

A MOUNTAIN OF TROUBLE: A NATION AT RISK

REPORT ON IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED YUCCA MOUNTAIN HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE PROGRAM

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Introduction

In addition to the county within which Yucca Mountain is located, the 1987 amendments to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 provided for the Secretary of Energy to designate certain local governments as "affected units of local government." The only criteria for being so designated is that the jurisdiction must be contiguous with the repository situs county, i.e., Nye County, Nevada.

Between 1988 and 1992, DOE designated nine counties as affected jurisdictions, making a total of ten formally recognized affected units of local government (AULGs). These jurisdictions are: Nye County, Clark County, Lincoln County, Churchill County, Esmeralda County, Eureka County, Lander County, Mineral County and White Pine County in Nevada and Inyo County in California.

With the exception of Inyo County, each of the AULGs has prepared a county-specific Yucca Mountain impact report. In most instances, local jurisdictions have individually provided these reports to DOE. Copies of the local government reports are included in this appendix.

Qualifying Statement

A number of the AULG reports in this appendix contain references to potential mitigation or compensation related to the impacts that are identified. *It is the State of Nevada's firmly held position that no amount of mitigation or compensation will make Yucca Mountain or the related transportation of spent fuel and high-level radioactive waste acceptable to the State, and that Nevada is not seeking and will not negotiate for any type or amount of mitigation or compensation.* Any discussion of mitigation or compensation contained in individual AULG reports is extraneous to the purpose of the State Yucca Mountain Impact Report, which is intended solely to present a comprehensive portrayal of the range of impacts associated with the federal repository program.

The magnitude of impacts statewide and the nature of those impacts lead to but one conclusion: *The only way to protect Nevada – and the nation – from the massive, negative effects of this program is to abandon the Yucca Mountain project altogether, something Nevada contends should have occurred years ago.*

