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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites your comments on the proposed regulations for a proposed repository at Yucca Mountain.

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1. What are your major concerns about the proposed criteria NRC is considering using to decide whether to license a repository at Yucca Mountain?

The health physicist + Ms. Kovat addressed doses to infants & doses to adults, but did not talk about children in their explanation. They should have addressed why the standard is not for adults not children or infants, when children + infants are more vulnerable to it than adults.

2. What issues would you like NRC to address regarding its licensing requirements for the Yucca Mountain project?

3. In your opinion, how can NRC better respond to your concerns?

~~4. Please make any comments about NRC's role that you think would be helpful.~~

Steve Brocum talked about pre + post closure, but if the repository will be monitored for up to 300 + years, what is post closure?

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Hello! My name is Nancy Louden and my family and I own the Crescent Valley Mineral Hot Springs. It lies one mile from the proposed nuclear rail line through Crescent Valley.

My husband and I drove 300 miles to come to this meeting tonight because we are apposed to the transportation and storage of nuclear waste in the state of Nevada. If people from other states could put themselves in our shoes, I'm sure they would feel the same way. No one would want to take a therapeutical, healing, mineral bath next to a nuclear railroad. The whole idea is appalling.

We came here 9 years ago and have enjoyed our time and put all our resources into developing our place into a healthy, peaceful, environment. We are looking forward to living long, healthy lives.... with NO FEAR....fear of the accident that is not supposed to happen; but in fact, there have been numerous train accidents in Nevada and a wreck involving high level nuclear waste would be devastating. If people did'nt die from it right away, they would suffer a long time and go broke paying big medical bills. There is no price high enough to compensate for loss of life and habitat.

It is'nt right for anyone to play God and lower the health and safety standards for their fellow Americans. The number one criterion for choosing any source of power should be health. When safety and radiation standards are lowered more people will die of radiation related diseases. The first to go will be the old people like me and my mom, then babies, and then those whose health has been weakened by serious disease or accidents, like our 17 year old daughter and only child, Nina.

The people living in Nevada will pay the high price for nuclear power use in other states like getting diseases caused by anxiety from living next to nuclear waste routes and depositorys and dying from cancer caused by background radiation, and the possibility of nuclear accidents which would kill all life for hundreds of years. No one knows what will happen over a period of time if all the waste is condensed in one place.

All states should share the burden equally for storing nuclear waste because it will keep people tuned into the serious problems that the nuclear industries create. Only when people's personal lives are close to this deadly waste will the less toxic energy options be developed even though we are told they are'nt economical. To quote National Geographic, "During the past 20 years tens of billions of dollars have been wasted in this country on nuclear projects that were never used." "DOE has spent more than 2 billion dollars attempting to establish a permanent repository and little progress has been made." Only 20 percent of our energy is generated by nuclear power and it

is a good time to phase it out. People can easily dismiss the fears and health hazards caused by nuclear waste if they can ship it out to Nevada, a place far away. Then they can even justify making more of it.

Those who think the right thing to do is to put this deadly waste in the state of least population and representation believe that it is ok to sacrifice some people to make the quality of life easier and better for the others, like themselves. This is pure short-sightedness, selfishness, and greed. People are learning that it isn't right to exploit and kill people of other races. Now they have to learn that it isn't right to exploit and kill people who live in less densely populated areas.