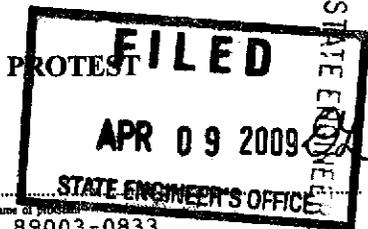


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 77898
FILED BY US Department of Energy
ON January 20, 2009, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Basin #228, Oasis Valley



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Comes now George & LaRene Younghans
whose post office address is P.O. Box 833, Beatty, NV 89003-0833
whose occupation is Rancher and protests the granting
of Application Number 77898, filed on January 20, 2009
by US Department of Energy to appropriate the
waters of Basin #228, Oasis Valley situated in Nye

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

It is our contention that approval of this application may have a negative impact on the numerous springs in this groundwater basin. Also, it will impair existing water rights in the basin, which threatens to prove to be detrimental to the public interest and could threaten the Amargosa Toad habitat. Last and not least, we are against the Yucca Mountain Project.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be Denied

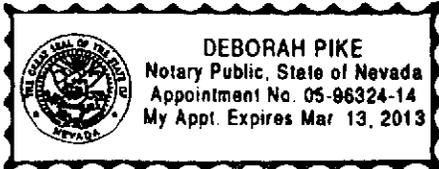
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed George & LaRene Younghans
Agent or protestant

George & LaRene Younghans

Address P.O. Box 833
Beatty, NV 89003

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of April, 2009



Deborah Pike
Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Nye

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