



# Office of the Governor

**JIM GIBBONS**  
GOVERNOR

July 31, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid,

Please accept our thanks for your efforts to again put an end to the Yucca Mountain Project (see attached). Trimming federal budgets for Yucca Mountain and its licensing process are positive steps.

As Governor of Nevada and on behalf of the people of Nevada, I would like to request that you use your influence in Washington and with the White House to genuinely help the people of Nevada by working to repeal the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) and persuade Secretary of Energy Steven Chu to rescind the license application for the Yucca Mountain dump.

These actions are the only ways Yucca Mountain can truly and honestly be declared "dead", and the safety of the people of Nevada protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Gibbons".

**JIM GIBBONS**  
Governor

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## Reid declares Yucca victory

### Senator says licensing funds erased

By KEITH ROGERS

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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he dealt a fatal blow to the funding-starved Yucca Mountain Project on

Thursday, announcing that President Barack Obama and Energy Secretary Steven Chu have agreed to eliminate all money for pursuing a license for the nuclear waste disposal project in 2011.

"The only funding allocated for Yucca will be used to conclude the work being done at the site, bringing the ill-conceived project to its rightful end," Reid, D-Nev., said in a statement.

The agreement evolved after Reid cut \$27 million from the project's 2010 license application funding in the Emer-

gy and Water Appropriations bill that passed Wednesday.

During a conference call with former Vice President Al Gore about next month's Clean Energy Summit in Las Vegas, Reid said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as well won't

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Nuclear industry doubts Reid