## Yucca Mountain Lessons Learned

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## What Went Right

- State and Local government oversight funding
- NRC as the regulator
- Yucca Mountain EISs and the NEPA Process

## What Could Have Been Done Better

- Project timelines were never realistic
- Structure of performance assessment models is overly complicated
- Benefits to State and local governments
- Lack of Project Continuity

## **Closing Points**

- The NRC licensing process has already yielded valuable information for any future repository licensing efforts
- It may not be possible in our political environment to find a repository location in a State willing to be the host.