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Comment on the draft Yucca Mountain Review Plan

In a brief perusal of the draft Yucca Mountain Review Plan we have seen no mention of a review of the high-level radioactive waste transportation plan for the Yucca Mountain Project. Citizen Alert sees the transportation plan as an integral part of the repository proposal. Clearly, there can be no repository if there is no way to get the waste there; thus, a safety plan for the repository must include the movement of the waste from the various reactor and DOE sites to Yucca Mountain. Citizen Alert expects there to be a transportation safety review as part of the review plan.

Citizen Alert also expects the NRC hold public hearings outside of Nevada on the transportation component of the Yucca Mountain Project review. This is required because the transportation of the waste is through numerous communities across the United States, who clearly have a stake in the review. Not only should there be hearings outside of Nevada, but they should be along all of the transportation corridors and of sufficiency to allow people on those routes access to a public hearing process.

In general, Citizen Alert, expects the NRC to advertise any hearings regarding the licensing of a Yucca Mountain repository in all local media outlets and well in advance of the public hearings (at least one month).

Finally, Citizen Alert generally would like to see a reopening of the NEPA process around the transportation of the waste. The EIS prepared by the DOE on the Yucca Mountain Repository does not address all of the potential impacts along the transportation routes, and has left many outstanding questions; such as whether the transportation will be privatized, final routes, and security issues on route. In order to fully address the health and safety issues of the Yucca Mountain project a complete and proper waste transportation analysis needs to be done.

Thank you for your time.

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