

## Statement by the U.S. Nuclear Industry Council

*On the U.S. House of Representatives' passage of the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendment Act (H.R. 3053) by a vote of 340 – 72 on May 10, 2018.*

The overwhelming, bipartisan support for long overdue tangible action on the Yucca Mountain national repository and consolidated storage is good news for nuclear energy, American taxpayers and the 121 communities in 39 states with stranded commercial spent fuel or defense waste in need of a final disposal solution.

The landmark House vote is a testament to the need to address this national issue. It is also a wake-up call for the U.S. Senate to step up to the plate by following the House's lead to address this national priority by enacting legislation in 2018 and appropriating funds in FY2019 for completion of Yucca Mountain licensing and initiation of private-sector consolidated storage. It is time for the Senate to move beyond the status quo and the politics of this issue

This Herculean legislative achievement reflects the tireless work of HR 3053's principal sponsors House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee Chairman John Shimkus and Subcommittee Ranking Member Paul Tonko as well as the leadership of House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden and Ranking Member Frank Pallone — and their collective staffs. We salute them on a job well done.

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### **Attachments:**

**U.S. House Energy and Commerce H.R. 3053 link:**

<https://energycommerce.house.gov/nwpaa/>

**Joint Industry Letter:**

<http://files.constantcontact.com/14bf1850201/4c963038-5440-4ff2-be64-883b19cad1e0.pdf>

**USNIC Policy Brief:**

<http://files.constantcontact.com/14bf1850201/c686d5ff-756d-4a33-85ee-cec3bd5b5c3d.pdf>