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***Update on Yucca Mountain: The Road Ahead***

The Yucca Mountain Repository for used, highly radioactive nuclear fuel has recently overcome an obstacle when Congress voted to override the Governor of Nevada's veto of the project, following the project's recommendation by the Secretary of Energy and the President's approval of it. But the road ahead is still difficult. After reviewing the project's history Jay Jones will discuss some of the issues still to be faced, including the NRC licensing process and the used fuel transportation questions. He, as you will read, has long been near the center of this most important component of the country's nuclear enterprise and is particularly well qualified to bring us up to date on Yucca Mountain.

Jay Jones has served for 19 years in various management and technical positions in the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM). He has been responsible for policy related activities, including developing strategic and environmental compliance plans, supporting the OCRWM in interactions with Congress, conducting studies on transportation of commercial spent nuclear fuel and interim storage facilities, and participating in the initiation of a quality assurance program. Before coming to Washington, he spent three years at OCRWM's Project Office in Columbus, Ohio investigating geotechnical issues related to sites for a nuclear waste repository.

Jay is presently a member of the Office of National Transportation at DOE Headquarters working on transportation and environmental matters, most recently on the Yucca Mountain Environmental Impact Statement. During his tenure at DOE, Mr. Jones has served on assignments at the White House's Office of Management and Budget as an energy analyst and in the U.S. Congress as a staff member to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety.

Prior to joining the Department of Energy, he worked for three years with the U.S. Bureau of Mines, where he worked with the U.S. Geological Survey in conducting mineral resource investigations and one year with Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation performing data analyses for nuclear power plants. Mr. Jones attended the University of Virginia, majoring in Environmental Sciences, and attended Boston College for graduate studies in Geology. He is a member of the National Association of Environmental Professionals, and a board member of the local Washington chapter. He was also a regular presenter in the series of Teacher Workshops held at the University of Virginia during the 80s and 90s.