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Re: Comments on draft Repository Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and
draft Nevada Rail Corridor/Alignment Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Summerson and Mr. Bishop,

I strongly feel that using the Yucca Mountain site to 'dispose' of nuclear waste is a very risky and unacceptable choice.

Geological fault lines that run through and near the Yucca Mountain area make it extremely unstable to be used as a site for nuclear storage.

Beyond the environmental risks, Yucca Mountain has been and continues to be a sacred and beloved site to the local Native American tribes. The Timbisha tribe and other Western Shoshone tribes have conducted spring renewal ceremonies on Yucca Mountain for an unknown time, and continue to do so into the present on the western portion they are still able to access.

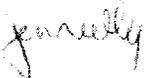
We have mistreated the Native Americans since before the founding of our nation. We cannot continue the social injustice. We cannot take away yet another sacred site.

There are serious risks associated with the 'disposing' and transportation of nuclear waste. One of the most deadly waste materials on earth, nuclear waste should be stored on-site, in retrievable casks, and not transported across the country. There is an extremely high likelihood that there will be adverse impacts to the drinking water supply, impacts from truck transport of nuclear waste, socio-economic impacts, impacts to cultural resources, and environmental justice issues.

A nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain creates a false sense of security for using nuclear energy while we should be focusing on alternative renewable energy sources.

Overall, the research on this site clearly shows that storing nuclear waste in this area is not safe or ethical and I do not wish to see this project carried out. For these and other reasons, Yucca Mountain is unacceptable as a nuclear waste repository.]

Sincerely,



Jen Reilly