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U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Mgmt.  
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RE: Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository  
for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain,  
Nye County, Nevada

To Whom It May Concern:

10 I oppose the Yucca Mountain radioactive waste geologic repository and the transport of nuclear waste to it as proposed in your Draft Repository SEIS for the following reasons:

- 1) Disposing these high level radioactive wastes at Yucca Mountain poses an irreversible threat to the aquifer;
- 2) It is on land that belongs to the Western Shoshone nation and is therefore in violation of their human rights, since they oppose it;
- 3) Radionuclides could move down the Amargosa River channel; future climate changes that include ice ages and wetter conditions will prevent the geologic repository from isolating these radionuclides for the hundreds of thousands of years necessary;
- 4) It poses a threat to drinking water supplies that derive water from the hydrogeologic basin beneath it;
- 5) The EIS does not address issues of waste transportation in a scientific and realistic manner; there is a need to comprehensively address risks to workers, facilities, communities and the environment at all reactor locations and in transit to any repository;
- 6) The proposed TAD system is not compatible with dry storage systems in current use at civilian nuclear power plants; and,
- 7) The Mina Rail Corridor is not appropriate since the Walker River Paiute Tribe has refused permission for DOE to use any portion of its reservation for the proposed rail spur.

I oppose nuclear power plants and any new construction of them at all. The waste sitting at the existing nuclear power plants needs to be properly disposed of and paid for by the utilities that constructed the plants, NOT at WE, the PEOPLE's expense! I live ten miles from Hanford, WA. Do you realize how difficult it is to get radionuclides out of the environment here? It may be impossible! Don't repeat a crime against nature again at Yucca Mountain!

I am disgusted with my government's continuous spending my hard-earned tax dollars to subsidize nuclear power and go against the will of the people.

I propose an alternative: use the findings from the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research (see [www.ieer.org](http://www.ieer.org)) and Nuclear Information Resource Service (contact [www.nirs.org](http://www.nirs.org)) to proceed with rational means of protecting WE THE PEOPLE from the dangers posed by the existing nuclear wastes and stop immediately the production of new radioactive wastes created by nuclear power! There are so many benign alternatives (see [www.rmi.org](http://www.rmi.org)) that need to be developed or are already available. I would support a government program that would fund such benign energy efforts (especially solar). ]

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Alexandra Amonette*