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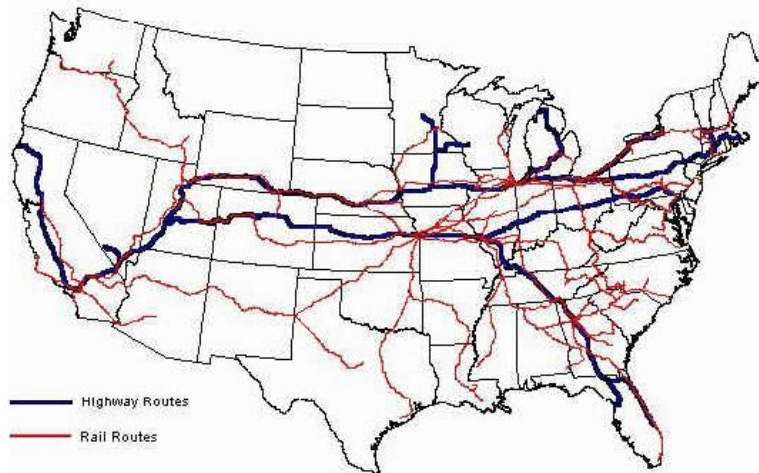
*For a Nuclear-Free, Carbon-Free World*



Contact your Congressional representatives. Switchboard 202-224 - 3121. Tell them to vote NO on H.R. 3053.

In Washington D.C. Rep. John Shimkus' (R. IL-15) proposed re-starting the **flawed** Yucca Mt. site in Nevada for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste (HLRW) and promote unnecessary private "centralized interim storage" (CIS) radwaste facilities in west Texas and southeastern New Mexico – **over strong local objection**. Rep. Shimkus is pushing to pass H.R.3053 before the August recess.

### *Nuclear Waste Shipment Routes*



While it's tempting to want to get HLRW out of communities like Zion ASAP, prematurely sending it to flawed or unnecessary facilities like these is both dangerous and uneconomic; and increases the risks from transportation accidents in communities that have nothing to do with nuclear power and waste currently, while senselessly contaminating additional new sites around the nation that will ultimately have to be cleaned up. ***This is simply dumb energy policy, designed to "unconstipate" the dying nuclear power industry at ratepayer and taxpayer expense.***

Each shipment represents a potential Mobile Chernobyl, Floating Fukushima, or Dirty Bomb on Wheels risk, whether due to severe accident or intentional attack. Even "routine" or "incident-free" shipments have been called "Mobile X-ray machines that can't be turned off," given the hazardous gamma radiation they would emit, and expose persons to, who get too close (as by living along the shipping route, getting stuck next to a shipment in traffic, etc.).

Please take action and contact your U.S. Representative. Capitol Switchboard, [\(202\) 225-3121](tel:2022253121). Tell them to vote NO on H.R. 3053.

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For more detailed information about H.R.3053

1. Beyond Nuclear:

<http://www.beyondnuclear.org/radioactive-waste/>

2. NEIS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED DRAFT NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2017

- Removes State and Local Rights
- Removes safety requirements for preventing radioactive leaks

**The proposed NWPA amendment is unacceptable because it:**

- Eliminates State and local control of water rights and other utility rights
- Eliminates State and local oversight of facility
- Eliminates requirements for site specific Environmental Impact Reports
- Eliminates requirements for Monitored, Retrievable Fuel Storage for preventing radioactive leaks
- Eliminates authorizations currently required by Congress and other checks and balances
- Eliminates requirement to prioritize safety and environmental protections over cost and speed
- Eliminates requirements to consider transport issues before selecting a site
- Creates additional unnecessary and expensive “centralized interim storage” (CIS) facilities over the objections of local people, creating new contaminated sites in the process that will eventually have to be cleaned up
- Would send high-level radioactive waste to a flawed site at Yucca Mt., Nevada, which is guaranteed to leak

