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MEDIA ALERT

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This letter is to express concern about the lack of reporting on nuclear issues threatening Nevada. On Monday, September 13, 2021, the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a 40-year license to Interim Storage partners, a private company to store 5,000 metric tons of commercial high-level nuclear waste in Andrews County Texas. The Texas site license application was issued based upon the eventual licensing of the proposed Yucca Mountain site currently undergoing licensing at the NRC.

In 2018, Ian Zabarte, Secretary of the Native Community Action Council (NCAC) was appointed to the NRC Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel in advance of the continued licensing of the proposed Yucca Mountain site. According to Secretary Zabarte, *“We have a vulnerable tourism-based economy in Las Vegas and Nevada that needs public awareness to protect. We have the oldest life on earth in the Great Basin that needs protection from the most toxic material on earth. The “fourth estate” must act now to bring attention and focus all hands against transportation across Nevada to Texas and potentially back to Yucca Mountain”* Stated Zabarte

The NCAC is a “party with standing” in the NRC Atomic Safety Licensing Board Panel Docket 63-001, Yucca Mountain, presenting the only contentions of ownership of land and water required by 10 CFR Part 60.121. The Department of Energy has failed to meet the Ownership as documented by the NRC Safety Evaluation Report Related to Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada: Administrative and Programmatic Requirements (NUREG-1949, Volume 4):

The NRC staff finds that DOE has not met the requirements 10 CFR 63.121(a) and 10 CFR 63.121(d)(1) regarding ownership of land and water rights, respectively.

<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1949/v4/index.html>

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