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SUBJECT: NRC Supplement to the USDOE 2008 EIS for Yucca Mountain

Yucca Mountain and the Nevada Test Site are located within Newe (Western Shoshone) Tribal lands. Therefore I (Delaine Spilsbury) a Tribal Elder and Tribal Stakeholder am voicing my objection to resuming the licensing of Yucca Mountain as a high level nuclear waste repository.

We Newe believe that Southern Nevada has no viable underground water supply because it has been despoiled (irradiated) by Nevada Test Site operations. I repeat, because of the radiation, there is no viable underground water supply in Southern Nevada. Our Newe also believe that allowing Yucca Mountain to exist as a Nuclear Repository will only add to the water contamination problem.

Consequently Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) has plans to pipe extremely huge amounts of clean underground water from Nevada's Great Basin. The BLM Environmental Impact Statement (BLM Document no: 8111 BLM NV040-09-1740B 2009 page 6-3) for the required pipeline right of way states that existing flora & fauna in the vast affected area of the Great Basin will be destroyed by the groundwater removal.

Nevada's Great Basin is also located within Newe Tribal Lands. We Newe also believe that is that the Nevada Test Site has defiled the groundwater and made a wasteland in Southern Nevada and that, if permitted, the (SNWA) consequence will be - a wasteland in Northern Nevada. The Newe Spiritual World will no longer exist and without that Spiritual World, the Newe existence will also disappear. Please don't let this happen.

Thank You, Delaine Spilsbury