

August 19, 2020

Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects  
Attn: Shawnee J. Newkirk  
1761 E. College Parkway, Ste. 118  
Carson City, NV 89706

Dear Ms. Newkirk,

As a native Nevadan, I have always felt the sting of the political unfairness of the selection of Yucca Mountain as the Nation's only high level nuclear waste repository. But, in addition, over the past five years working for the Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects, I have come to fully appreciate the legitimate safety concerns associated with the Department of Energy's faulty design for the proposed repository. I feel an obligation to represent my State combatting this ill-conceived and unsafe project and welcome the opportunity to commit myself further to that mission as Executive Director of the Agency for Nuclear Projects.

Nevada's tireless opposition to the proposed Yucca Mountain repository represents the ultimate merger of legal and technical expertise. My degree in chemical engineering and leadership of our expert team combined with my law degree and legal experience makes me uniquely qualified to manage the Agency. I am able to utilize my combined legal and technical knowledge to not only lead our teams, but also effectively steward the ever scarcer available public funds to defeat the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

In addition to my advanced technical and legal work on Yucca Mountain, I learned as a patent attorney to take complex inventions and effectively communicate them so that a layperson on a jury could fully understand the subject matter. I have applied this skill to honestly and succinctly communicate nuclear waste issues with the public, press, state officials, federal delegation, units of local government, and coworkers.

My experience as Administrator of Technical Programs for the Agency for Nuclear Projects and as Deputy Attorney General representing the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and Agency for Nuclear Projects also makes me uniquely qualified for addressing the evolving needs of the Nevada National Security Site. I have experienced firsthand and assisted our federal delegation and state leadership with navigating the complexities of balancing the safety and environmental concerns of Nevada's citizens with national security and federal authority.

I am inspired by Nevada's successful prevention of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository and I would be honored if selected to lead the opposition to its eventual conclusion. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Belinda A. Evenden*  
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# BELINDA A. EVENDEN

## EXPERIENCE

**State of Nevada** Carson City, NV  
*Administrator of Tech Programs, Agency for Nuclear Projects* July 2018 – Present

- Manage Nevada's preparation of its technical case against the proposed high level nuclear waste facility at Yucca Mountain including overseeing at least 30 experts.
- Analyze issues and legislation related to the proposed Yucca Mountain repository for Nevada's federal delegation and state legislature.
- Prepare and execute contracts and administer state budgets and personnel matters for Agency.

*Deputy Attorney General* September 2013 – July 2018

- Represented the Agency for Nuclear Projects and Commission for Nuclear Projects which included managing outside counsel and defeating legal attempts to restart the Yucca Mountain Licensing Proceeding.
- Represented and counseled the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. Counseled clients on a variety of issues including state and federal environmental law, statutory interpretation, open meeting law, and legislative processes.
- Successfully represented clients before the State Environmental Commission, State Supreme Court, U.S. District Court, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.

*Executive Director, Tech Crimes Advisory Board* January 2013 - September 2013

- Oversaw and coordinated Technological Crime Advisory Board meetings.
- Collaborated with law enforcement agencies on enforcing technological crimes.

**KerrIP Group** Reno, NV  
*Attorney* November 2011- December 2012

- Drafted patent applications and persuasively responded to rejections from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**TraskBritt** Salt Lake City, UT  
*Attorney* May 2008 - May 2011

- Counseled clients on acquisition and enforcement of intellectual property.
- Prepared and prosecuted domestic and foreign patent applications.

## EDUCATION

**DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL**  
Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, conferred May 2008

**University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV**  
Bachelor of Science, With Honors, Chemical Engineering, conferred May 2005

## BELINDA A. EVENDEN



### REFERENCES

#### **Joe Strolin**



Joe Strolin and I worked together at the Agency for Nuclear Projects and Joe is a former acting Executive Director of the Agency.

#### **Marta Adams**

Special Deputy Attorney General, Adams Natural Resources Consulting Services, LLC



Marta Adams was my supervisor at the Attorney General's Office and we continue to work together on nuclear waste issues.

#### **Jeffrey Kinder**


Deputy Administrator, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection



Jeff Kinder is my former client at NDEP.

#### **Philip Klevorick**

Clark County Economic Development Liaison & Nuclear Waste Division Program Manager  
Clark County Comprehensive Planning Department



Phil Klevorick is my colleague who represents Clark County on nuclear waste issues.

#### **Darrell Lacy**

Director of Nye County Nuclear Waste Repository Office



Darrell Lacy is my colleague who represents Nye County on nuclear waste issues.