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In *The Road to Yucca Mountain*, J. Samuel Walker traces the U.S. government's tangled efforts to solve the technical and political problems associated with radioactive waste. From the Manhattan Project through the designation in 1987 of Yucca Mountain in Nevada as a high-level waste repository, Walker thoroughly investigates the approaches adopted by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). He explains the growing criticism of the AEC's waste programs, such as the AEC's embarrassing failure in its first serious effort to build a high-level waste repository in a Kansas salt mine. Clearly and accessibly, Walker explains the issues surrounding deep geological disposal and surface storage of high-level waste and spent reactor fuel. He analyzes the equally complex and divisive question of fuel "reprocessing." He weaves reliable research with fresh insights about nuclear science,

geology, politics, and public administration, making this original and authoritative account an essential guide for understanding the continuing controversy over an illusive and emotional topic.

About the Author

J. Samuel Walker is the historian of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He is the author of *Three Mile Island: A Nuclear Crisis in Historical Perspective* and *Permissible Dose: A History of Radiation Protection in the Twentieth Century* as well as *Containing the Atom: Nuclear Regulation in a Changing Environment, 1963-1971*, all from UC Press.

Reviews

“A valuable account of the history/ongoing issues related to this significant problem. . . . Recommended.”—*Choice*

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“Engaging, concise, and disturbing. . . . [Walker] translates the issue of nuclear waste history into a contemporary topic to be discussed and understood as we approach a new nuclear power revival.”—*Metascience*

“Walker’s history of U.S. nuclear waste management provides a clear reminder of the potential pitfalls of disposal of this material...to ignore these is to invite failure yet again.”—*Journal Of American History*

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