

**Yucca Mountain Program
Oversight
Clark County Lessons Learned
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Clark County Context

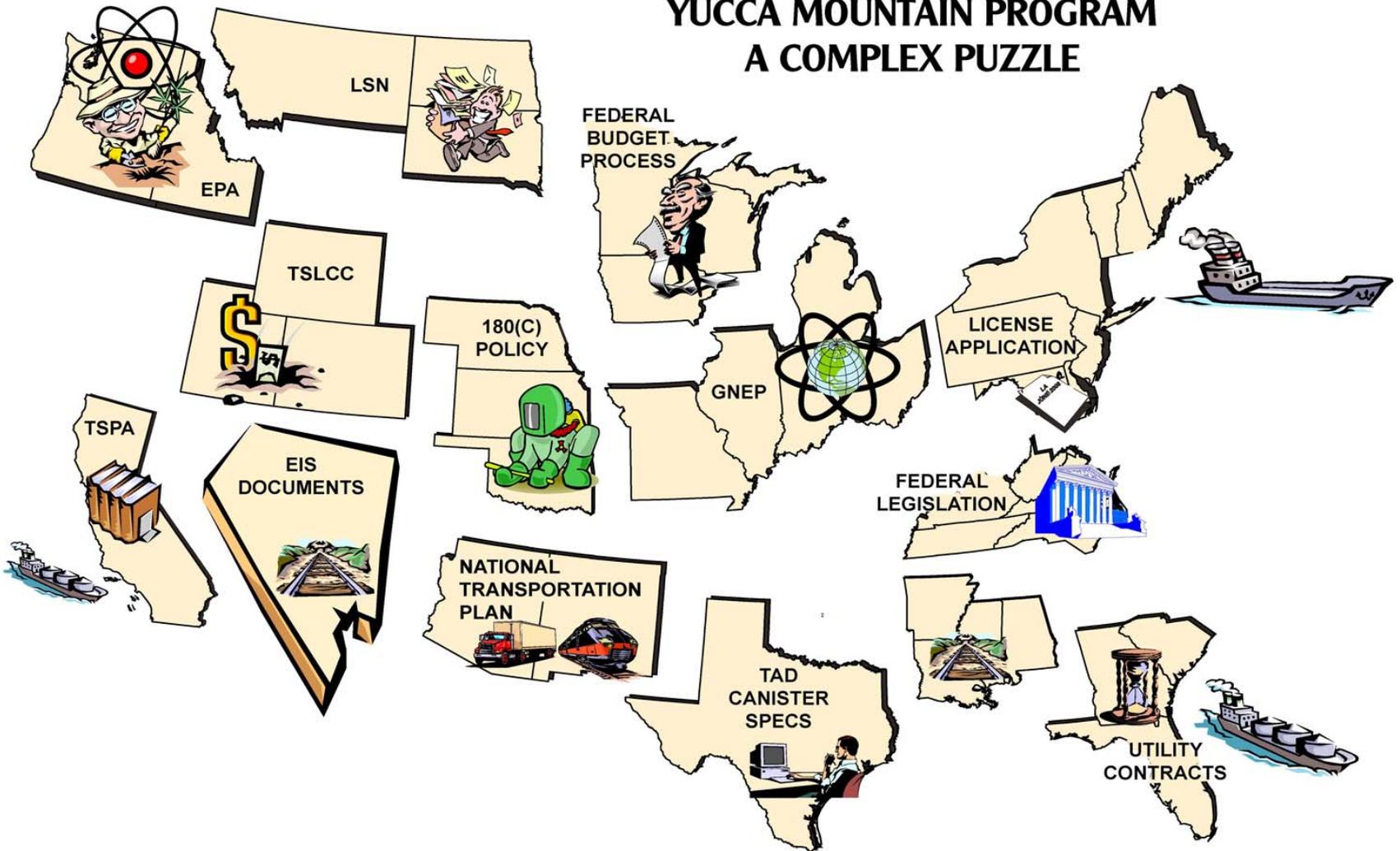
- Background
- Elected Official and Public position on the YMP
- Areas of focus for oversight
- Approach to oversight
- Key results and findings

Regulatory Framework

- Nuclear Waste Policy Act
- Energy and Water Appropriations Acts
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Audit Guidelines
- Nevada Laws
- County Ordinances and Administrative Guidelines

Regulatory Framework

YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROGRAM A COMPLEX PUZZLE



Stakeholder Interactions

Levels of Government

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Tribal

Stakeholder Interactions

Non-Governmental

- National Academy of Sciences
- Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board
- Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future
- Professional Organizations
- Utility Companies
- Environmental/Advocacy Groups
- Public

Key Factors in Public Engagement

- Public trust issues can be overcome by consistent and credible key messages.
- Level of interest must be maintained for prolonged periods of time.
- Transient populations more difficult to interest and educate.
- Diversity requires flexibility.
- Public concerns must be taken seriously.

Influence of Oversight

- Public and political support for Clark County's position and approach
- Validation by other groups with similar independent technical findings
- Respect for and acceptance of high quality work by technical experts (e.g. FEIS)
- Adequate federal funding to support oversight

Lessons Learned

- Independent research, analysis, monitoring and reporting increases public confidence.
- Peer-reviewed technical studies completed by competent, respected experts engender the highest level of confidence.
- “Translating” technical studies for diverse lay audiences fosters public support and confidence.
- Stakeholder engagement must be inclusive and consistent.