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--> I urge you to not use Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste dump. If radioactive waste is placed in the mountain and infrastructure on and in the mountain and surrounding land, you will have violated laws both spiritual and environmental.

You do not truly know the long-term effects of storage. I am reminded of the atomic testing a little south of Fallon and the leukemia clusters that have occurred in that town. Planetary time runs much longer than half-lives.

Yucca Mountain has been and continues to be a sacred and beloved site for thousands of years to the Native Shoshone tribes. It is an herb gathering site, for rituals, and as a part of their stories. Yucca Mountain is known in Shoshone language as Snake Mountain. It is said that the snake was headed north when it froze where it is. Further more it is said that it will move again and "flip around". Geologists say that there are thirteen different fault lines running through it. (We know from the work of reputable geo-physicists like Gary Glatzmeir that the polar reversal of the earth's core is already in progress. The consequences of that reversal only 1000-2000 years down the road will annihilate the external shield against solar radiation. A compromised eco-system will not withstand that effect.

Using the Yucca Mountain site to 'dispose' of nuclear waste is a

risky and unacceptable choice . There are serious risks associated with the 'disposing' and transportation of nuclear waste.]

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[A nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain is illegal and in violation of human rights. There is ongoing litigation involving the United States' violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley with the Western Shoshone which clearly defines territorial borders for their nation of Newe Sogobia as well outside the proposed land withdrawal. This treaty was fully ratified by Congress, and is legally "the supreme law of the land". In April of 2004, the United Nation's Committee to End Racial Discrimination upheld the Shoshone claim in a record decision, and their declaration clearly identifies the Yucca Mountain Repository as one of several ongoing serious human rights violations by the United States against the Western Shoshone Nation. Corbin Harney condemned the government's actions, particularly the Department of Energy saying, "It is with blatant disrespect that the DOE continues to violate our Mother Earth as well as disregard the Treaty of Ruby Valley." The truth "from the beginning," he once said, is that "the people are going to have to wake up to the problem and get a cleaner source of power, wind or solar, that doesn't have waste.]

Thank you, Mary Sojourner
