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Comments: Please consider this comment as part of the Public Hearing process. I attended the public hearing held in Carson City Sept.5. I did not find a dedicated area on this website for comments, but I assume it will be accepted here as such.

I am in opposition to locating a nuclear repository at the Yucca Mountain Site primarily because of three rationales: lack of definitive scientific data, transportation risks, and conflicts of interest between your agency and the nuclear power industry.

Few Nevadans are convinced that the issue of cask leakage has been adequately addressed. Nor has there been any viable response to earthquake risks and ground water contamination.

DOE has never reared its head from the sand to address transportation problems. Nevada has been the most vehement in its protests because of proximity to the final resting place. However, once consciousness is raised in the citizens of 46 other states of the dangers of truck or rail transporting of waste, the Department and the current administration will no doubt discover they have a sunk \$60 billion into a construction project that will never be utilized for its intended purpose.

The nuclear power industry has been a behind-the-scenes player in this controversy for years. DOE should be nervous about any further revelations which will solidify in the public's mind the inappropriate presence of the industry in decision-making.

My last comment is less issue oriented. As a participant in the hearing process, I was able to observe first-hand a bungled operation. If DOE contracted with a management consulting firm to administer the hearing process, they should refuse to pay for faulty deliverables. One would think DOE would want at least the perception of a truly open, above-board solicitation of the opinions of Nevadans which has the potential to affect our quality of life into the infinite future. I heard of last minute changes of meeting sites, meeting sites woefully inadequate to handle the number of participants, hearings which went into the wee hours of the morning, "planted" pro-Yucca speakers scheduled early, over-zealous security measures which had the effect of discouraging participation, etc. My own experience in Carson City confirmed that there was an amazing disregard for free and open access. It was held in the Legislative Building on Carson Street. I went to the building's front doors ten minutes before the schedu

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