

1] \* I am currently employed by one of the Yucca Mountain repository contractors, and also worked for the Nevada Test Site's prime contractor for many years. I've been a citizen of Nevada for two decades. I'm a mom. I'm very involved in the community and I vote in every election. And here's what I want to say about the repository:

I know that America needs this repository so that we can move forward with nuclear power as a source of energy that will enable American's to reduce their dependency on the oil controlled by foreign countries.

I know that the repository will be safe. I have worked in the nuclear field for most of my adult life. I know and respect the intelligent and dedicated people who have designed this repository. They are my friends and my fellow Southern Nevadans and I am confident in their abilities to protect their families and mine.

I know that if Yucca Mountain were to cease being an issue that our elected officials could use to distract us, they would be forced to spend time telling us their plans to deal with our economic situation, our education, our traffic, our crime, and all the many truly important issues that face us Nevadans every day.

I know that the state and our communities are missing a huge opportunity to receive millions of dollars from the federal government in exchange for hosting the repository, as my former home state of New Mexico did when it allowed the low-level repository to be built there. This would be money coming in for Nevada to use on vital projects – in contrast to the millions of dollars that the state and Clark County are **spending** on lawsuits and anti-nuclear propaganda.

I know that I will look for future leaders who are unafraid to bend under the pressure from current political figures who oppose the repository because they know it will divert attention from the real issues. I will look true leaders who refuse to pander, who refuse to go along with the current party line. Who instead will address the repository rationally and with the benefit of us Nevadans in mind. I will support them and I will encourage others to do so.

I know that Americans and Nevadans are intelligent and will eventually discover the truth for themselves -- that the fear factor and the irrationality and the scare tactics and the demagoguery will wear thin, and people will finally be empowered to make the decision for themselves, based on real facts and information. ]

And in the meantime, anyone who would like to tour Yucca Mountain and really see what's going on can call to arrange a tour at 821-8687.

Thank you for the opportunity comment,\*

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