

20th Century

1950	1960	1970	1980	1990
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1954 Atomic Energy Act enacted

1957 National Academy of Sciences recommends deep geological burial.

1970 Atomic Energy Commission selects site in Kansas

1974 President Ford bans spent fuel reprocessing.

1982 Congress approves the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. Nuclear Waste Fund established.

1983 DOE names nine potential repository sites, Nevada Legislature creates the Nevada Waste Project Office.

1985 Nevada Legislature creates the Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects.

1986 DOE selects three western sites, Nevada, Washington and Texas for investigation.

1987 Nuclear Waste Policy Act as amended singles out Yucca Mountain as the only location for study.

1988 Nuclear Waste Program in Clark County created.

1991 Surface Studies begins at Yucca Mountain.

1993 DOE begins grading work; schedules waste acceptance by 2010.

1994 Tunneling begins for Exploratory Studies Facility.

1997 Tunnel Boring Machine breaks through to daylight.

1998 Original Energy Department deadline for opening anuclear waste repository.

21st Century

2000	2010	2020	2030
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2000 President Clinton vetoes Nuclear Waste legislation.

2001 EPA announces proposed radiation standards

2002 President & Congress approves Yucca Mtn.; Gov. Guinn vetoes; Congress overrides veto.

2003 DOE scheduled to release transportation plan.

2004 EPA's radiation standard rejected by federal appeals court.

2005 NRC releases new radiation standards. Senator Reid introduces a bill related to dry cask storage.

2006 DOE estimates acceptance of nuclear waste at Yucca Mtn by March 2017.

2008 DOE expects to submit license application.