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re: Comments on Yucca Mountain

I [ I live in Las Vegas where the DOE has requested withdrawal of lands for a possible train path for hauling nuclear material to Yucca Mountain. I

originated from Southern California and I am very familiar with earthquakes. I am concerned over the possibility of an earthquake derailing a train into the Colorado River and thereby contaminating water that will destroy all possibility of life in all the Southwestern States.

Per the Seismic Labratory,  
THE CHANCES OF NEVADA HAVING AN EARTHQUAKE ON A RICHTER SCALE OF 6.0 OR MORE IS ONE IN SIX YEARS. I didn't make that up, it is posted for all to read on University of Reno's Seismic Laboratory web page at:  
<http://www.seismo.unr.edu/ep/nvguide/threat4.html>

There were 191 Earthquakes TODAY within 700 mile radius of Yucca Mountain. Of those, TODAY in Nevada we had 17 Earthquakes. (see attached list). TODAY there were 26 Earthquakes on the California side of the border near Yucca Mountain.

"Only a fool would put nuclear waste in the middle of an earthquake field."

Here are a few questions for you:

· WHO will be responsible for the hundreds of thousands of deaths when an earthquake knocks trains carrying nuclear material off the track?

· WHO will be responsible for the nuclear material spilled over the soil when an earthquake shakes open containers of nuclear material?

· WHAT will California and Nevada do for water when you pollute the underground water with nuclear waste and the contamination spills into the Colorado River?

Can YOU look at the face of a dead child who died a long and suffering death and say, "I was responsible?" If you cannot do this, then please do the right thing.

For years the government has viewed Nevada as nothing more than a deserted piece of ground to use for its tests. Nevada's citizens mean NOTHING to those who wish to get out of the mess "they" have created.

Those of us that live here happen to view this desert as something beautiful. It is the most visual understanding of God's formation of this earth. Our state has stunning sunsets, bursts of colors in the veins of mountains, crowns of thorns in the shape of cacti align the landscape that burst into vibrant bloom in the spring. Our skies are blue almost everyday. We don't live in fear from the disasters of tornados, hurricanes or other weather. Our history is one of pioneers willing to take a stand and fight for what is right. Our state motto says it all, "Battle Born." And all Nevadan's must now join this battle against the destruction of our rights as was guaranteed in the Declaration of Independence. Has the Department of Energy forgotten this guarantee? It is in writing as was signed as a legal contract. I believe the DOE is trying to infringe on Nevadan's rights of the contract:

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of

liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America....We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. --Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain [George III] is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. ....

Please note that you do NOT HAVE MY CONSENT to make Yucca Mountain a nuclear dump as I fear you are trying to take the LIFE of Nevadans, Californians and Utahans. Please note that, taken literally, our Governor is denied the right to pass law regarding Yucca Mountain as were the first "governors." Please note it is the government's job to look at the past results of nuclear tests in Nevada and to now "provide guards for our future security."

The DOE is not considering the general welfare of the southwestern states.

Nevada is sick and tired of being your "guinea pig state." ]

Sincerely,

Donna Cuzze

ref: USGS Earthquake Report located at  
<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/eqcenter/recenteqsus/Maps/US10/32.42.-120.-110.php>