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General Comment

If nuclear power is ever going to flourish, we need to either reprocess or find suitable underground storage.

Yucca Mountain was a boondoggle and complete failure.

The company, Holtec, is proposing to cite its facility in a remote, lightly populated, extremely dry, and seismically stable portion of the American Southwest. Wildlife in the region is scarce, and the three federally listed species in Lea County are unlikely to be adversely affected by a facility that, at full build-out, would encompass merely 330 acres in a county that contains more than 2.8 million acres. Hurricanes and tornadoes are basically nonissues at the location, and CIS will have negligible impact on air quality. No historical buildings will be destroyed, and no significant cultural/archeological sites disturbed.

New Mexico is a very poor state that needs economic development. Holtecs total investment, across several decades, would be hundreds of millions if not billions of dollars. Including the construction and operating workforce, the facility could create as many as 135 jobs. The state would experience a total increase in income from direct employment of nearly \$8 million, and over \$800,000 in personal income tax and GRT revenue. New Mexicos economy, suffering from low wages and one of the worst unemployment rates in the nation, desperately needs projects like Holtecs proposed facility.