**Energy Secretary Rick Perry States His Very Strong Support For** Clean Nuclear **Power & For Eliminating Obsolete NRC Regulations** 



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# Energy Security Action Committee Presentation NEW Common Sense Plan For Yucca Mountain Lab Area



Waste \$100+ <u>Billion</u> On Million-Year Yucca Mountain "Nuclear Dump"?

**Or** 

Wisely Invest \$500+ Million In Nevada & Restore U.S. Nuclear Energy Leadership?

## **Introduction**

40-Year-Old, Million-Year, **Nuclear Spent Rod** Repository **Plan For The DOE Yucca Mountain Lab** 

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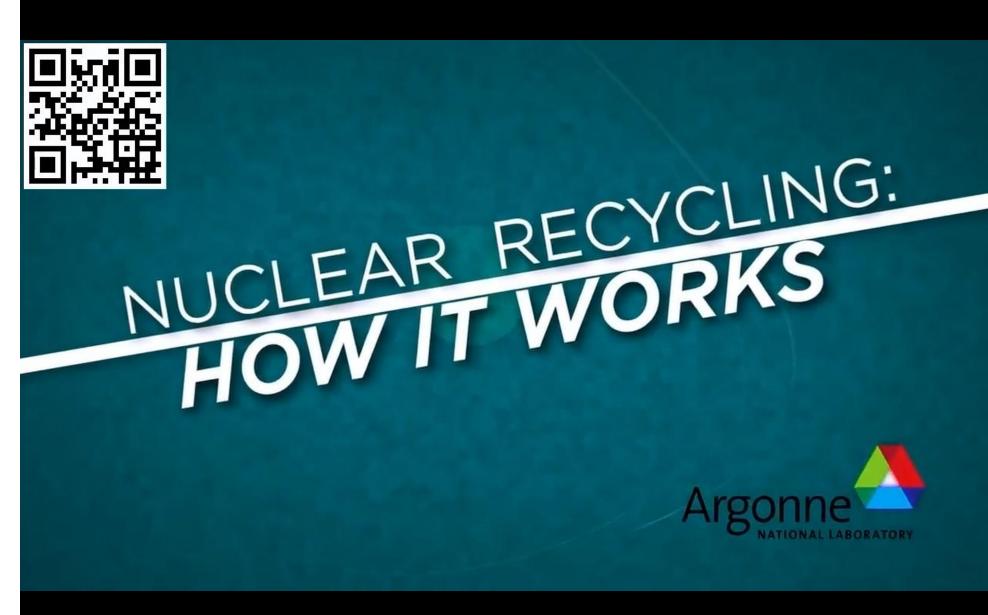
# **Overview**

- Nevadans CAN (Citizen Action Network) proposes a "common sense" alternative to the 40year-old policy that directs permanent (million-year) storage of "spent" nuclear fuel still containing 95% Uranium & other minerals after spending an additional \$100+ Billion in taxes
- Our <u>alternative</u> includes (1) saving \$100 Billion by opening a <u>\$500+ Million</u>, <u>nuclear recycling</u> <u>plant</u> near YM on the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), & (2) establishing a Joint, <u>Carbon-Free (C-F) Energy Engineering & Test Center</u> to <u>regain</u> U.S. nuclear power leadership
  - ✓ Special nuclear fuels would be created & sold to current & advanced nuclear plants
  - ✓ Some of \$40 Bil. spent fuel <u>storage & transport funds</u> would be used to <u>jump start</u> a NNSS <u>Carbon-Free (C-F) Energy Lab</u> & <u>Joint Engineering Center</u> to design, test & evaluate <u>Advanced Reactor-Powered MicroGrids</u> for civilian & national security reqirements
  - ✓ Other C-F Energy systems (solar, wind, etc.) could be components of C-F MicroGrids
- A <u>nuclear recycling plant</u> as the <u>leading component</u> implemented in a NV <u>C-F Energy Center</u> could create boom times greater than seen in Silicon Valley and historic gold & silver rushes

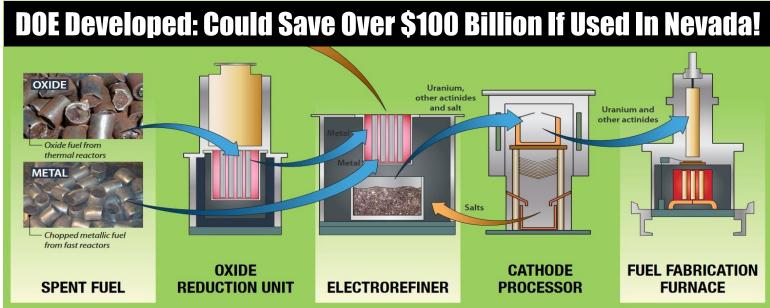
# **Quote by Argonne Lab Scientists:**

"If Spent Nuclear **Fuel Is Recycled, Current Inventories Could Be Used In Advanced Reactors To Power All U.S. Electricity Needs** For Thousands of **Years!** "

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## **Argonne Lab Pyroprocessing System Is Recommended For NNSS**









Only \$500+ Million For Initial National Recycling Plant

## Recycling Is The Reasonable & Affordable Yucca Mountain Option

## **Safe, Practical & Widely Used:**

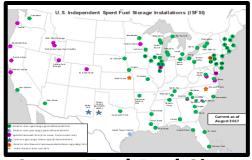
- Many nuclear nations <u>already</u> recycle
- Multiple recycling methods available
- DOE/Argonne Lab Pyroprocessing is U.S. owned & needs to be used at NNSS
- NNSS could also safely control, recycle & use surplus Plutonium in its reactor fuels
- The NV National Security Site is already being used for nuclear security, holding radio-active items, handling of nuclear fuels & testing of advanced reactors

### **Major Economic Benefits:**

- Spur massive NV economic expansions
- Convert obsolete, Million-Year storage YM
   Plan to recycling & stop the political delays
- Add U.S. Carbon-Free Energy Engineering Lab & Joint C-F Energy Park to NNSS mission
- Implement key security & safety updates for 34+ sites at <u>least cost</u> to states & nation
- Add billions to 34+ states savings
- End wasteful fighting between NV & Feds

## **Restoring Nuclear Energy Leadership Via Nevada**

- New Recycling Plan: Could <u>create</u> tens of billions of state income & citizen payments—similar to Alaskan pipeline deals.
- Need to Negotiate: Demanding to eliminate YM law without requiring a recycling center would be a disaster for Nevada's future economy
- Permanent Dump Plan is Lose-Lose: It blocks economic development while recycling creates massive economic options for all Nevadans
- Solves National Security Issues At Plants: When temporary holding site
   \* recycling plant are ready, move eligible shipping casks to NNSS
- Pyroprocessing: To support national security & non-proliferation goals, Argonne Lab's recycling system needs to be NNSS implemented
- Engineer, Test & Evaluate Advanced Reactor Systems: Establish a Carbon-Free Energy Systems Center specializing in Advanced Reactor-powered MicroGrid Systems designed to consume 90+% of fuel with up to 30-year refueling intervals instead of old reactors using less than 4% of Uranium in fuel rods & requiring refueling in 4 years or less



**Spent Fuel Rod Sites** 



Temp. Storage Casks



**Recycling Plant Model** 



**Advanced Reactors** 

## **Nuclear Reactor Advances May Be Ahead Of Other Clean Energy Systems**

**Clean Energy: Electronics**: Then Now Then Now **Nuclear Phones Power Wireless Networks** Solar **Power Dragsters Fuel Vs.** Wind **Electric Power** 

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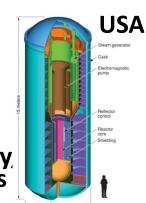
## **But, U.S. Lags Behind In Nuclear Power Implementations**

Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) Are 21st Century Global FUTURE!

- **Problem:** Suffocating U.S. regulations must be greatly reduced
- Global Needs: Fixed & mobile SMR-powered MicroGrid systems
- <u>U.S. Systems Features</u>: Carbon-Free, Underground, Sealed, 100% Safe, Tamper-Evident, EMP & Cyber Shielded, 24/7/365 available
- <u>Turn-key, leased</u> systems to provide tamper-proof system reliability minimize operating costs & offer open, competitive customer rates
- **Nuclear "Battery"?** Up to 30 years before refueling/replacement
- Mass Production-Line Manufactured In "Standard" Sizes
  - Farms/Villages: 5-10 MWe for dozens of facilities
  - Cities: 1,500 MWe for cities of about 1,000,000
  - Fixed & Mobile National Security: From 4-100 MWe
  - **Large Populations & Plants: Clusters of 400 MWe units**

But, what if U.S. becomes dependent on hostile nation products in this race for global power dominance?

**NV & NNSS** need to lead in this key energy segment!



UK

USA

Sweden



USA



Russia



**China** 

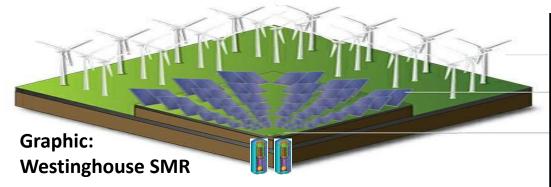


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### **Energy Security Action Committee Analysis:**

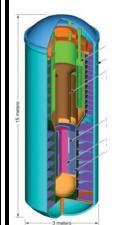
# Among *Carbon-Free* <u>Solar, Wind</u> & <u>Advanced Reactor Power Systems</u> Which Is The Most Earth-Friendly, Available, Affordable & Reliable?



- Average Wind Power225 MWe on 60,000 acres
- Average Solar Power 225 MWe on 2,400 acres
- Small Modular Reactors
  225 MWe on 15 acres

#### **Decentralized Power Generation:** Solar Wind **SMR 15** 2,400 60,000 Acres Required For 225 MWe Power Heat/Cool Buildings, Make Hydrogen, Purify Water No Yes No Kill Wildlife (Birds, Animals, Insects, Plants, etc.) Millions Millions 0 **Damage From Natural Disasters** Heavy Heavy None **Vulnerabilities** To Terrorism, **EMP** & Cyber Attacks Minor Huge Huge Life Cycle of Units (years) 10-15 7-10 **Up to 30 Primary Manufacturing Source** China China **USA Availability** (Ave. Hours Per Day/Days Per Year) 0-12/100 0-24/180 24/365 Est. Price of Power (Cents per KWh) >15 <07 >15

### Which Do You Prefer?



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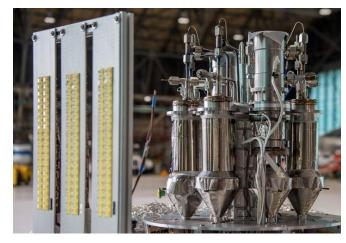
Lead-Cooled, Mobile & Fixed Sites (10-200 MWe)

Always Up, Sealed, Underground, 30-yr. Fueled, Liquid-Lead Cooled, Walk-Away Safe, EMP Protected

## We Urgently Need NNSS As <u>Carbon-Free</u> Energy Engineering Center

- NNSS uniquely experienced in high-tech energy, radiation, nuclear devices, environment & systems integration laboratory
- NV Nuclear Security Site (NNSS) is a Historic Reservation with such as Atomic Testing, Yucca Mountain & Area 51 Sites
- NNSS is a natural, <u>remote</u> DOE place to recycle used fuel rods & develop <u>back up</u> & <u>mobile</u> power support for <u>Grid</u> & <u>RPS</u> markets
- Nearby <u>Hawthorne Army Depot</u> is the ideal place for a National Center for <u>Grid Spares Backup & Power Disaster Restorations</u> to support Grid security, modernization & rapid repairs
- Need for R&D & testing of <u>fixed & mobile</u> SMR systems for secure & hardened MicroGrids with <u>EMP</u>, cyber & terrorist protections

**Space Reactor Testing At NNSS** 



**Other NNSS High-Tech Projects** 





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## More On Recycling & Carbon-Free Energy Center Economics

### **For Citizens:**

- 1. Save \$Billions for U.S. tax payers
- 2. An unmatched, 10-year economic concept
- 3. A combination of new high-tech recycling plant & National Carbon-Free Energy
  Center could create tens of thousands of NV high salaried jobs in about a decade
- 4. Carbon-Free Energy Centers could turn NV into a "Silicon Valley" of the 2030's
- Recycling & Park profits could annually pay NV citizens thousands in future decades

## **For States & Nation:**

- 1. Solves "nuclear spent rods" backlog issue
- 2. Solves long-term <u>health & tourism</u> worries
- 3. Solves national & state security issues
- 4. Saves governments & tax payers \$\frac{\\$Billions}{\}Billions & no other plan is more cost-effective
- 5. Creates clear path for establishing U.S. leadership in advanced nuclear technology
- 6. Avoids political blocking & establishes a viable pathway for <u>legislative</u> <u>cooperation</u>
- 7. Creates huge state & federal tax & fee revenues not attainable from other sources



## **Delaying Recycling Decision Is Hugely Wasteful**

- Fact: Nuclear recycling is safe & vastly less expensive than storage, & a Carbon-Free Energy Lab/Tech Center/Park offers unique options for U.S. economic developments
- Fact: NV should negotiate a combined NNSS recycling plant & U.S. Carbon-Free Energy Lab & Engineering Center deal now. There is still time for 2018/2019
- <u>Fact</u>: Outdated nuclear <u>regulations</u> need to be <u>upgraded now</u> for advanced reactor types or miss chances for future global nuclear power market <u>restoration</u>
- <u>Fact</u>: YM 5-yr. legislation needs to be amended now to include funding for a <u>NNSS Recycling Plant</u> & <u>NNSS Carbon-Free Energy Lab & Manufacturing Center</u>



# **Questions -- Comments?**



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