

## **Nebraska PPD Cost Setting Up Nuclear Storage: \$45 Million**

*This is the cost of not having Yucca Mountain repository.*

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The Nebraska Public Power district has approved the first part of a two-phase, \$45 million project for storing nuclear waste at the Cooper Nuclear Station in Brownville.

The first stage of setting up a dry-cask nuclear storage system will cost some \$19.7 million. The NPPD board gave a green light to that phase on Friday.

The second stage will cost an estimated \$25.3 million. The board will not vote on that phase until 2007, NPPD said in a prepared statement.

Cooper Nuclear Station operates the largest single-unit electrical generator in the state.

In another development, the board was asked to consider boosting wholesale energy prices by an average 3.5 percent for next year.