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The purpose of this email is to comment on the Yucca Mountain project.

For background, I have a PhD in physics and worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory(1970-79) and Los Alamos National Laboratory(1979-2003) where I served as Laboratory Director from 1997-2003.

My comments are based on my observations of this project over its lifetime and as a member of the American Nuclear society. The opposition in Nevada to Yucca Mountain does not seem to be based on a technical, economic, or societal analysis but rather on strongly held political views that reject any rational discussions on the topic.

I know many people in the Las Vegas area and have found that the opposition to Yucca Mountain is NOT unanimous by a long shot. There are many people who support the project that have taken the time to understand the impact on Nevada.

I believe that Yucca Mountain should be a win-win situation for Nevada and the rest of our nation, if the plan involves providing Nevada with benefits that affect every citizen. There is an opportunity to provide economic, educational benefits, and R&D benefits to Nevada that would make the risks balanced against these benefits.

I hope that the NRC continues to approach Yucca Mountain in an objective manner that provides our decision makers with the best information to make a final decision.

thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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