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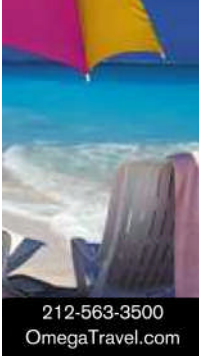
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## CAPLAN WORKS TO DERAIL YUCCA

Caplan Communications is working with Friends of the Earth's "Don't Dump on Nevada" group to thwart rail shipment of nuclear waste to the proposed Yucca Mountain repository, 90 miles from Las Vegas, via a new "Caliente Line."

The effort is the latest wrinkle in the 20-year-effort to block Yucca, which is to store the nation's waste from nuclear, military and private research reactors.

President Bush, in 2002, accepted the Energy Dept.'s recommendation that Yucca become the final resting place for 77K tons of high-level nuclear waste.

The Energy Dept., on Oct. 10, formalized its intent to ship waste via a 330-mile Caliente rail corridor to Yucca.

The decision signals completion of the DOE's environmental studies about the impact of the line. The Government also announced a plan to allow ranchers and farmers access to the line when it is not used for shipping nuclear waste.

FOE, which opposes all shipment of nuke waste via rail or truck along the nation's arteries, is urging supporters to petition the Surface Transportation Board to block the new Caliente line because of concern over terrorism, accidents and potential spills.

Legal challenges to Caliente are on tap.

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**Responses:**



### Preferred nuclear waste route

The Energy Department identified the Caliente corridor as the agency's preference for construction of a rail line to deliver spent nuclear fuel and highly radioactive waste to the planned Yucca Mountain repository. A second choice would be the Carlin corridor because of its remote location.



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