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EIS Office US Dept. of Energy Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Mgmt 1551 Hillshire Drive Las Vegas NV 89134

Dear EIS Office:

A few of my concerns:

DOE's selection of the Caliente Corridor is not supported by the information presented in the Draft SEIS – the information in the DEIS does not adequately compare Caliente with other *viable* rail corridors.

- 2 DOE's study of the Mina Corridor as a "non-preferred alternative" is not warranted given the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council's withdrawal of support.
- 3 Because DOE has now announced that the rail line it proposes would be a "Shared Use" line, the USDOT Surface Transportation Board should be the lead agency that prepares the Rail Alignment EIS.
- 4 The DOE contention that non-rail shipments would be made by over-weight trucks is unsubstantiated, and the impacts of the use of overweight truck in Nevada and elsewhere are not analyzed.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Mr. Mark M Giese