

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 77903,  
FILED BY US Department of Energy  
ON January 20, 2009, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Basin #228, Oasis Valley

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**PROTEST**  
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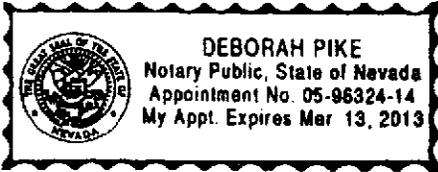
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Comes now George & LaRene Younghans  
whose post office address is P.O. Box 833, Beatty, NV 89003-0833  
whose occupation is Rancher and protests the granting  
of Application Number 77903, filed on January 20, 2009  
by US Department of Energy to 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  
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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