

## Amendment No. 105

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5 (BDR R-895)

**Proposed by:** Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining**Amends:** Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No

| ASSEMBLY ACTION |                          |      |                          | Initial and Date | SENATE ACTION |                          |      |                          | Initial and Date |
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) ***blue bold italics*** is new language in the original bill; (2) ***green bold italic underlining*** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) ***green bold underlining*** is newly added transitory language.

JRS/WLK



Date: 3/30/2011

A.J.R. No. 5—Urges the Federal Government to engage in discussions regarding the mitigation of water contamination in Nevada which resulted from certain nuclear activities that were conducted in this State by the Federal Government. (BDR R-895)



ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5—ASSEMBLYMEN GOEDHART; AIZLEY, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HAMBRICK, HAMMOND, HANSEN, HARDY, HICKEY, KIRNER, KITE, SHERWOOD, STEWART AND WOODBURY

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS HARDY; CEGAVSKE, GUSTAVSON, HALSETH, RHOADS AND SETTELMAYER

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,  
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Urges the Federal Government to engage in discussions regarding the mitigation and containment of water contamination in Nevada which resulted from certain nuclear activities that were conducted in this State by the Federal Government. (BDR R-895)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the Federal Government to engage in discussions with the State of Nevada and Nye County, Nevada, regarding the mitigation and containment of water contamination in Nevada which resulted from certain nuclear testing and storage activities that were conducted by the Federal Government in Nye County, Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has conducted numerous public, secret  
2 and classified activities and military exercises in Nevada that have resulted in the  
3 contamination of the water supply in this State with radioactive material and other  
4 hazardous contaminants; and

5 WHEREAS, The Nevada National Security Site, formerly the Nevada Test Site,  
6 which is located in Nye County, Nevada, approximately 40 miles north of  
7 Pahrump, Nevada, and 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada, was established  
8 by the Federal Government in 1950 for the purposes of detonating nuclear devices  
9 and conducting other public, secret and classified nuclear tests in connection with  
10 the research and development of nuclear weapons for use by the Armed Forces of  
11 the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, From 1951 until 1992, the Federal Government conducted 100  
2 atmospheric nuclear tests and 828 underground nuclear tests at the Nevada National  
3 Security Site, which resulted in the detonation of 1,021 nuclear devices; and

4 WHEREAS, Approximately one-third of the underground nuclear tests at the  
5 Nevada National Security Site were conducted directly in aquifers, and many other  
6 underground tests were conducted above and below the water table; and

7 WHEREAS, Radioactive particles have migrated via water from the Paiute Mesa  
8 area of the Nevada National Security Site toward Beatty, Nevada; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Energy has estimated that nuclear  
10 testing at the Nevada National Security Site left behind more than 300 million  
11 curies of radionuclides, making the Site one of the most radioactively contaminated  
12 places in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1961, Area 5 and Area 3 within the Nevada National Security  
14 Site have been primary storage and disposal sites of the Federal Government for  
15 low-level and mixed low-level radioactive waste; and

16 WHEREAS, A study conducted on behalf of Nye County concluded that nuclear  
17 testing at the Nevada National Security Site has polluted approximately 1.6 trillion  
18 gallons of water in this State; and

19 WHEREAS, The aforementioned activities of the Federal Government in Nevada  
20 have had a deleterious effect on the environment of this State and have resulted in  
21 the contamination of the interconnected surface and subsurface waters, groundwater  
22 and aquifers of a large geographic area of Nevada with radioactive and other  
23 contaminants; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,  
25 That the members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature respectfully urge  
26 the Federal Government to engage in discussions with the State of Nevada and Nye  
27 County, Nevada, regarding ~~the~~ :

28 1. The mitigation and containment of water contamination in Nevada which  
29 resulted from nuclear testing and storage activities that were conducted by the  
30 Federal Government at the Nevada National Security Site; and

31 2. The restoration of any water contaminated because of those activities;  
32 and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy  
34 of this resolution to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, the  
35 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Administrator of the Environmental  
36 Protection Agency and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and  
37 be it further

38 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.