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## General Comment

Comments NRC-2016-0264

NRC-2016-0264 Information Collection: 10 CFR Part 63, "Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada" (3150-0199)

Please find attached two comments for the Yucca Mountain

The first is a short overview entitled "Yucca Mountain: How The Nuclear Industry Subsidized Radical Anarchist Politics"

The second is my book, "Yucca Mountain: Battle for National Energy Policy".

The short paper can be considered an abstract of the important parts of the longer book.

Together, my historical analysis substantially invalidates the entire work of Nevada's Nuclear Waste Project Office and calls into question the basis for their 300 pending lawsuits.

A history of NWPO shows that their academics in socioeconomic research believed they did not have to be objective and their sole purpose was to be "advocates" for their own position. Also, their long time Director, Bob Loux, had been given a mandate to stop the repository at all costs. This effectively invalidates and corrupts all subsequent studies and litigation done by Nevada because they purposely ignored their mandate to do objective science.

in 1990 and 1991, I became aware of the public relations campaign of the American Nuclear Energy Council (now the Nuclear Energy Institute) through OIZ Advertising in Las Vegas. I worked as a consultant to OIZ providing background information on technical and political issues surrounding Yucca Mountain during 1992, 1993 and early 1994. The different position papers and research I was developing began to form into a book and after being released by OIZ in spring of 1994, I continued to work on this book and update it over the years and

decades since. I am not paid by anyone in the Nuclear or Power industries, I am instead a whistleblower. The reason my book, *Yucca Mountain: The Battle For National Energy Policy*, is again current is that the Trump administration is now committed to going forward with reopening the Yucca Mountain program. This was of course inevitable, as a 1989 editorial I wrote in the *Las Vegas Review Journal* predicted; nuclear waste will not be stored elsewhere for both scientific as well as political reasons. With the retirement of Senator Harry Reid in 2016, the most powerful political opponent of Yucca Mountain has now left the scene. However what is left is 300 and counting lawsuits generated by Nevada, mostly through its Nevada Nuclear Waste Project Office (NWPO), all meant to derail Yucca Mountain.

Consequently, for Yucca Mountain to go forward, the legitimacy of NWPO's contentious lawsuits will have to be addressed. However, what if NWPO's oversight and anti-Yucca Mountain advocacy was not based on science, but was the result of a radical political agenda that has nothing to do with nuclear radiation risks? This book reveals in excruciating detail the compromised science of NWPO, based on bizarre philosophies ranging from decentralist anarchism, to Maoism, Marxism, Liberation Theology, to Gaia and many in between. "Risk Perception" rather than an analysis of Risk became the marching order for NWPO. In short, Nevada's entire opposition to Yucca Mountain is based on corrupt and ideologically tainted science.

The reason this is all still so important is because the only way for America to move forward with 4th Generation Nuclear Reactors that actually can burn radioactive waste, is by resolving the problem of existing nuclear waste stored at 62 plus sites. Thus the history contained in this book is a critical cog in guaranteeing our energy future; it is the only way to get rid of the philosophical dead wood that now stops progress towards a nuclear waste solution.

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P.S. *Yucca Mountain: Battle For National Energy Policy* is copyrighted material which I am releasing for public decimation through the NRC. However I retain commercial right to sell this in book form as my own work.

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