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1st Paragraph For Comment: Since Yucca Mountain is the ONLY site being studied and considered by DOE, and since there are potentially many other reasonably good sites that should have been studied and considered, it is not logical to have me, nor any layman evaluate the PSEIS without reference to the many other sites which should have been included in the Act in 1987 but were not primarily because no other state or territory wants the site for obvious and well known reasons. Your documentation of the Yucca site selection is predicated on the erroneous and flawed assumption that no other sites in any of the 50 states or elsewhere are viable sites. For example, NASA could launch space vehicles with nuclear waste for disposal on a course beyond our solar system. There are underground sites of solid granite in New England with far more stable seismic histories than Yucca Mtn.

24-6th Paragraph → The Secretary of Energy should not recommend Yucca Mtn. until and unless other sites are first studied and evaluated and the President should not conclude Yucca Mtn. is appropriate for the same reason. Nuclear waste and fuel should be stored in each state where it was and is produced. (That is not too popular)

Until we can find ways to dissipate the harmful effects of nuclear waste + fuel by research, no further nuclear power plants should be built.

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