

Search for Location to Safely Store Nuclear Waste

WHEREAS since the decision to shut down Yucca Mountain, Nevada as the nation's nuclear waste storage site, Washington is left with 53,000,000 gallons of nuclear waste with no place outside Hanford for storage;

WHEREAS substantial nuclear waste has already leaked at Hanford; and

WHEREAS the nuclear waste from the rest of the United States has no designated location for safe storage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats support a search for a site for the safe storage of nuclear waste to begin immediately; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats support the search for and construction of a suitable nuclear storage site and vigorously urge the Department of Energy to begin said search for a nuclear waste storage site; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to relevant officials along with a request for response within thirty days, listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.

Submitted by the Walla Walla County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/13/2010)

Recommended Pass with amendments by the Subcommittee on the Preamble, Agriculture, and Energy and the Environment. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

Recommended Pass with amendments by the State Convention Platform Committee. (Date Considered 6/5/2010)

The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26, 2010 meeting in Vancouver.