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EIS Office U.S. Department of Energy Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste  
Mgmt,

I strongly oppose the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository. My reasons  
include:

- 1 [ 1. Yucca Mountain has thirteen different fault lines running through it. This makes it a very dangerous place for long-term storage of nuclear waste. ]
- 2 [ 2. Yucca Mountain is sacred to the Shoshone as an herb gathering site, for rituals, and as a part of their stories. Yucca Mountain is known in Shoshone language as Snake Mountain. ]
- 3 [ 3. There are problems transporting high-level waste and the Yucca Mountain dump-site site itself. DOE is now planning to use a standardized waste container -- called a TAD -- (Transport and Disposal). These containers are enormous -- and while they will reduce the number of shipments of highly radioactive waste, the reactor-site loading of these containers would be challenging, and accident consequences would go up. Rail would likely be used more -- and while rail may be preferred for a number of reasons -- rail bed throughout the USA has been deteriorating to an alarmingly sad state. Also: regulations allow a shipment to sit in a rail yard for extended periods (up to 2 years) so security in urban transport hubs may be more of an issue. ]

Sincerely,  
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