

Dear Senator Boxer,

On January 10, 2008, the Department of Energy required that comments be filed on its Draft Environmental Impact Statement relating to proposed transport routes to Yucca Mountain. In California, the Attorney General, California Energy Commission, and the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility filed comments. All agreed that "Proceeding with the project in the manner described in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in documents DOE recently released for comment could pose a threat to the people of California...the NEPA Documents have omitted essential information about transportation risks and impacts to California...Californian's did not receive sufficient notice or opportunity to become involved in the public process."

The California Energy Commission concluded that:

The environmental analyses...are incomplete until the necessary route-specific transportation analyses and analyses need to potential groundwater impacts in California, including impacts to the aquifer in the Death Valley region, have been completed

DOE provided insufficient information and analyses on the proposed Transportation, Aging and Disposal (TAD) canister system and the at-reactor impacts with alternatives

DOE's proposal to transport 70,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel to Yucca Mountain would have major transportation impact in California. The transportation of materials to the repository could impact approximately 22 California counties impacted by potential repository shipments if by truck and 24 counties for repository shipments if by rail.

The Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility submitted a list of questions at the only public meeting held in California on Nov 29, 2007 in Lone Pine, California. None of the questions were answered by DOE's representatives that evening, nor were answers received by the due date for comments on January 10, 2008.

As California's senior senator I request that you request that the DOE hold its EIS in abeyance until it is in full compliance with NEPA and the NWPA.

As representatives of residents of the state of California we, the undersigned request the DOE hold its EIS in abeyance until its documents are in full compliance with NEPA and Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA).

Sincerely,

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