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Nevada GOP platform talks nuclear technology

May 14-15 at the Nevada GOP state Convention the body approved a platform statement on energy.

• "We support economically sound, all-inclusive policies that lead to energy independence. The free market should determine the development of all energy resources, free from government planning, regulation, subsidy or mandate."

• We support positioning Yucca Mountain as a world class, high-tech nuclear research, **reprocessing** and scientific facility predicated upon sound, safe and proven principles."

• Nevada should negotiate an agreement so that Nevadans enjoy the financial and economic benefits of <u>hosting the nation's nuclear assets</u>.

Grassroots education is our mission. It is becoming increasingly important that the public be appraised about the advances of nuclear energy. The GOP convention gave us an opportunity to message the grassroots and rural Nevada Counties.

A printed handout page about reactor designs capable of burning the current nuclear waste; the science data study behind "Yucca Mountain, safe beyond a reasonable doubt"; and Britain's work on 100,000-year radiation safe concrete was distributed. The point is, that technology will eliminate 96% of all waste as it is today within 50-75 years. This moots, concerns regarding 10,000 or 100,000 years of safe storage. Now, we can debate whether or not science can accomplish this but you cannot debate the fact that in the past 30 years we have digital television, hand-held cell phones with Internet video TV access etc. that science has accomplished.

At the convention we were approached by several people from Nevada's Nye and Clark Counties. Of Nevada's 17 Counties -9 of them support completing the Yucca Application Review Process. A survey question expressing this basic statement is on our website:

"Although I am uncommitted on Yucca Mountain as a nuclear storage facility, I believe that the Department of Energy & NRC Yucca Mountain Application Review Process should be completed".

All stakeholders are invited to join this survey. Those who have, include; Nevada Assembly members, Jim Wheeler, and Michele Fiorie, Stakeholders, Sue Lowden, Lisa Krasner, Dr. Alan Waltar, CDR. Kirk Lippold, (USN retired), Jeanne Herman, Washoe Commissioner, Marco Rubio, Carly Fiorina and many others listed on our link page below.

http://www.usnuclearenergy.org/Yucca-APP-Supporters.htm

The public is finding that political integrity means one thing during the campaign process and something different after the elections. Vetting candidates is no longer dependable, we need to vet them on the basis of their "issues statements". The gridlock in government is caused by its inability to "RESOLVE ISSUES" through apolitical dialogue. The only counter to this is an <u>issue-educated</u> grassroots public addressing and challenging the bureaucracy as knowledgeable citizens.



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