YUCCA MOUNTAIN:



Nuclear Solution or New Menace?



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Yucca Mountain in Nevada is the sole site under consideration for long-term "high-level" nuclear waste disposal in the US. The grave policy and scientific questions at hand far surpass any simple "NIMBY" (not in my backyard) concerns. In addition, in light of the current "war on terrorism," do the problems of storage, transportation and disposal present unforeseen dangers or targets, even as DOE is moving toward licensing this site?

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