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[With all the solar and wind power available in the western states, including Nevada, why not use it?? It's wasteful--shameful--NOT to use it efficiently.

Nevada doesn't create nuclear power, so why should Nevada have to store it??!!

I have studied the possibilities for many years. I am totally against all nuclear power, including the waste, and especially against transporting it from all over the US to Yucca Mountain. There are many reasons:

Constantly, for MANY YEARS, all that waste would have to be transported all across the US through towns, main roads and freeways, and railways through towns, and across neighborhoods like yours and mine! And who among us has never seen or heard of a road or rail accident??!! That would PERMANENTLY CONTAMINATE the area, no matter what the "officials" want us to believe. That would ruin neighborhoods, towns, cities, communities and the local, state and national Economy. (Even the thought of all that super-toxic waste coming through your neighborhood constantly would make you move in a hurry, I'm sure! Talk about a housing market slump---you haven't seen anything yet!!!)

Since 9/11, it's all too obvious that even the most lazy criminal mind would find far too many opportunities all across the US to sabotage any (or many) of the shipments that would be going across the US towards Nevada. And once it would be in shipment mode or get to Yucca Mountain, it would be a serious temptation for nefarious minds to figure out how to get some of it for for profit or just cause havoc with threats. We've all seen it too many times!! Just turn on the news. Do we want to INVITE them to steal that super-toxic nuclear waste?? Do we really want to HELP them by making it so easy??!! Where would it be used next?? On you?? On me??

In a previous Nevada hearing, at least one scientist said he wasn't for or against either side of the debate, he just wanted to testify--he wanted everyone to know--that the storage casks WILL LEAK--it's just a matter of when.

Did you ever consider the economic impact to the whole US of any potential spill or seepage??!!

My friends in Ventura County, CA, explained to me how hard it was and how long it took to gain the trust of Japanese, for example, when they wanted to export their avocados, lemons & oranges to Japan during the "Fruit Fly outbreak". For Many Years, Japan absolutely refused to let anything come into their country that

they thought could contaminate them. Imagine what would happen if/when they got word of even a possible contamination from water from Nevada which would be contaminated with radioactive nuclear waste!! (Remember, the scientists are sure that the waste would leak from here and go into the water, or possibly the wind.) If it were by wind, all it would take would be one Santa Ana Wind for the plants and crops in California to be permanently contaminated (and, of course, the people). If it were by water seepage, as with Colorado River water or ground (well) water, the same would apply. Once the water were contaminated, it would permanently contaminate the plants and their crops.

Imagine the economic devastation!! I know, you're thinking, "So what? That's California, not Nevada." But think about the past--as the economy goes in California, so goes the economy of the rest of the US!! (Not to mention that all of the produce, dairy products, etc., produced in California could not leave California--not even to come to Nevada. There would be shortages! Prices of food would soar! Cancer rates would soar! Medicaid would be negatively impacted--taxes would have to rise!) It would effect All of the US, Not just Nevada.

Reports and US Senators have said that the waste is contained and at least relatively safe where it is for about the next 100 years!! It is TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE to even consider transporting that nuclear waste anywhere!! Leave it where it is!! With technology advancing as fast as it is, most likely before that 100 year mark, scientists will have figured out how to reliably convert that super-toxic waste into something relatively harmless. Why not let them try?? What do we have to lose? Dependence on "Big Oil" and the Nuclear Industry??]

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As was in an article in 11/27/07 Las Vegas Review Journal, "I think America needs to rethink this entire issue!"