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Comments on PSSE

Dear Sir:

We do not believe the Secretary should proceed to recommend the site at Yucca Mt. for the nuclear waste repository. Your studies are inaccurate in that they have been conducted with an end result in mind with no comparison with other sites that may be far more adequate than this one. Despite studies in direct opposition to your findings you continue to disclaim any findings to the contrary.

Repeated seismological activity has been ignored, findings of water at the site are brushed aside and most important the wishes of the majority of the people of the State of Nevada are being ignored. No other site has been studied in any depth because this site was chosen and despite anything to the contrary it is a foregone conclusion.

We have watched for years as thousands and thousands of dollars have been spent just in this little community alone to try to persuade the people that Yucca Mt. is a good, safe project. Rent, equipment, sham trips to the site, ads in the local papers even booths at the local festival (resented by the festival managers and the local people alike but nevertheless forced down the throats of the people who run the festival).

Many of the people in this area are victims of the same kind of brainwashing they received when they worked at the Nevada Test Site. They were told they were safe from radiation. Most of them are dead. Dead from Cancer and other respiratory problems caused by the work environment at the site and finally admitted after years of litigation. The spouses and family with no resources to sue the government to repay the cost of the tests and operations and medical bills they were left with trying to save their loved ones. We were both good law abiding patriotic citizens until we finally woke up the this 'project' which shows us daily your group has no morals or consideration for the people of this state.

We read where the Mayor of Las Vegas stated he would personally arrest any truck driver who tries to bring waste to Yucca Mt. Your entire Nuclear Regulatory Commission should be forced to live for a year at the Nevada Test Site in one of the 'safe tunnels' used for the safe testing of weapons. Sleep well.

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