

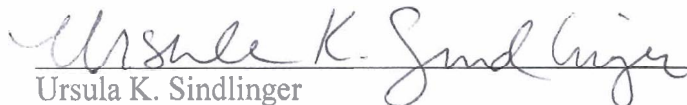
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I am concerned about the possible implementation of the Mina transportation route. Although I recently moved to Sparks, Nevada, I spent the previous 17 years in Elko, Elko County.

I do not feel that Elko County and other I-80 connected counties have been adequately informed and educated about the possibility of impacts of the Mina route on their region. It does not appear that the DOE has fulfilled this requirement in Elko County regarding potential nuclear waste transportation either on I-80 or the rail lines coming into Elko County at West Wendover and commencing south to the proposed Mina connection. I-80 and rail lines in Elko County travel through city centers of West Wendover, Wells, Elko and Carlin and, in some cases, are immediately adjacent to residential areas and public schools. If this route is approved, when was the DOE going to educate and assist in equipping this region in dealing with the potential risk from nuclear waste transports?

As a former journalist in Elko County, I am aware that current Elko County Commissioners, local City Council members and Great Basin College officials have attended tours of Yucca Mountain. However, I am also aware that no public outreach has been undertaken to educate the Elko County communities regarding risks involved in nuclear waste transport as the Mina route was not an option until now and little impact to the County was envisioned by the Caliente route.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment.


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