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Every time I read one of these Public Hearing ads in the Salt Lake Tribune from the DOE, DOD, or AEC, I wonder if the citizens of the United States will ever know the "truth" about the deadly dangers of nuclear weapons and power.

In the book Hiroshima in America Fifty Years of Denial, Robert J. Lifton and Greg Mitchell write (page 7) "Only faintly, in announcing that the U.S. would maintain a curtain of secrecy around 'atomic energy' did it recognize the threat the new weaponry posed to the human future. Instead Truman hailed atomic power as a potential

energy source — after a long period of intensive research — and suggested that it can become a powerful and forceful influence toward the maintenance of world peace."

Your Public Hearing is not even asking us if the repository at Yucca Mountain (a geological repository for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel rods and high-level radioactive waste) is safe for human beings for thousands of years, but rather if it meets EPA standards for "safety."

Who knows if these standards make burying the humongous amount of "hot" radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel rods are safe for human beings? We have never had such a "hot" product nor have we tried to bury it all together.

So the deadly charade about

our man-made deadly radiation dangers continue to live on generation after generation.

We have learned nothing except that money will negotiate and buy death as well as it will negotiate and buy life.

Sincerely,
Louise Hess