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8 SEP 27 1999 MR. BROWN: Our final scheduled speaker is
9 Matteo Ferreira.

10 MR. FERREIRA: Good evening. He came from work
11 with me. I'm sorry I missed the DOE's presentation because I'm
12 just coming in from the long drive.

13 I was just going to start off, I was wondering
14 how many folks are here from the DOE since all of you -- could
15 I see how many hands there are? Are you gentleman in the back
16 part of the -- okay.

17 I don't want to offend anybody here, but I think
18 that this draft of the Environmental Impact Statement isn't
19 good enough to call a draft.

20 Especially with the speaker before mentioned
21 where the ideas for storing it on-site seen as no action.
22 That's just wrong.

23 They're telling us complete lies about that.
24 They say they've got to get it off-site because of where it's
25 at isn't safe, but as soon as they take that fuel, that spent

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1 fuel rods out of the pooling ponds it park it over here on the
continued 2 Test Site while they wait for Yucca Mountain to get ready,
3 they're going to refill those pools with the other spent fuel
4 rods that are in reactors now, so those facilities are going to
5 continue to be containing radioactive wastes.

6 So they got to learn how to contain it on-site no
7 matter what, anyway. So the idea that they got to get from
8 those other sites --

9 I was born in Michigan around the Great Lakes. I
10 appreciate that we have a problem here with reactors right on
2 11 the lake that we got to deal with, but just sweeping it under
12 the rug over here in Nevada is wrong.

13 And this Environmental Impact Statement doesn't
14 really even address that alternative, and so go back to the
15 table on this, come back with something that we can really look
16 at and consider, you know, whether or not -- the citizens of
17 this area, we have to consider whether this is acceptable or
18 not.]

19 If we know the full reality, not what you want us
20 to believe.

21 I came here in 1989, and the gentleman here, I
22 have a lot of respect for you. I'm from farming. I've worked
23 in the dairies, but the gentleman mentioned he worked at the
24 Test Site.

25 I came out here protesting and I fell in love

1 with this land. I began to understand it.

2 You know, they tell us we only got five inches of
3 rain a year, so we don't have to -- he's been in the car all
4 day. I'm sorry.

5 But they tell us we only get five inches of rain
6 a year. When I walk around, I spend a lot of time on Yucca
7 Mountain walking around.

8 There's big gullies right now. You try to drive
9 up the BLM road up Yucca Mountain and it's washed out. Five
10 inches of rain a year won't wash it out like that.

11 We get a lot of rain one year and then a couple
12 years we don't get no rain at all, so they average things out.
13 They come up with these working models that don't work.

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14 We know that for sure right now because, you
15 know, back in the '90s when we were setting off the bombs in
16 the ground, we said, "Hey, that's going to contaminate the
17 groundwater."

18 They said, "Oh, no. It's not going to
19 contaminate the groundwater. It's going to be contained."
20 These bombs are going go off, they create these blasts pops
21 underneath and that bomb is so hot, it just melts everything
22 around it. There's no problems here.

23 Even if it does get into the groundwater, that
24 groundwater will never move.

25 Now they're talking about plumes underwater,

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1 underground. I was so disgusted the other way. I know this
2 DOE is putting this information out. You guys are liable to
3 us. You're going to have to live with yourselves.

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4 They say that the contamination from Yucca
5 Mountain won't even compare to the contamination already done
6 at the Test Site.

7 Well, that -- that's ludicrous. What -- you
8 know, I've got friends and elders that I've seen go through
9 alcoholism. They go to the doctor. The doctor doesn't say,
10 "Well, drink some more because your liver's already gone,
11 anyway. You might as well enjoy it."

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12 So what are we going to do? We're sitting out
13 here. First they said, "Don't worry about it, folks. It's
14 never going to move, the groundwater even if it does get
15 contaminated."

16 "Well, it's moved a mile away from the site.
17 We've detected the radiation in the groundwater. Maybe our
18 models weren't right, so we're figuring 10,000 years before it
19 reaches Death Valley."

20 What gives them the right to say that the future
21 generations -- and I don't see children here too much tonight
22 because they're at home. They got to get ready for school
23 tomorrow, but they're the ones and their children down the
24 line.

25 You tell me that he and I can never hike on Yucca

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1 Mountain again once you guys get your thing going there and he
2 can't bring his kids out here and go -- you know, I had my
3 grandpa out here teaching me how to build or how to pray for
4 the land, but now you can't go there because they decided that
5 it's not worth it. Who gave you that right?

6 And then we're looking at the situation that they
7 say twelve miles from there, which I just found out tonight is
8 in this town. You're going to be getting one x-ray a year if
9 you live at the twelve-mile parameter line they're coming up
10 with.

11 That's what the EPA wants. The NRC wants you to
12 have a little bit more.

13 Well, how do they know that?

14 And then what happens at six miles into the
15 animal life or what happens to animal life that spends a lot of
16 time up there and then come out here? What happens a thousand
17 years from now? They say in a million years.

18 They use all these big numbers that I don't
19 understand. I'm only going to be getting 89 millirems a year
20 at the twelve-mile line.

21 I want know who thinks they could predict
22 anything that's going to happen in a million years. These guys
23 can't even tell us what's going to happen in ten years.

24 I do -- work for a lot of different companies
25 because I'm one of those folks who come out here as a protester

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1 and found myself being here, so I do groundwater remediation
2 work.
3 I worked at the Federal Building down there. I'm
4 the guy that goes out and lays the hoses and the PVC pipe and
5 making systems go that clean the groundwater under Las Vegas,
6 and I see what they're -- how they're supposed to have us
7 trained to deal with this stuff, and when they dump it into the
8 wash, that water is barely cleaner than when we pulled it out.

9 It's contaminated from the leaking gasoline
10 tanks, from the diesel fuel, from the chemical plants, and all
11 that stuff's happening in the last twenty years, and now you
12 folks want us to believe that you can tell us what's going to
13 happen 10,000 years from now?

14 MR. BROWN: Five minutes.

15 MR. FERREIRA: I'll wrap up.

16 You know, I learned a lot already by being here
17 tonight and I appreciate the Nye County folks because -- okay.
18 He wants to say a couple things, so I'll close it. Then you
19 wait. All right.

20 Well, you know, I'd like Taro to have the last
21 word. He's spent a little bit of time walking around up on
22 Yucca Mountain.

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23 There's such a beautiful place. There's area
24 where you can walk on the Test Site and see. There's children
25 who have lived there who grew up there and are going to from

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continued 1 now on into the future, and the DOE, Department of Energy needs
2 to look at it on-site container.

3 They know that's the right way to go. You know
4 it's the right way to go, and just because you've thrown away
5 four billions dollars out there doesn't mean you're going to
6 railroad over the people of this land.

7 So thank you.

8 MR. BROWN: Thanks so much.

9 Is there anyone else at this point? Yes. If you
10 can identify yourself.