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## **Do Benefits for oil in Alaska mean benefits for nuclear waste in Nevada?**

*The Alaska Permanent Fund was established through a constitutional amendment approved by Alaska voters in 1976. The Fund is supported by private oil companies that pay a portion of their revenues to the state. Alaska in return invests those revenues in a broad portfolio and in turn pays cash dividends to all residents on an annual basis.*

- **The Alaska Permanent Fund was legislatively established to distribute funds to the citizens of Alaska as compensation for private use of their lands and the taking of natural resources. Oil is a natural resource in Alaska. Nuclear waste is *not a natural resource and is considered a liability from a public health, safety and security standpoint.***
- **All the natural resources in Alaska belong to the state to be used, developed and conserved for the maximum benefit of Alaskans. *In Nevada the majority of natural resources are under the control of the Federal Government.***
- **The Permanent Fund provides Alaska residents with a share of the privatized wealth of a publicly owned asset. *Yucca Mountain's nuclear waste would not be publicly owned.***
- **Public ownership of the oil fields in Alaska means that the people own the resource and the revenues from the sale of these assets. The people of Nevada *will have no ownership over the nuclear waste.***