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Hearings for Site Recommendation Consideration of the Yucca Mountain Site for Geologic Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste

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The Yucca Mtn. nuclear repository should not be built. Numerous reasons opposing construction have been presented. In addition to faulty and incomplete construction plans, geology is being ignored, with the repository sited between the Solitario Canyon and Bare Mtn. faults, and above other faults, namely, p. 3-141 YM-855E, and more in the vicinity with subsidiary faulting. U.S.G.S. research + findings are not obvious in D.O.E. reports. Presently "inactive" formations cannot be guaranteed to remain "inactive" for 250 or 10,000 or 500,000 years. Seismic activity is present currently in the nearby area.

Human intrusion and disruptive events, while covered in the shallowest manner possible, are based upon current drilling methods only.

In light of present events in NYC and Afghanistan, it is not possible to estimate intrusion and disruption in the unforeseeable future. U.S. bombs have, this week, penetrated underground munition storage sites with no danger to American personnel. Scientific advances that were unimaginable a century ago are now available to anyone with the right amount of money and power — and those who would intentionally penetrate the YM site have both, plus the patience and determination to wait

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the required number of years, 100 - 200 - 250? to achieve the ends of their group affiliations - which could as easily be "skinhead" or neo-Nazi, or American paramilitary, or any, not now even dreamed of.

Storage containers have not been tested, much less designed, to meet these criteria. Highway and RR beds, and bridges, cannot carry transportation loads. Nuclear waste can be better protected from terrorism in numerous small storage sites than is possible or feasible in YM storage, impossible in cross-country transportation.

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Taxpayers cannot afford to spend more billions on this ill-conceived scheme.

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