

8 MR. ARNOLD: Good afternoon. Thank you for  
9 holding the hearing. My name is Ed Arnold; I'm  
10 the executive director of Physicians for Social  
11 Responsibility in Atlanta, although my comments --  
12 please don't construe them as official comments of  
13 PSR; they're not. I'm here as an individual. I  
14 came to listen, primarily. I'm really sorry that  
15 there aren't more people from industry still here.  
16 I listened to them, and I was hoping they would  
17 stay and listen to me.

1... 18 [I find this process troubling. We were given  
19 a very brief overview of the situation which  
20 necessarily omitted a lot of information that  
21 would be important for us to know. Very few of us  
22 have or will read the entire environmental impact  
23 statement. I'm struck that there's a prejudice  
2 24 presented that I sense.] [Just as an example,  
25 several times in the opening remarks there was the

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1 comment that there are 77 storage sites now, and  
2 not a mention was made that immediately upon  
3 leaving one of those storage sites there would be  
4 one more, on the truck. And there wasn't any  
5 mention that once it arrives wherever it's going,  
6 that there will be one more and that for many,  
7 many years, for decades, there will be not 77  
8 storage sites in the country but many more. There  
9 will be temporary storage sites on the roads and,  
10 of course, the repository will be an additional  
11 one.]

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12 [Contrasting that with no-option -- I don't  
13 know, whatever you call that -- as if that would  
14 be the permanent solution -- You know, if we delay  
15 and consider other choices, that's not forever.]

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(cont'd.)

16 [So the framing of this guides us towards a  
17 selection, and I don't know what's driving that  
18 prejudice. I wish I did.] Speaking to that, I  
19 wish that I further understood all the support  
20 from industry; short-term economics, perhaps. But  
21 I would love to be able to dialogue about it, have  
22 a really earnest dialogue about that with people  
23 from industry who are here who are supporting this  
24 EIS and the whole process. Somebody from Duke  
4 25 Power said that yes, [these things have been proven

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1 safe, these casks. And that's not true. They  
2 haven't been proven safe. They satisfied some  
3 low-level tests, but they haven't been proven  
4 safe. So there are a lot of inconsistencies, and  
5 I invite whoever's still here, including the DOE  
6 and other federal agencies, to come with us  
7 citizens and perhaps some nonprofit organizations  
8 and discuss this in earnest. And I think that we  
9 can find a lot of common threads or common  
10 interests. We'll certainly find some differences  
11 which, hopefully, we can narrow as we sit down and  
12 really become real people with each other without  
13 this positioning I've heard today. Thank you  
14 again.

15 MR. LAWSON: Thank you, sir.

16 MS. SWEENEY: Thank you.

17 MR. LAWSON: Our next speaker is Pat  
18 Ortmeier, to be followed by Bobbie Wrenn Banks and  
19 by Mary Olsen.