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RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

TITLE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada

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ABSTRACT: The Proposed Action addressed in this EIS is to construct, operate and monitor, and eventually close a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain in southern Nevada for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste currently in storage at 72 commercial and 5 DOE sites across the United States. The EIS evaluates (1) projected impacts on the Yucca Mountain environment of the construction, operation and monitoring, and eventual closure of the geologic repository; (2) the potential long-term impacts of repository disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste; (3) the potential impacts of transporting these materials nationally and in the State of Nevada; and (4) the potential impacts of not proceeding with the Proposed Action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A 180-day comment period on this Draft EIS begins with the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*. DOE will consider comments received after the end of the 180-day period to the extent practicable. DOE will hold public meetings to receive comments on the Draft EIS at the times and locations to be announced in local media and a DOE Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*. Written comments can also be submitted by U.S. mail to Wendy R. Dixon at the above address, or via the Internet at <http://www.ymp.gov>.
