



Yucca Mountain Briefing

**Board of County
Commissioners
June 3, 2008
Agenda Item 111**

Program Milestones

- NWPA (1982, 1987)
- Site Recommendation (2002)
- State/County/City Legal Actions (2002-04)
- EPA Radiation Standard (2001+)
- Environmental Impact Studies (2000-2008)
- NRC Pre-Licensing and Licensing (2004-2008)
- DOE Application to STB (March 2008)
- DOE License Application to NRC (June 2008)

Clark County Milestones

- BCC Resolutions (since 1985)
- AULG Status (1988)
- Oversight Program (1988-present)
- Impact Assessment Report (2002)
- Participate in EIS process (1999+)
- Nevada Protection Fund (2002-2004)
- NRC License Support Network (January 2008)
- STB Notice of Intent to Appear (May 2008)

Public Perception

- 75% of Clark County residents opposed to the Yucca Mountain Project.
- 87% believe YMP will affect property values.
- 70% are not opposed to the use of federal oversight funds to participate in licensing.

NRC Licensing Process

- LSN Document Certification (January 2008)
- License application (June 2008)
- EIS documents submitted (June 2008)
- NRC docketing decision (September 2008)
- Parties have 30 days from docketing notice to declare status and file contentions (October-December 2008)
- Process minimum 3 years
- "Best achievable" repository 2020

NRC Participation Options

- Intervenor (Parties). . .
 - Must have at least one viable contention
 - May engage in discovery
 - May introduce evidence
 - May examine witnesses
 - May appeal
- Interested governmental participants. . .
 - Are not required to put forward contentions
 - May join others' contentions
 - Have same rights as parties except appeal

Clark County Participation

- Intervenor or Interested Governmental Participant (IGP)
 - Intervenor with own contentions
 - Could partner with State on contentions as party or IGP
 - Could partner with other IGP on contentions as party or IGP

Surface Transportation Board Proceeding

- DOE application March 2008
- State objected April 2008
- Potential parties (including Clark County) filed Notices May 2008
- Party appearances (support oppose) due July 2008
- DOE reply due August 29, 2008

Recommended Next Steps

- Delegate authority to NWD and DA staff to participate in NRC and STB proceedings, specifically to file documents and ratify action as needed to meet deadlines.
- Direct staff to develop licensing contentions and pursue Intervenor status with the NRC.
- Direct staff to pursue acquiring outside representation in the NRC and STB proceedings.
- Direct staff to examine potential transportation impacts with affected transportation agencies and other AULG resulting from EIS and STB.
- Conduct public outreach activities to promote "Yucca Mountain Awareness Month."