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MR. CLEVELAND: Thank you. David Cleveland,

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1 Pahrump resident.

2 I'm the president of Valley Homes here in town,  
3 formerly Valley Mobile Homes. I'm past chairman of the  
4 Planning Board, sat on the board for four years. I'm also past  
5 chairman of the Incorporation Committee for the Town of  
6 Pahrump.

7 I've studied and watched the transportation  
8 studies for this Yucca Mountain and I'm quite appalled.

1... 9 As we look up on the map of the summary, if we  
10 look at the Environmental Impact Statement, we'll find Pahrump  
11 listed on the map, but they have two proposed railway routes  
12 going along Highway 160 to the east up on alluvial fan and  
13 Pahrump's not even shown on the map.

14 I apologize that I've had a lack of time to  
15 review these 50,000 pages of documents and pages in the  
16 Environmental Impact Statement, but I want to make a few points  
17 tonight that you need to address.

2 18 First off, this is the public notice of our  
19 meeting. Note the lack of attendance tonight, because the  
20 official notice fails to put Pahrump on the notice. It has  
21 Amargosa and Las Vegas. You failed to notify the community of  
22 Pahrump of your hearing.

3... 23 So first off, I request for the Town of Pahrump  
24 another hearing before February 9th, which should actually be  
25 February 13th for the ending of our impact because that's when

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1 it was registered as August 13th.

2 I brought some Imodium for acid.

3 They propose to put two rail -- a railroad route  
4 on the alluvial fan above Pahrump. There's a lot of issues  
5 they failed to impact.

6 This is a flood map that our government came in  
7 and did. Well, this is Wheeler Pass Road. Wheeler Pass is a  
8 major fault line. They can't -- don't know where it ends.

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9 I'll show you the map in a second, but it just  
10 happens that this area every hundred years is supposed to  
11 flood. That's 29,000 -- or excuse me. 1.293 billion gallons  
12 of water will come down Wheeler Pass and flood Pahrump.

13 Now you're going to have to put up a big  
14 retention basin that you haven't addressed if you're going to  
15 put a railroad up there.

16 This was the map that shows the trans -- road  
17 transportation and our County Commissioners on August 18th of  
18 last year proposed railway is the top possible transportation.

19 If they would have bothered to look at the road  
20 routes, Pahrump wasn't shown as a major arterial route.

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21 Instead we have in our summary two railroad  
22 routes going through Pahrump, and Pahrump's not listed on the  
23 map.

24 It's amazing that if you go to Les Bradshaw's  
25 office and you call and you ask him for our county population

1 for 1990, every month I got letters from him and population  
2 studies and amazingly these documents are no longer available.  
3 They've been purged since 1994.

4 If you read the Environmental Impact Statement,  
5 they estimate our population in Pahrump to be 16,800 in the  
6 year 2000. We're now double that.

7 If you look at the -- the baseline ec --  
8 population estimates and you draw the graph -- it comes from  
5... 9 his office -- we're going to be guaranteed 45,000 people in the  
10 year 2005 before they'll even start construction up on the  
11 railway.

12 What was amazing to me about the -- the summary  
13 or in the impact statement was the bomb that went off. This is  
14 a radius of fifty miles. Pahrump's in it.

15 It shows population 16,800, and they don't want  
16 to address sabotage.

17 Isn't it amazing that -- Mr. Reagan allowed us to  
18 take in ten percent of outside nuclear storage to include high-  
19 level plutonium, and in our impact statement, they say that  
20 sabotage is very unlikely, yet -- yet we -- we're going to be  
21 out here in the middle of nowhere on a railway and all it's  
22 going to take is a couple turns of dynamite to blow it up and  
23 to get to that plutonium.

6... 24 The -- I happen to have brought a seismic map for  
25 the area that you're proposing to bring across our Pahrump.

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1 This is Highway 160. Because of -- thank you very much.

2 Because of the alluvial fan, we can't quite see  
3 all the faults, but what we can see before the alluvial fan is  
4 the Lee Canyon Thrust, you've got the Wheeler Pass Thrust. It  
5 comes clear down to here. The alluvial starts. You can't see  
6 it any farther.

7 There's been no studies on this. They're going  
8 to put a railway over a possible earthquake fault.

9 On the back of this, it shows that this is going  
10 to go through the Keystone Thrust, through the Lee Canyon  
11 Thrust, through the Wheeler Pass Thrust, and they haven't  
12 addressed these issues.

13 MR. BROWN: Five minutes have elapsed.

14 MR. CLEVELAND: I'm sorry. There was no time  
15 limit on my appointment. I'm just about through.

16 Isn't -- isn't it amazing that the proposed  
17 railroad route happens to follow the Valley Electric easement  
18 lines coming from Jean?

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19 And -- and -- and I happen to notice that -- that  
20 we rendered into an agreement with Yucca Mountain to provide  
21 them with power.

22 I would like to see Valley Electric provide me  
23 with a written copy of that agreement to see in fact if they  
24 made agreements with the Department of Energy to allow  
25 transportation along the east side of 160 along their easement

...7 | 1 | corridor for power.

2 | | And I apologize that I haven't been pared --

3 | | prepared for this.

8. | 4 | The population studies suck. You're wrong.

5 | | You're wrong.

6 | | There was no public notice posted. I flat

...3 | 7 | clearly made that statement. You have to have another hearing

8 | | here in Pahrump.

9 | | What about the lack of payments equal to taxes

10 | | for our county? You have an Environmental Impact Statement.

9 | 11 | What about the socioeconomic impacts and what are you going to

12 | | do for us here in Pahrump and for Nye County? You've done

13 | | crap.

10 | 14 | 160 days, August 13th. A statement period should

15 | | end February 13th. It's on the Federal Register.

16 | | Indemnification. Didn't want to hear that word,

17 | | did ya? You haven't addressed indemnification. What happens

11... | 18 | if in during the transportation? Oh, sure, Yucca Mountain's

19 | | indemnified. What about the transportation of these nuclear

20 | | wastes? What happens if we have a spill.

21 | | Who's insuring this? Who's going to pay my

22 | | family a thousand years from now the compensation for the

23 | | accidents that may occur?

24 | | Heck, twenty years from now, you're going to be

25 | | transporting for 23 years a rail shipment everyday, two -- a

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...1 | 1 half a million pounds of nuclear waste everyday for 23 years.

...6 | 2 Sabotage. What about plutonium transportation,  
3 huh? Now you're going to tell me terrorists aren't interested  
4 in this?

12 5 [ Water. You know, we got the second largest  
6 aquifer clearly in the United States. In this Environmental  
7 Impact Statement, they're clearly stating that the Amargosa  
8 basin is going to become contaminated.

9 How are they -- what water rights have they  
10 bought to provide water for the community? [ We're going to be  
13 11 the third largest city in the State of Nevada guaranteed within  
12 twenty-five years.

13 You'll still be transporting waste and you'll be  
14 talking about a hundred million dollar annual impact.

15 Yeah, well why don't you project all that out  
16 and -- and show our community that you're not going to have  
17 that impact to Las Vegas or Pahrump by our seniors wanting to  
18 move into this community seeing these railroads go by everyday. ]

19 And what's really strange about all this -- and  
20 I'm sure you've all heard -- is the fact that Japan tonight,  
21 there's 300,000 people locked in their homes and we have the  
22 largest single nuclear accident in the world occur and we ain't  
23 getting all the news about it.

24 People have died already, we know that, and --  
25 and this is going to have the largest impact.

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1                   We are clearly the largest community that's going  
2 to be impacted because of Yucca Mountain, and -- and -- and  
14 3 here tonight or today, here's a big sign, and -- [and my  
4 resolution to this problem, and I ask you all to get up here  
5 tonight and ask for no action alternative.]

6                   Thank you.

7                   MR. BROWN: Our next speaker is Ginger Swartz  
8 representing the State of Nevada.