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General Comment

The assertion that the environment impact of nuclear waste storage at Yucca Mountain is - SMALL does not give confidence to the residents of Clark and Nye County. The issue of Yucca Mountain has been used as a political stump speech without the necessary vetting needed for a project of this magnitude. As a resident of Clark county - SMALL in all capital letters doesn't give me the assurance needed. Although several studies into the depository have been made, I feel that several red flags have been raised. Ground water contamination (aquifer), Native Indian land (Southern Paiute, Western Shoshone, and Owens Valley Paiute and Shoshone peoples), transportation routes (rail, truck, cities on route), seismic activity (several faults near or under the site) etc. Just because we have spent billions in building this site doesn't make it sound science. Motives and location of this site are questionable to say the least. Several new methods of storage have been proposed. One would be desert salt beds which act as a natural barrier (Carlsbad, New Mexico). I can agree that we need to find a solution to the problem, but Yucca has been found unsuitable and continues to be pushed as the solution because of political reasons and prior investment. Just because everyone else (other states) has their heart set on Yucca Mountain doesn't make it the right choice. We don't want your toxic waste in our backyard (80 miles NW of Vegas) seeping into our water table and vulnerable to seismic activity. SMALL is too much!

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