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Comment on

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada - Nevada Rail Transportation Corridor  
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[ The fate of life as we know it and perhaps the genetic survival of the human and many other species rests within our ability to integrate into the living planet that grows us, supplying our vitality and the substance of our living tissue. Continuing to degrade the planet degrades our own tissues and jeopardizes both survival and quality of life. Two aspects of this apply to your proposed action:

1. Nuclear fission needs to be drastically reduced and phased out as quickly as humanly possible because we have no means of undoing the poisoning of our atmosphere and lands that are inherent in the process.

2. The remnants of older ways of knowing and maintaining species vitality (in this case, the aboriginal residents of the area and their habits, spirit and cognition) need to be regarded, respected, and not interfered with,

in order for people to reintegrate into the planet and take advantage of the full spectrum of human wisdom and skill in the coming centuries. For this reason, as the natives of the area have revealed Yucca Mountain as a sacred source of wisdom and strength, the United States needs to turn from its long suicidal path of desecration and destruction of its own natural bounty, and turn away from industrial management of this Yucca Mountain area.

If this creates pressure on the government regarding disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, that pressure should be thoughtfully turned back onto the industrial profiteers and oblivious, managed consumers that are at the motive of the inappropriate production. Other alternatives for immediate containment need to be developed on lands already compromised by human degradation. Production needs to cease, and long-term detoxification study needs to continue. 2

Good luck to you in this.

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