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RE: NUCLEAR WASTE SHIPMENTS THROUGH CHURCHILL COUNTY TO YUCCA MOUNTAIN.
ATTN: COURT REPORTER

The purpose of this communication is to address the proposed rail line/truck route that could send radioactive nuclear waste shipments through Churchill County, Nevada to Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The Mina rail corridor, a 280-mile rail route and/or truck route to transport radioactive nuclear waste by train/truck transportation from Hazen, Nevada to Yucca Mountain while passing near Hazen, Fallon, Silver Springs, Weeks, Wabuska, Schurz, Hawthorne, Luning, Mina, Tonopah, Goldfield, Beatty, Nevada.

The rail line will apparently begin near Hazen, Nevada, south to Silver Springs, Nevada and to and to Yucca Mountain while passing near, paralleling, and crossing the Truckee Canal, Lahontan reservoir, Carson River, Walker River, Walker Lake Areas. To develop a rail road track line and truck transport route to ship radioactive nuclear waste through this area will require an extensive comprehensive plan for the management of environmental protection programs and effectively address all the issues that affect the citizens of Western Nevada and this area that will be effected. Through the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Department, State of Nevada, Churchill Lyon County, Mineral County, Walker River Paiute Tribe, Nye County, and the citizens of Western Nevada will plan and implement quality environmental programs that will protect enhance, and preserve the environment for the next 10,000 years. To protect the public health, conserve the natural and cultural resource and to provide for a quality environment for future generations.

The U.S. Department of Energy will have to plan and coordinate environmental and activities with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal, State, and local emergency management agencies, Fallon Naval Air Station, Indian Tribes, (continue on page 2)

tribes in achieving these objectives and goals as a whole.

The Department of Energy will have to plan for the implementation of environmental protection programs appropriate and necessary for the preservation, protection, and enhancement of quality life, nature, natural wildlife habitats, groundwater research, and the environment. Addressing all these concerns, environmental, is at times on the timeless timeline of the availability of federal financial funding and technical assistance.

In the below are environmental issues to consider not necessarily in this order: Accidents of dumping or spilling of radioactive nuclear waste on or near Federal, State, County, Tribal, and private lands that could effect groundwater and underground water streams; Research and Assessment of water quality pollution prevention of surface waters, groundwaters, and wetlands habitat protection; Leaking of radioactive nuclear fuel waste materials; Research and Assessment of radioactive nuclear carrier truck and railroad routes; Hazardous materials impacts on human health, cultural and natural resources, wildlife habitats, rivers, lakes, and the environment; Protection and preservation of rangelands and wetlands through remediation; Radioactive nuclear waste material contamination to land surface, surface and ground water from transporting nuclear waste practices; Provide outreach emergency planning, preparedness, training and equipment, education on nuclear hazardous material to the community; Chemical, nuclear waste, hazardous materials, storage and transportation practices; Environmental protection and preservation of cultural, sacred resources on and off the Indian Reservation lands; Huge costs and cost over-runs can run-up huge expenses on the tax payers all at government expense and tax increases; Also, the Russians are planning to develop an international nuclear waste depository in Russia, they should not be allowed to control all the world's nuclear waste materials for whatever their reasons.

The Department of Energy estimated timelines, development, and construction financial costs projections is to expensive and very dangerous and catastrophe thing to do in our society that could annihilate a community and reduce to utter ruin. There has to be an over-all comprehensive reality plan to truly address all the issues and concerns to guarantee this will be a safe and sound thing to do, and this will not bring harm or injure of any nature to any of the citizens of the great state of Nevada.

Respectfully Submitted.