

# ACTION ALERT!!

**URGENT! - Stop H.R. 3053 – Shimkus Bill to Re-Start Yucca Mt., build CIS facilities; House vote expected next week**

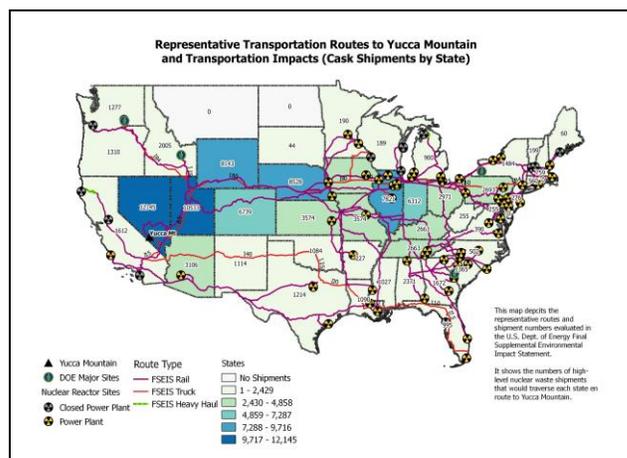
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**“Save-the-Dates!”**

## 1.) Oppose H.R. 3053, the “NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2017”:

A vote is finally expected on the controversial **H.R. 3053, the NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2017**. This bill is authored by Rep. John Shimkus (D.16 IL.), and has 7 Illinois co-sponsors at present, mostly those with nuclear plants in their districts or close ties to Exelon. Action on the bill had been postponed due to the recent massacre in Las Vegas.

This bill would provide funds and plans to restart the demonstrably faulty Yucca Mt. project in Nevada; and would also begin the process and funding of “centralized interim storage” (CIS) facilities – allegedly “temporary” high-level radioactive waste (HLRW) storage facilities -- operated by private companies (Illinois may be a potential candidate for one, BTW). Several sites are being targeted in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico. Both the Yucca project and the CIS facilities would result in massive numbers of shipments of spent reactor fuel traversing the nation’s deficient roads and rails, and possibly waterways. More detailed information and proposed transport route maps can be found on the [NEIS Literature Page](#), and on the [Beyond Nuclear](#) site.



[A letter of opposition](#) was sent to Rep. Shimkus earlier this summer, and co-signed by more than 40 national and regional safe-energy and environmental groups including NRDC, Sierra Club, Public Citizen, Beyond Nuclear, NIRS and of course, NEIS. An updated version is in formation, and will be circulated soon to organizations, urging them to co-sign. Recently, Sierra Club national set up a sign-on page in opposition to H.R.3053. Sierra Club members are urged to [use this page](#) to register your opposition.

### What You Can Do:

- Contact your federal representative (**Capitol Switchboard is (202)224-3121**), urging him/her to oppose H.R.3053, or any legislation that calls for a Yucca Mt. re-start or construction of a CIS facility.
- Tell your reps to SUPPORT “HOSS”- hardened onsite storage of high-level radioactive wastes as a better alternative.
- Make sure to add “comments” to any news accounts in print, online, or on radio/TV, urging opposition Yucca and CIS funding and construction, and promoting HOSS instead.

## 2.) **“Save the Dates!”:**

NEIS is not all “gloom and doom.” Sometime, we like to have a little fun with our supporters too. So put these dates and events on your calendar, and come join us. Also – make sure to check the [NEIS Calendar](#) on our webpage for updated information closer to the date of the events. Hope to see you at some of these!

- **Tuesday, Oct. 24:** Come join us at the Democracy Burlesque’s next installment of **“The Electables III: The Ones You Know”**. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets; \$20 at door (cheaper tickets available from NEIS, too; call us). Tell them you're with NEIS, and we get a donation from the friends at DB.
- **Sunday, Nov. 19:** Theater fundraiser for NEIS at the Skokie Theater – **“Rocket City Alabama.”** Details on times and price are now posted on the [NEIS Calendar](#).
- **Tuesday, Nov. 28:** **“Giving Tuesday!”** – a national day of charitable giving, Make NEIS your charity of the day. Details will go out soon on how to give. Check the [NEIS Calendar](#) for updates.

Thanks Everyone! Get out there and – **do great things!**

--Dave Kraft, Director--