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"Nuclear Advocacy through Grassroots Education"

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**Dear Nuclear Friends:** 

## If the industry had supported our call for a public referendum five years ago, we would be building Yucca Mountain today!

We have been working very hard over the past decade on grassroots education to advance nuclear technology. Much of our mission has been toward Yucca Mountain, now, having added advanced reactors and SMRs. Yucca has also been the cause for the delay for several reasons in advancing many nuclear energy programs in the U.S. Somehow we have to activate individuals to support our mission to REBRAND nuclear worldwide. The nuclear industry and its associations are reluctant to support our mission, because they chose to remain politically neutral. This is not possible when the issue we are working on is to advance Yucca Mountain. The Yucca delay IS caused by political obstruction. Many in the industry, groups, associations, unions, etc. authored "position papers" on the Yucca Mountain study, then, failed to continue that drive to the Washington bureaucracy in order to overrule unfounded political obstruction. If this is the TRUTH, please accept it. If a weak nuclear lobby is responsible in Washington, let's face it.

Let's "try" grassroots education. We have made it work in Nevada. Nearly all rural Counties in Nevada support the Yucca project. Our final fight has to come from grassroots education to challenge obstructive politics.

This letter is going to some very high-profile nuclear industry contacts. If you disagree with this analysis, please be kind enough to explain your position? We have to encourage our political stakeholders to assess the science versus the emotion about the Yucca Mountain Project. We have to educate the grassroots about our advanced nuclear technology and make them our army to REBRAND nuclear. You can lobby your position in Washington and battle Congress and the Senate, but, WE must educate the grassroots public to <u>battle</u> "their representatives" for <u>nuclear development</u>, that is how to change the tide!

We desperately need your financial support via tax-deductible donations. Donate to USNEF and we will light the torch for grassroots support and advance a nuclear rebranding worldwide.

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