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General Comment

I strongly oppose wasting time and resources on a draft SEIS for an unworkable project--Yucca Mountain radioactive waste dump. I strongly oppose your fast-tracked time-table which generally can be considered a red flag indicator for welcoming increased inaccuracies to hide dishonesty by minimization and ignoring important facts that require investigation, and usually intentionally working against the best interests of the majority of the people, particularly those who might be adversely impacted. This is called unethical corruption in common vernacular, particularly after the NRC has recently appeared to indicate that any repository for high level nuclear waste would probably be unsafe, some more so than others. This draft SEIS should be discontinued as it appears to be an effort to cause people to waste their time and energy on this project that is known and already identified to be fatally flawed before it starts.

Fast-tracking this Draft SEIS in the absence of the sudden appearance of an actual unanticipated emergency is a major indicator that unfair and unjust entities are pushing for speed to increase errors and to prevent thorough and rigorous scientific evaluation of all facts contrary to the requirements of scientific methods and to prevent complete transparency regarding the severity of adverse impacts. It has become common knowledge that fast-tracking is associated with increased opacity that prevents sufficient citizen review and input to be meaningful to the extent needed for citizen participation. Fast-tracking makes a sham of citizen participation. Fast-tracking as has occurred here is unacceptable. At the very least, we need a sufficiently extended public comment

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period.

Radioactive wastes are never harmless and should never be minimized. Those who minimize radioactive wastes are uneducated about the scientific studies of the past 65-70 years proving the adverse harmful effects of ANY exposure to radioactivity to living organisms. Such people are unqualified to be working with radioactive concerns where their inaccurate and unscientific opinions unsupported by peer-reviewed rigorous replicated studies are being expressed. It has been known for more than half a century that any exposure to radioactivity causes adverse health effects. The most minimal adverse health effect identified in medical textbooks is damage to the membranes on blood cells. The membranes on blood cells determine viability of the cell to bring oxygen into the rest of body as well as nutrients. As I said, that is the most minimal damage. Some people in developmental stages of infancy and early childhood, pregnant women carrying unborn fetuses, and aging people without the ability to repair cells are likely to experience much more serious adverse health effects than young healthy adults with proper nutrition and sleep who might be fortunate to repair the most minimal damage of the lowest low level exposures IF these exposures are one-time temporary exposures. When exposures become chronic, repair becomes increasingly difficult to be complete and the body can be expected to start experiencing damage. The larger the exposures, the more damage can be expected with much more serious adverse health effects including still-born deaths, leukemia, and cancer. These exposures are only those from radiation from a substance that is in the background and does not get into the living organism. When radioactive substances actually get into cells, then we are looking at the documented medical effects of Chernobyl and Fukushima and other out-of-control situations that the nuclear industry falsely promised us that would be prevented by proper science and sufficient attention to prevention and sufficient qualified experts in charge of operations. A high level nuclear waste dump must keep these lethal materials contained for thousands of years in the face of the evident impossibility to sufficiently contain it. Logically, this is the reason that having this SEIS is a waste of time and energy and an exercise in futility. It is irrational to continue forward under these conditions when nuclear waste, particularly as substances in the food, water, and air we breathe, is harmful to people to such a great extent that we believe it will permanently damage reproduction genes after 4 generations. Certainly, we have already witnessed that in less than 4 generations from Chernobyl as malformed humans are born without major body parts and will never be able to independently function. This is the damage of radioactive substances in food and water, and someone here boldly and incompetently falsely claims no serious health effects when that type of statement goes against actual facts known in reality thousands of times. The clinical medical records cannot be ignored.

The Timbisha Shoshone Indians should not be a sacrificed community for whatever interests are behind this unethical fast-tracked draft SEIS.