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# **DOE Issues Yucca Mountain Science & Engineering Report, Supplement to Environmental Impact Information & Project Cost Estimates**

Washington - The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today released four documents related to its ongoing work and study of Yucca Mountain, Nevada as a possible site for a long-term nuclear waste and materials repository.

Documents released include:

- The Yucca Mountain Science and Engineering Report that provides a summary of scientific and other technical information developed by DOE over the last 20 years in its study of Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The department is accepting public comments on this material.
- Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada. The supplement provides the most recent information on the repository design evolution and the potential environmental impacts associated with this updated design information. The department announced that it is opening a 45-day comment period on the supplement to the draft EIS. The original draft EIS was issued in August of 1999 followed by 21 public hearings and a 199-day comment period. DOE will hold three public hearings on the supplement document in Nevada during the 45-day period.
- The 2000 Total Systems Life-Cycle Cost Report of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Program - estimates the total amount of dollars required for project completion.

- The 2000 Fee Adequacy Report Assessment - determines whether the fee charged to ratepayers is sufficient to cover the total life-cycle cost of the project and is intended to inform Congress as to the sufficiency of the fee.

All the reports can be used by the public as reference materials in providing comments on the technical information and data underlying the consideration of a possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain site as a long-term nuclear repository.

By issuing information on the Yucca Mountain site in stages, DOE hopes to provide all interested parties with ample time to thoroughly review the materials and develop comments on the possible recommendation of the site as a long-term repository.

Copies of the documents are available by contacting Gayle Fisher, Public Affairs Specialist, at (702) 794-1322, or through the website at <http://www.ymp.gov>.

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