

Comment on the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement

EIS001503

I agree with the following statements which I have checked:

- The No Action Alternatives are not reasonable. The EIS should have a reasonable no action alternative.
- The EIS is inadequate because it uses outdated 1990 census data rather than current population data for Nevada.
- The analysis of transportation impacts in Nevada is insufficient for making modal, corridor and route decisions.
- The floodplain analysis is insufficient for corridor and route selection
- The impact of stigma on tourism, recreation and agriculture based economies in Nevada should be analyzed.
- The EIS should analyze the impacts of a crash between a military airplane and a nuclear waste rail car.
- Other _____

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The Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement includes an option to construct a rail line from Beowawe to Yucca Mountain through Crescent Valley to transport nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository including transportation.

My comments for the record are: CONSTRUCTION OF A RAIL LINE FROM BEOWAWE TO YUCCA MOUNTAIN CROSSES SEVERAL LAKE BEDS THAT ARE PRONE TO FLOODING IN THE SPRING AND FLASH FLOODING. WET YEARS WOULD COVER THE TRACKS AND REQUIRE BUILDING UP THE ROAD BED AS WAS REQUIRED AT THE GREAT SALT LAKE IN 1981. NO CONSIDERATION WAS MADE FOR FLASH FLOODING IN THE EIS. FLASH FLOODING HAS WASHED OUT ROADS NUMEROUS TIMES IN OUR SHORT RECORDED HISTORY.

THE EIS WAS VERY VAGUE ON THE MILE WIDE CORRIDOR, NO INDICATION WAS MADE AS TO THE NATURE OF THIS CORRIDOR. IS IT TO BE A "RESTRICTED AREA"? WOULD IT BE FENCED AND STOP TRAFFIC, LIVESTOCK, AS WELL AS MAN FROM CROSSING THE RAIL LINE? IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT WOULD BE A FEDERAL LAND WITHDRAWAL CUTTING THE STATE OF NEVADA IN HALF, -RESTRICTING ACCESS IN ANYWAY TO THE EAST AND WEST WOULD HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE, RANCHING, MINING, HUNTING, AND RECREATION.

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