

EPA: Yucca radiation standards to be finalized by year's end

Let me see ... how long have they had to do this? 1982 was it or perhaps 1985? Still this is a lethargic non-progressive government agency so 20-years is about right.

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The Environmental Protection Agency says it'll issue a long-awaited radiation standard for the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump by the end of the year.

An EPA administrator told the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Wednesday in Washington that the agency intends to fully protect health and safety.

That was after Nevada lawmakers and a Democratic senator from California expressed doubts that the standard would be adequate.

The Republican committee chairman -- Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma -- also said Wednesday he'd be open to voting to increase the waste storage capacity for Yucca Mountain.

The repository 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas is being designed to hold 77-thousand tons of radioactive waste. Authorities say that much waste is already waiting at reactor sites nationwide.