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RE: Yucca Mountain Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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Dear Ms. Summerson:

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1 | The Green Party of St. Louis opposes further development of the Yucca Mountain site.

Construction of this facility persists despite Nevada's opposition. It is inherently undemocratic to force citizens of one state against their will to bear the majority of the environmental, health and safety risks of high-level radioactive waste from the defense and energy activities of the entire nation.

It is also undemocratic to expose citizens nationwide to the risk without their consent while the waste is in transit. Transporting 70,000 metric tons of uranium and plutonium to Yucca Mountain over roads and rails endangers public health and safety to an unacceptable degree. Communities along the route do not have the means to deal with a radiation catastrophe that even one cask accident could cause. The consequences of even one accident are too costly to risk so much of our health, our soil, our air, our crops, our wildlife, and our water supplies for the thousands of years the effects would be evident.

Nuclear power is unsustainable. Constructing the Yucca Mountain repository will only allow the generators of nuclear power to continue production of lethal radioactive wastes and will discourage the development of real solutions. It will also continue to inhibit the development of sustainable, safer energy production technologies and their commercial applications.

The generators who produced the waste and profited from its creation duly permitted by the Department of Energy should also then be qualified to store the waste on site, providing for proper care and monitoring until real solutions are developed, whenever and if that should ever occur. In the mean time, the generation of additional nuclear waste should cease.

The Yucca Mountain repository remains an enormous waste of public resources and a gross example of the abuse of power in manipulating public institutions for private profit with complete disregard for the health and welfare of people and the planet.

We urge the Department of Energy to cease construction of the Yucca Mountain repository and begin to enact a forward-thinking, sustainable energy policy.

Please notify the Green Party of St. Louis of every opportunity for comment.

Sincerely,

Barbara Chicherio, Co-Coordinator

Green Party of St. Louis