



NARUC Views

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NARUC

- Represent the regulatory bodies in the 50 States that regulate utilities
- Stakeholder in the nuclear waste management program since NWPA 1982
- Ratepayers of nuclear generated power are sole source for Nuclear Waste Fund
- Not an advocate for nuclear power but want a solution to the waste disposal problem

Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF)

- Payment for disposal comes from those who have had benefits of nuclear power
- 1 mill per kilowatt-hour
- Ratepayers → utilities → Treasury
- \$ 16 billion collected to date
- Congress diverts unused cash

NARUC Activities

- 1984 Nuc. Issues Subcommittee formed
- 1990 Nuc. Waste Program Office
- 1994 “Principles” dialogue– interim storage
- 1998 Distress over DOE failure
- 1999 Comments on EPA radiation std
- 1999/2000 Comments on DEIS

Yucca Mountain Site Tour

- With DOE support we are trying to get our commissioners to the site
- Impressions from yesterday's visit

Conclusion

- Viability Assessment and DEIS conclude Yucca can be a safe geologic repository site
- DOE needs to stay on schedule leading to Site Suitability Recommendation
- We want the spent nuclear fuel moved at earliest opportunity
- We have confidence in NWTRB and NRC to exercise their independent oversight