NO YUCK IN YUCCA MOUNTAIN!

There are many reasons not to have Yucca Mountain used as a repository for nuclear waste.

- 1. The land is unstable. Earthquakes are common. Nevada is the . third highest earthquake state in the entire United States. The Configure around Yucca Mountain is right near fault lines. There is no way to quarantee that a major earthquake will not hit the repository. This will then cause a nuclear disaster. The nuclear waste will get in to the land. It will leak into the ground. It will then travel by ground and other water sources to other areas downstream and they will definitely be effected by the radioactivity over time.7
 - 2. Moving nuclear waste dangers.
 - a.) Without the threat of terrorist groups, like Al-Qaeda, accidents happen. There is no way to guarantee that there will never be a spill. So knows where the spill will happen. But it will. It could happen in near a major metropolitan area like Las Vegas. No waste should EVER be transported near a major metropolitan area.
 - b.) Only one person needs to have information to pass it a terrorist. People in desperate need of money, people whose relatives kidnaped, or infiltrating terrorists themselves. (Sleeper Cells.) All these are hazards to moving any nuclear waste. Once they attack they could take it anywhere. Make dirty bombs to set of anywhere. Destroy thousands and millions of lives. Just writing about it makes me sick. With all the information about the site they could even follow your procedures from a distance. See how it works and then plan an attack.
- 3. Who wants nuclear waste in their backyard? No one. That is what you are asking the citizens of Nevada to have. Would you Continued want a box of nuclear waste in your backyard? Would you have one placed in your back yard if you're sending things to Nevada this hazardous? I am sure your answer would be a resounding, NO.
 - 4. The waste is NOT Nevada's problem. The waste is coming from other states. If they create it they should keep it. They should not have used nuclear power without considering residual nuclear waste. They should have had a safe way of storing the nuclear waste. Definitely not sending it across the country exposing innocent people to the possibility of contamination.
 - 5. Nuclear energy is not clean energy. There is no protection, complete protection, from the dangers of any nuclear waste. Until this problem is resolved, it should not be used.

I am very concerned about Yucca Mountain. I plan to live in the Las Vegas area the rest of my life. Not only will it effect me, my family, and my friends from possible radioactive poisoning. It will affect everyone in Las Vegas now, and in the future. Putting more money in the project to "Fix" Yucca Mountain. Is like throwing money into a black hole. The idea should be scrapped like the project.

Sincerely,

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