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-->Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Yucca Mountain Repository

Coalition 21 makes three recommendations for the investigation of Yucca Mountain as a repository for spent nuclear fuel and high level nuclear waste:

- 1) [The waste acceptance criteria should be set now, so that present storage sites can plan treatments to meet the acceptance criteria.]
- 2) [Metric tons of heavy metal equivalent should be defined so as to be proportional to the principal factor which limits waste packing density in a repository, namely thermal load, or radioactivity. The present DOE definition of 0.5 MTHM per canister is arbitrary and physically meaningless. This definition biases the economic analysis against treatment methods for high level waste, which would otherwise be the most economical.]
- 3) [DOE should proceed expeditiously with site characterization and final recommendation on site suitability, and not accept procedural delays for other than sound technical reasons.]

Coalition is a volunteer Idaho group of 80 members, concentrated in southeastern Idaho.

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