

Comment on the Department of Energy's Recommendation of the Yucca Mountain Site

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My comments on the Yucca Mountain Project are as follows:

- Decision documents are incomplete without a full analysis of transportation impacts.
- All spent fuel disposal alternatives should be thoroughly studied prior to a site recommendation decision.
monitored on-site storage
- A "flexible" set of evolving design scenarios with variable operational modes is insufficient for a suitability decision.
- The design should contain waste within the repository as long as it remains hazardous to people and the environment.
- A site recommendation should not be made until the comments made by the public on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement have been adequately addressed and released for public review.
- Other See below, please.

Comments:

The Department of Energy has released the *Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation* for a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain for public review and comment. This is the final opportunity citizens will have to voice their concerns before the Secretary of Energy makes his recommendation to the president. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository, including transportation.

My comments are:

More than 50 million people live within 1/2 mile of the proposed transportation routes — the risks of accidents and terrorism are far too great for the American public — WE, THE PEOPLE.

The acknowledged low-level continuous exposure during transport will undoubtedly degrade the overall health and well-being of millions of Americans — WE, THE PEOPLE.

33 earthquake faults lie within one mile of the Yucca Mountain Site — this area is recognized by scientists to be one of the most geologically active in the nation.

Monitored on-site storage of nuclear waste is the safest option.

Comments by and concerns of the public — WE, THE PEOPLE — have NOT been adequately addressed by the decision makers.

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Deadline:
Comments must be received by
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