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--> The EIS is very well done and represents a very objective approach to solving the problem.

While you note in your document that the State of Nevada is fighting the Yucca Mountain project, it is important to note that there is a significant minority that is vocal about this issue. It is clear from their statements that they have no background in the project documentation and no basis in technological education.

SEISs for both the Geologic Repository and the Rail Alignment are thorough, complete and comprehensive. For the sake of the National interest, these should be considered final and the country should move on to the next step of licensing the repository.

It is significant to note that, with the advent of GNEP, it is doubtful that the repository will be used as envisioned by the original design. Nevertheless, it would make an excellent facility for conducting further work in reprocessing and transmutation. To be a national asset, however, these EISs must become final and the license issued.

Finally, it is the consensus of both the American Nuclear Society and the Health Physics Society that the dangers of such a repository (even if it becomes a geologic repository, which most radiological science scholars doubt) that the risk is so insignificant that the benefits to the nation far outweigh any of their possible consequences. Education is the only way to overcome this deficiency, and Nevada is far more neutral on this issue than publicly portrayed.