DOE proposes sparing Nev. from more low-level nuclear waste

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WASHINGTON – A state official on Friday welcomed a new federal report that did not pick the Nevada National Security Site the "preferred alternative" for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

Instead, the U.S. Department of Energy gave that designation to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project near Carlsbad, N.M., and possibly generic commercial facilities.

"This outcome is what we wanted," said Leo Drozdoff, director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and a member of a working group made up of state and DOE staff.

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