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-->To Whom It may Concern:

I believe the Mina Route is the least expensive route for the American people. I believe that the shipping needs to be defended from terrorists and I would hope that the studies look at how terrorists could possibly use this waste to harm Americans.

The only possible realignment for Mina may be going from Fallon down Gabbs Valley, but I fear the mountains are too steep. If the rail has to come through the lake area, I would hope for some sort of mitigation that does not ruin the view but protects our endangered lake from any harm.

I believe there are great economic benefits to expanding the rail to Las Vegas and California, if it is available to industry, if not it would be too expensive to justify.

I oppose the Lincoln County route for many reasons, the main one being cost and lack of rational thought in the decision. The route endangers private water rights, cuts allotments in half and does nothing to mitigate those impacts.

The Mina route should be more secure at least to Hawthorne since it is Army owned, but the existing line is in terrible condition and would need beefing up. I would also hope that all times that rail goes through a community that there is a loop around the community rather than right through it.

I strongly support retrievable storage so that when science finds a way to utilize the waste it is easy to reuse. I wish there were a way to just airlift the waste straight to the test site, I think a lot of the harrassment along the travel corridors would then be moot and the concern about Terrorists could be abated somewhat, I know a crash would have it's own nightmare scenarios. Dedicated flights would make more sense. If not then communities all along the way will expect remuneration for their risk.

Has Vitrification gotten any better so that the waste is more stable and unusable for other things like terror?

I believe that if this is to be stored in Nevada, that we should have the best roads, NO taxes, the best schools with the best technology and the most secure rail corridor in the world in return. The longterm storage in a perfect world would be short term because safe uses would be perfected, barring that, one can only hope that no one has miscalculated what damage potential long term storage poses.

I hear it all the time in my office, I love my country, but I have no confidence in the government to do the right thing. I almost agree. I know the science is sound to store it, I just don't have the confidence that if something were to go terribly wrong that the government would then do the right thing to clean it up. They didn't do the right thing when so many of us lost our thyroids to nuclear testing, when so many people lost their lives and families to cancer...that is the greatest fear, that there is nothing IN ADVANCE promising to care for us if anything does go wrong. I suggest setting up an untouchable trust fund for the event of a disaster, managed by the state. We should not have to hire an attorney to sue until we die hoping to be treated fairly by our government, at least make an effort to show that our government has thought about the worst case scenario and is not taking the path of least resistance, but genuinely thinking about the potential effects and how they plan on mitigating them. This document IN ADVANCE would calm my fears, especially if it were law and I had nothing to fear from an accident.

While we in rural Nevada have a very different view about risk and tolerate a lot more than others would, there still is the fear that in the event of a disaster, we are on our own. There is a feirce love of country, but doubt that the government would do the right thing if a cask were breeched and

dumped into our lake.

The right thing may well be leaving it in place and drawing energy off the rods for the next 50 years and THEN shipping them when they cool off.
