

Congress likely to seek funding for Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project

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The Nevada commission charged with overseeing nuclear waste issues on Tuesday warned that it expects Congress to seek funding to revive the shuttered Yucca Mountain repository project this year.

The warning is contained in a report to Gov. Brian Sandoval and the state Legislature from the Nuclear Projects Commission.

The report states it is not yet clear whether the Trump administration would support reviving the shuttered program to permanently store 77,000 tons of high-level radioactive waste – primarily spent fuel from commercial power reactors – in a maze of tunnels inside the Nye County mountain.

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