Gov. Guinn’s reaction to GAO report on Yucca Mountain plans

CARSON CITY – “It’s becoming increasingly obvious that the Yucca Mountain project is doomed to failure,” Gov. Kenny Guinn said today, reacting to the General Accounting Office report urging the Bush administration to indefinitely postpone its decision on whether to build a nuclear waste storage facility beneath Yucca Mountain, 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

“The conclusions of the GAO mirror those of nearly every external review that has been looking at the project, including the presidential appointed National Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and several national and international peer review groups.

“The question is, when will the DOE and the administration recognize that Yucca Mountain can never be found suitable and certainly is not licensable by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The time has come for DOE to face this reality and move to terminate the project.”

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