear energy issues for almost 10 years primarily in Minnesota in my role as energy policy analyst at the Institute for Local Self-Reliance and as part of the Prairie Island Coalition. Minnesota has been a hotbed of activity with respect to nuclear power and the problems surrounding nuclear waste storage. It is likely that Northern States Power's Prairie Island nuclear plant will be shut down prior to the expiration of its operating license because they have run out of storage space inside their plant and the MN Legislature has limited the amount of dry cask storage outside the plant.

- 1 [I am opposed to the central repository at Yucca Mountain for many reasons. Suitability and responsibility - are key items in my mind that rule out Yucca Mtn as the nation's nuclear dump. The geologic problems identified up to this point - both seismic and geothermic - disqualify the site because they compromise the safety of future generations. The transportation of thousands of shipments of waste across thousands of miles of highways creates an unnecessary danger for millions of people around the country. That's not smart and it's not necessary.] FOR too many years we have been
- 3 dragging our feet on the nuclear waste issue hoping for a technological miracle. We must stop treading water and hasten the transition to a sustainable energy future and phase out the use of nuclear fission that has resulted in countless billions of dollars in wasted time and energy on the end game of finding a safe method for nuclear waste disposal.]

2... Apart from the concerns about safety and suitability of Yucca Mountain is the issue of responsibility. [Why should the state of Nevada's citizenry be forced to become host

2 | to the nation's nuclear waste legacy when they don't want it? Not-in-my-back-yard (NIMBY) has been a common thread in the nuclear waste debates over the years. It's no surprise. No one wants the waste and certainly no one wants the stuff forced on them. In the spirit of the democracy that we live in, we shouldn't be able to force Nevada to take it any more than we should be able to force Minnesota to take it. While I lived in Minnesota, a third of my electricity came from nuclear power. The citizens of Nevada do not share this common trait yet they are being asked to become hosts to not only waste generated in Minnesota but in dozens of other states across the country. I accept that I am partly responsible for the nuclear waste produced from the generation of my electricity. In light of my "responsibility" I chose to work to ensure th

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments on this issue.
sincerely,

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