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16 MR. VILJOE: I'm Ben Viljoe, Esmeralda County

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Commission. I won't go into any great detail. The County's

18 planning to put together in writing our -- our views on this --

19 I don't want to get in over my head, but the big -- the big

20 thing to me on this is no mitigation.

21 I know my background is mining. If you're going

22 to do an EIS for a mining project, everything has to be -- has

23 to be addressed and then how you're going to remedy the

24 problem.

25 Here they make mention of a problem here and

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1 there and we'll deal with it. That isn't good enough.

2 If the simple ma and pa mining operation is --
3 has to go by these rules, then the Federal Government surely
4 ought to be able to -- to follow the same rules.

1 5 [In this huge report, I believe Esmeralda County
6 is mentioned six times. We're non-existent. The population
2 7 numbers are -- are wrong.] Again, [no mitigation.

8 No mention of the fact that the town water system
9 for Goldfield is pumped thirteen miles out in the flats right
10 alongside the highway into town.]

11 They do make short mention of this curve out here
12 which a truck 200 feet long won't make it around, and we can go
13 on and on and on, but I'm up here in support of the people that
14 have very good issues, and thanks for Nye County to send Jamie
15 up to put in their best work.

16 Thank you very much.

17 MR. LAWSON: Thank you.

18 MR. SKIPPER: Thank you for your comment.

19 MR. LAWSON: Mr. Walker.

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20 MR. WALKER: I'm less familiar -- I'm less
21 familiar with this aspect of Nye County's point of view.