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Yucca Mountain Rail Corridor and Rail
Alignment Environmental Impact Statement**

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COMMENTS:

As a former--and, I hope, future--resident of Mineral County,
I support the proposed Mina railroad corridor with the following
suggestions: 1. Please make the railroad a joint military and civilian
railroad. With complaints about loss of open space, traffic, pollution,
and uncontrolled growth, a partial solution is to move more of the incoming
population toward the rural areas. This will occur only if more and better
transportation is available. For proof, one need only look at Fernley.
An increase in population along the route of the railroad could result
in an increase of vigilance against terrorist activity. Plus, the economic
benefits might make the risk of transporting nuclear waste more palatable.

2. Consider, at some future date, linking Yucca Mountain with the
Southern Pacific Railroad in Nevada. This could cut down on the distance
from routing shipments through California, and also relieve problems
with their enviornmental concerns. Having a second route to Yucca Mountain
could also reduce the target availability provided by only a single route.

3. Consider linking Silver Peak to Goldfield if the Silver Peak route
is chosen. Linking to Goldfield might make a future link to the Caliente
route more feasible should you wish to add that route in the future.

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