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Nevada's 23 year fight to prevent the permanent storage of the nation's high level nuclear waste and spent fuel may finally be coming to a positive end! The Department of Energy this morning informed me that they will file a motion to withdraw the license application for the Yucca Mountain project in 30 days. Since depositions were scheduled to begin in two weeks, they will file a separate motion later today to stay those depositions and further discovery. While I have purchased a nice bottle of champagne, I won't pop the cork until we see the conditions of that motion and the motion is approved by the federal licensing board with prejudice so that it may never be re-filed.

After that, the State will work to ensure that DOE fulfills its obligation under the nuclear waste policy act for restoration and reclamation of the Yucca site, as well as preserving all documents, studies and science for the State archives.

The President has set up an impressive Blue Ribbon Commission of experts to look at all alternatives for nuclear waste and spent fuel. What is important, is that they will take a look at the entire process of creating nuclear energy from cradle to grave, from the digging of uranium through the final disposition. Nevada needs to closely monitor their work over the next two years. There is always a chance that the Commission could still recommend geologic disposal in the future and we must remain vigilant.

We have heard many times that the Yucca Mountain project is dead. But yet it has continued. Hopefully today's announcement leads to a final demise of this ill conceived project.

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