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REID, ENSIGN, MASTO TO TESTIFY AT SENATE COMMITTEE ON YUCCA MOUNTAIN LICENSING PROCESS

Elected officials will also hold press conference later that afternoon

Washington, DC – On Wednesday, October 31st, at 10:00 AM ET, U.S. Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign of Nevada and Nevada State Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto will testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works’ oversight hearing on the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump.

Later that afternoon the officials will also hold a press conference to discuss the hearing, which will investigate the licensing process for the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump.

Reid will call into question the integrity of the licensing process, which is rigged against the State of Nevada. He will also raise questions about the security of the proposed dump and will discuss the importance of the Federal Accountability for Nuclear Waste Storage Act. The legislation, introduced by Reid and Ensign earlier this year, calls for nuclear waste to be safely stored at the facilities where it is produced, rather than shipping it thousands of miles across the country to Nevada.

In addition to talking about the Reid-Ensign bill and the numerous flaws with the Yucca Mountain Project, Ensign will discuss his support for nuclear power and the importance of nuclear waste reprocessing and recycling as part of any long-term waste solution.

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**HEARING**

**WHO:** U.S. Senator Harry Reid  
U.S. Senator John Ensign  
Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada State Attorney General

**WHAT:** Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works oversight hearing on the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 10:00 AM ET

**WHERE:** Dirksen Senate Office Building  
EPW Hearing Room SD-406  
Washington, DC

**WEBCAST:** Video webcast will be available at [http://epw.senate.gov](http://epw.senate.gov) starting at 10:00 AM EDT

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**PRESS CONFERENCE**

**WHO:** U.S. Senator Harry Reid  
U.S. Senator John Ensign  
Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada State Attorney General

**WHAT:** Press conference on the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 4:00 PM ET

**WHERE:** Majority Leader’s Office  
U.S. Capitol (S-221)  
Washington, DC

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