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**Comments on the DOE's Preliminary Recommendation of a Yucca Mountain
Nuclear Waste Repository - Oct. 19, 2001**

- Preliminary site recommendation is premature without a final Environmental Impact Statement.
- Preliminary site recommendation is premature without a Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing rule or Sufficiency Review.
- Preliminary site recommendation is premature without finalized Siting Guidelines.
- Preliminary site recommendation is premature without assessment of a detailed plan for transporting nuclear waste.
- The Environmental Protection Agency's standards for radiation protection at Yucca Mountain are inadequate and would allow unacceptable levels of contamination from the proposed dump.
- These hearings should not have been conducted at this time during a national crisis, with little advance notice!
- The Secretary of Energy should NOT recommend Yucca Mountain for development as a nuclear waste dump!

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