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Re: Comments on draft Repository Supplemental
Environmental Impact
Statement and
draft Nevada Rail Corridor/Alignment Environmental
Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Summerson and Mr. Bishop,

In preparing my response to the U.S. Department of
Energy's (DOE)
draft Repository Supplemental
Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and draft Nevada
Rail Corridor/
Alignment Environmental
Impact Statement, I have identified several issues
regarding both
documents that should be
addressed by the DOE in the course of developing both
Final
Environmental Impact Statements
(EIS).

1 [Using the Yucca Mountain site to 'dispose' of nuclear
waste is a very
risky and therefore an unexceptable choice as a
nuclear waste repository. Geological fault lines that
run through and
near the Yucca Mountain area. Yucca Mountain is
extremely unstable to
be used as a site for nuclear storage with the
unpredictable weather
and geological changes that are expected in that area.]

2 [Yucca Mountain has been and continues to be a sacred
and beloved site

for thousands of years to the local Native American tribes. The Timbisha tribe and other Western Shoshone tribes have conducted spring renewal ceremonies on Yucca Mountain for an unknown time, and continue to do so into the present on the western portion they are still able to access. The SEIS also fails to mention the ongoing dispute and litigation involving the United States' violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley with the Western Shoshone which clearly defines territorial borders for their nation of Newe Sogobia as well outside the proposed land withdrawal. This treaty was fully ratified by Congress, and is legally "the supreme law of the land". In April of 2004, the United Nation's Committee to End Racial Discrimination upheld the Shoshone claim in a record decision, and their declaration clearly identifies the Yucca Mountain Repository as one of several ongoing serious human rights violations by the United States against the Western Shoshone Nation. }

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{ There are serious risks associated with the 'disposing' and transportation of nuclear waste. One of the most deadly waste materials on earth, nuclear waste should be stored on-site, in retrievable casks, and not transported across the country. There is an extremely high likelihood that there will be adverse impacts to the drinking water supply, impacts from truck transport of nuclear waste, socio-economic impacts, impacts to cultural resources, and environmental justice issues.

A nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain creates a false sense of security for using nuclear energy while we should be focusing on alternative renewable energy sources.

Overall, the research on this site clearly shows that storing nuclear waste in this area is not safe or ethical and I do not wish to see this project carried out. For these and other reasons, Yucca Mountain is unacceptable as a nuclear waste repository.]

Sincerely

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