



## **Report on ANI's 2003 Annual Meeting**

On March 27 and 28, 2003, member company representatives participated in ANI's Annual Meeting and a tour of the Yucca Mountain project, the site selected as the United States spent nuclear fuel repository. Yucca Mountain, located approximately 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada is scheduled to be operational in 2010.

The site currently has a five mile, twenty five foot diameter primary tunnel with a number of research alcoves. Tour participants were taken approximately 1,000 feet below ground and three miles into the primary tunnel to view various research and data gathering projects.

Participants were also shown the boring machine used to simultaneously bore the primary tunnel and install tram tracks, air circulation duct vents and a debris conveyor.

The tour, provided by the Department of Energy, was both interesting and educational. Former Nevada Governor, Robert List, was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting and provided insight on the process of obtaining approvals to begin operations at Yucca Mountain.

The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) is a program of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) assigned to develop and manage a federal system for disposing of spent nuclear fuel from commercial nuclear reactors and high-level radioactive waste from national defense activities. For more information, see: <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov/about/index.shtml>.