

# NYE COUNTY COOPERATING AGENCY ON REPOSITORY SEIS

Nye County, site of the proposed repository,  
requested and was granted cooperating agency status.

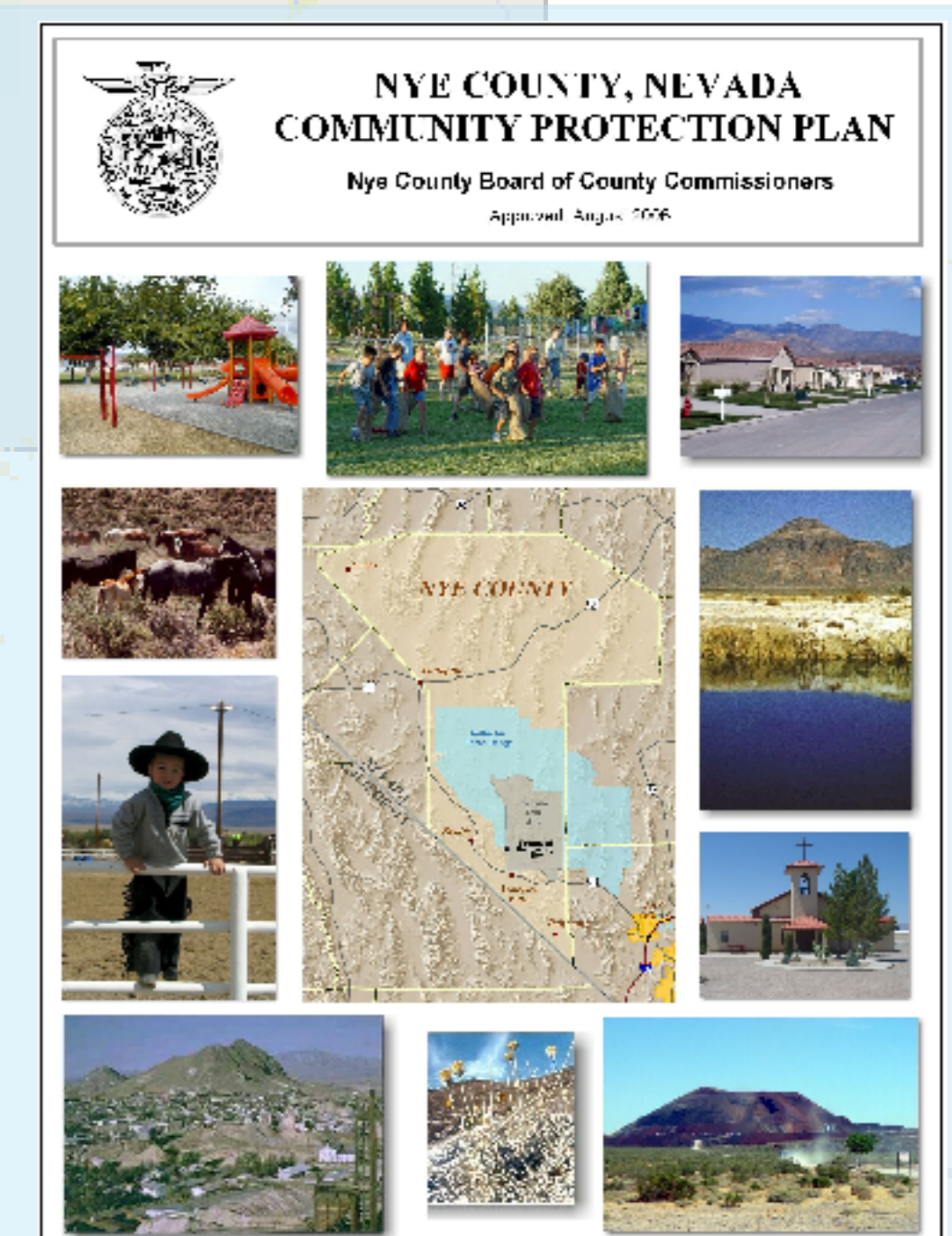
## WHAT IS A COOPERATING AGENCY?

- A local agency with special expertise with respect to environmental, social, or economic impacts involved in a proposed Federal action may become a cooperating agency (40 CFR 1508.5)
  - Cooperating status is a major component of stakeholder involvement
  - Does not diminish decision-making authority of the lead agency
  - Establishes mechanism for addressing intergovernmental issues
  - Requires Memorandum of Understanding and capability to participate



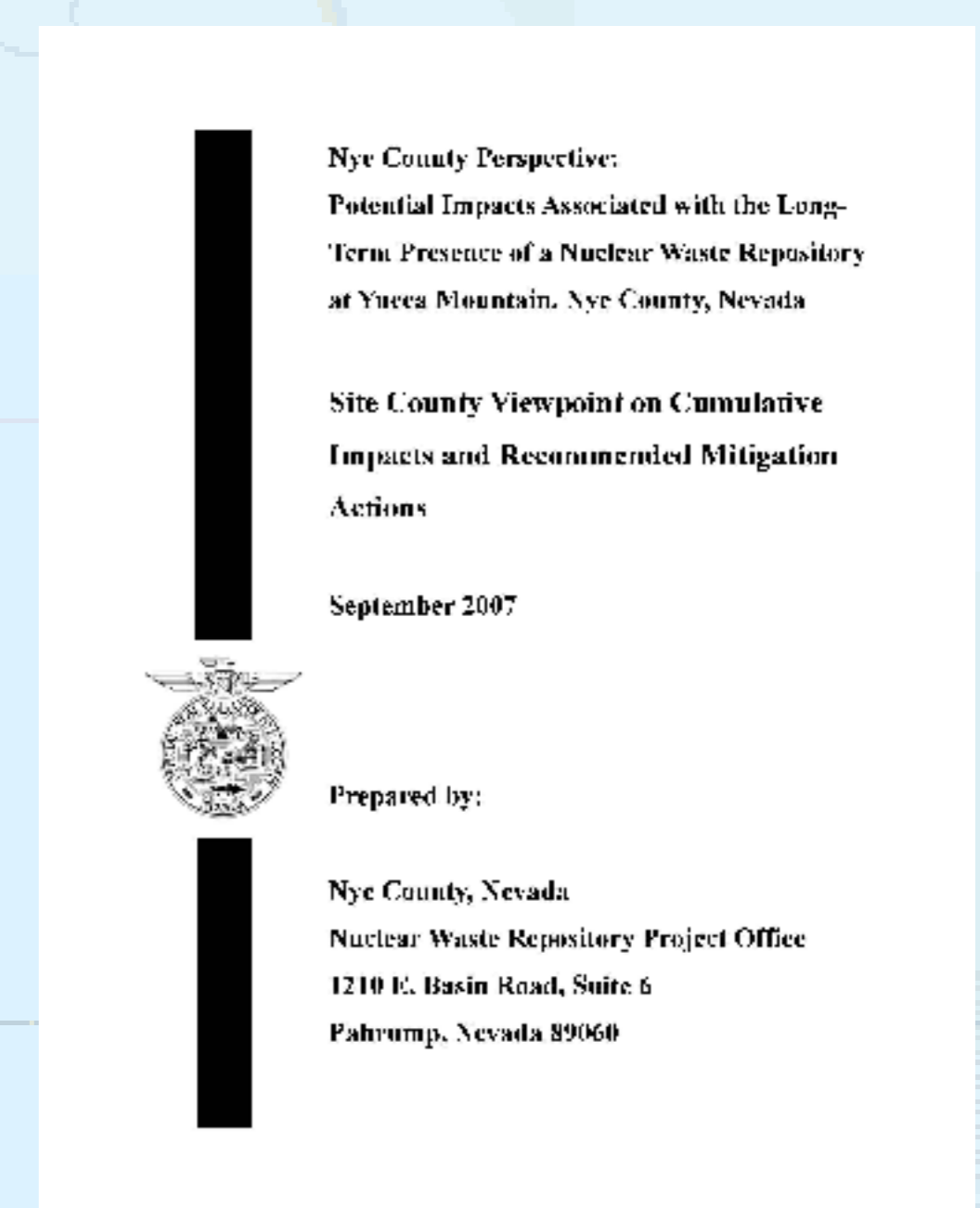
## WHY DID NYE COUNTY REQUEST COOPERATING STATUS?

- Consistent with and supports county policy
  - Nye County "believes the project should be conducted under conditions that ensure the safety of its citizens and that provide for long-term success" (Community Protection Plan, Approved August 2006)
  - Nye County intends to "engage energetically and constructively" with DOE as the project proceeds (Board of Commissioners Resolution 2002-22)



## SCOPE OF PARTICIPATION

- Provided input directly relevant to analysis of impacts on Nye County
- Participated in review and comment resolution on preliminary draft SEIS
- Perspective on cumulative impacts incorporated in Section 8.6.2
- Perspective on mitigation incorporated in Section 9.2.3
- Scoping comment on alternative residency scenario for socioeconomic analysis incorporated in Appendix A.4



## MONITORING AND MITIGATION

- Nye County and DOE offer different perspectives regarding the potential impacts from the Proposed Action
- Because of uncertainty about future conditions, the county believes that conclusions about potential impacts should be continuously assessed and evaluated through an appropriate monitoring program
- Nye County recommends that DOE adopt an adaptive management approach to monitor and adapt to changing environmental, social, and economic conditions in Nye County, especially in the communities nearest to the proposed geologic repository

