

# US NUCLEAR ENERGY FOUNDATION

**“Evangelizing Nuclear Advocacy by Bringing Science to Citizens”**

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Written Public Comment to this meeting.

My name is Gary Duarte, Director of the US Nuclear Energy Foundation an IRS designated 501 (c)(3) non-profit Nevada Corp. I have requested on several occasions that I and this foundation be notified of any and all meetings concerning this committee, the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects and the Committee on High Level Radioactive Waste. I have yet to receive a notification of any of these meetings and consider this an unethical avoidance of our foundation and disservice to our educational mission concerning nuclear technology and waste repository issues for the grassroots citizens of Nevada. USNEF has developed a highly credible database of nearly 1,000 nuclear scientists and engineers in this country over the past 8 years and state politics has taken the position of ignoring our public educational mission supported by such scientists. The TRUTH about the Yucca Mountain Study has been a public policy failure by all concerned. Our mission has been to provide the facts, truth and scientific evidence to the public.

The State of Nevada has received 97.6 million dollars over the past 26 years through 2009. Today, most likely exceeding 100 million dollars for the intended purpose of **“funding and education to parallel study the Yucca Mountain Application process”**. Instead, the State of Nevada has used these funds to mount political unfounded opposition to this scientific study with indifference to the biased education of our Nevada citizens. Also you should consider that 8 of Nevada’s 16 counties have signed resolutions recommending completion of the Yucca Application for which these funds are planned to oppose. This suggests that the power brokers are ignoring the rural counties. Is this right?

What have you done with America’s tax funding of Yucca Mountain for the citizens of Nevada? Construction of Yucca Mountain would provide jobs with a technology FUTURE for our citizens. It would advance our rural counties to an equal playing field AND improve the balance of the Northern and Southern Nevada Counties.

You are being asked for **\$610,752** dollars by the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects (this should be renamed, anti-nuclear projects) to further oppose the Yucca study. You are also being asked for an additional **\$765,400** for the Attorney General’s Office for participation in the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. These funds would be better used for analyzing the RESULTS of this data collection STUDY after completion NOT during the study. Nearly 80% of all scientists and engineers and industry associations throughout the world have concluded the safety of the Yucca Mountain Project. Is Nevada’s opposition to this program in any way beneficial to the citizens of Nevada? These fund requests should provide 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of these funds directed via a grant appropriation to the US Nuclear Energy Foundation to enable us to provide an unbiased educational program for the grassroots public in Nevada. They have been deprived of the scientific facts and it is the responsibility of this state to allocate such funds accordingly.

Yucca’s potential is a 100 billion dollar economy over 100 years, this is an upside for consideration to Nevada’s economic recovery. Don’t plead your safety questions, the safety has been proven, you have spent millions and the TRUTH remains the same!

What are you doing with our tax funds?

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GARY DUARTE  
WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
YUCCA MOUNTAIN**