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Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada

How to be involved

Your comments on the *Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada*, (Supplement) are important to the U. S. Department of Energy (the department). You can provide comments on the Supplement in the following ways:

- Over the Internet via e-mail to eis_r@ymp.gov
- Fax comments to: 1-800-967-0739
- Mail comments to

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You also can provide your comments and obtain information on the Supplement at public hearings in the following locations:

- Amargosa Valley, Nevada
- Pahrump, Nevada
- Las Vegas, Nevada

For hearing dates and times, call our toll-free number, 1-800-967-3477. The department will announce the hearing schedule in the *Federal Register* and in area newspapers.

Copies of the Supplement are available on our Web site, or you may call us at our toll-free number to request a copy. Copies of references used in preparation of the

Supplement are available at the following public reading rooms, as well as at the Yucca Mountain Project Web site, <http://www.ymp.gov>:

- University of Nevada
Las Vegas, Nevada
- University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada
- Yucca Mountain Science Center
Beatty, Nevada
- Yucca Mountain Science Center
Pahrump, Nevada

Related fact sheets

A summary of the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada

DOE's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste

How to be involved (Draft EIS)

Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and amendments

How to obtain information and fact sheets

To obtain information on the Supplement to the Draft EIS or to request fact sheets, call the toll-free number, 1-800-967-3477; or request them via the Internet at: eis_r@ymp.gov

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You may obtain the addresses of these public reading rooms, and of other public reading rooms and libraries where the Supplement is available for public review, on our Web site, or by calling the toll-free telephone number.

An explanation of the process

The department held 15 scoping hearings throughout the country to gather public comments regarding the scope and content of the planned environmental impact statement. Those comments were used to guide the department in defining the issues to be addressed in the Draft EIS. The results of the scoping process are summarized in a comment summary document. It identifies issues raised by the public and generally states how the department planned to address those issues in the Draft EIS.

In 1999, the department published the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada*, which considered the potential effects of the construction, operation and monitoring, and eventual closure of a Yucca Mountain repository. The Draft EIS analyzed possible repository performance under several scenarios and provided estimates of the risks that a repository would pose to future populations near Yucca Mountain or along potential transportation routes. During the 199-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, the department conducted 21 hearings throughout the country and received more than 11,000 comments from the public at the hearings, in writing, and by e-mail. The department is considering all these comments and will respond to them in the Final EIS.

As DOE anticipated in the Draft EIS, the repository design has continued to evolve, reflecting evaluations of design options and various ways in which to operate a repository that would reduce uncertainties and improve long-term performance and operational safety and efficiency. Although aspects

of the design have continued to evolve, the basic elements of the proposed action to construct, operate and monitor, and eventually close a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain remain unchanged from the design discussed in the Draft EIS.

DOE has prepared the Supplement to

- present the latest repository design information,
- describe the results of evaluations of potential environmental impacts that could occur, based upon the latest design information,
- allow the opportunity for public comment on that information.

The department will carefully review your comments

The department will integrate the information in the Supplement and will respond to public comments on the Supplement and the Draft EIS, into the Final EIS.

Whether you make your comments orally at a public hearing, by fax, by Internet Web site, or by sending them by U.S. mail, they will be treated the same.

The department wants your participation. Clear, meaningful comments from the public help the department evaluate the potential impact that the construction, operation and monitoring, and eventual closure of a repository could have on human health and the environment. To that end, we welcome your comments on this Supplement to the Draft EIS.

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