



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR POWER

FROM: David L. Lovell, Senior Analyst

RE: Nevada Tour Plans

DATE: September 22, 2006 (Revised October 23, 2006)

Please note the following regarding the Special Committee's tour of Yucca Mountain, Nevada:

- The tour is on ***Tuesday, December 5, from 7:00 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m.***, so plan to arrive the night before and to return to Wisconsin either the day after or in the evening of the tour day.
- Please contact the Atrium Suites Hotel to reserve a room under ***the "CSG Wisconsin" group code***, as outlined in the enclosed travel instructions. The deadline for making a hotel reservation at the group rate is ***November 20***. CSG will not reimburse hotel bills above this rate, nor will CSG reimburse hotel bills for nights other than December 4 and 5.
- Please complete the ***access information form*** (for security clearance – copy enclosed) and return it to Kelly Mautz at the Legislative Council staff offices, by ***October 27, 2006***.

At the September 14 meeting of your committee, there was discussion of a group fare to Nevada on Midwest Airlines for committee members. After further enquiries, it appears that a group fare would not be advantageous. (The standard fares available on September 15 were ***less*** than the group fare available on that date.) So, committee members should proceed to make airline reservations soon, to ensure the best possible fares.

On a separate matter, we have recently become aware of another project that may be of interest to committee members. It is a 64 MW concentrating solar power (CSP) facility being constructed by Solargenix at Boulder City, NV, called Nevada Solar One. The CSP technology used in this project is an array of parabolic reflectors that concentrate sunlight, producing enough heat to make superheated steam, which is used to turn a turbine and generate electricity. A Solargenix press release describes it as "one of the major renewable energy success stories of the past 2 decades." It has been developed in

cooperation with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Solargenix personnel have agreed to give a tour of the facility to any interested members of the committee the afternoon before our tour of Yucca Mountain – **3 p.m., Monday, December 4**. If you want to join us, be sure that your travel plans get you to Nevada early enough on Monday for this tour. Boulder City is less than 30 miles southwest from the McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas. You will need to arrange your own transportation to the facility. Participants may want to rent a car or van, and share the cost of the rental among the passengers.

Please note that the Solargenix tour is **not** part of the Yucca Mountain tour and is **not** an official activity of the committee; rather it is an activity that John and I have arranged for ourselves and invite committee members to join. Participants in this tour are responsible for transportation logistics for the Solargenix tour and any expenses incurred as part of that tour.

Note, too, that the Hoover Dam is close to the Solargenix site. Anyone interested could tour that facility before the Solargenix tour.

If you are interested in joining us on the Solargenix tour or if you have questions about either tour, please contact one of us or Kelly Mautz, at the Legislative Council staff offices.

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