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10 MR. VASCONI: Bill Vasconi, Las Vegas,
11 Nevada. Although I was born and raised in the
12 hills of Pennsylvania, I've been a Nevada
13 resident for 36 years. Nevada is my home.

1 14 Affected units of local government.
15 I, as a concerned citizen, would like to say that
16 we do appreciate your efforts. And I hope that
17 the EIS, and those involved with the EIS, will
18 spend more time with the affected units of local
19 government.

20 You know, we talk about White Pine,
21 Lincoln counties. I'm sure those people
22 representing the EIS, draft EIS, realize that
23 we're not talking big populations. Correct me if
24 I'm wrong, I think White Pine sits somewhere in
25 the neighborhood of 10,000 people, and I think

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1 that Lincoln County probably sits somewhere in
2 the neighborhood of 5,000 people. But the point a
3 lot of folks would like to make, is ^{ir}irregardless
4 of what routes are chosen, you'll be coming
5 through that populated section of those counties.

6 Now, you know, there's a lot of talk
7 about alternate routes. It only takes a quick
8 look at a Nevada map to realize there's not many
9 alternate routes. Our mountains run north and
10 south, and there's a road down in the valley. So
11 when you say, haven't designated an alternate
12 route, they're going to be hard-pressed to come
13 up with too many alternate routes.

14 Some meetings we attend, NRC, or the
15 Department of Transportation, because Yucca
16 Mountain is yet to be a repository, yet there's
17 thousands of shipments of low-level wastes. And
18 they're using the same roads that they're going
19 to utilize on the high-level.

20 The major source of concern to the
21 people living in White Pine County, and
22 particularly in the Ely vicinity, is the
23 transportation of this material. With the
24 apparent objections of the gaming industry, as
25 expressed by the politicians, and as that

6 cont. 1 gentleman stated earlier, it is very unlikely any
2 of the identified routes, rail or highway, will
3 go through Clark County.

4 You know, 13 of our 21 State senators
5 are Clark County. 24 of our 26 State reps are
6 Clark County. The vast majority of the gaming is
7 Clark County. Now, when Nevada became a state,
8 that portion of the State still belonged to the
9 New Mexico territory. That broke it down in to
10 Arizona, New Mexico states, which became states
11 some 45, 50 years later. I'm not too sure we
12 shouldn't have just left it with Arizona.

2 13 The draft EIS identifies a number of
14 impacts results from the transportation of a
15 nuclear material on a national level. However,
16 there is no mention of mitigation measures to be
17 taken by the DOE in order to minimize these
18 impacts. The mitigation measures that the DOE
19 will plan to take definitely needs to be
20 addressed in our rural areas.

3... 21 You have another section, [section
22 6.2.4, accident scenarios. Page 6-32. It
23 identifies that approximately four traffic
24 fatalities would occur during the course of
25 transporting the spent nuclear fuel and

3 cont. 1 high-level waste under the mostly legal-weight
2 trucks scenario during the 24 years of operation
3 nationwide.

4 Well, that seems like it's an
5 extremely small number. And, in addition, it does
6 not discuss the injuries due to accidents. White
7 Pine County, with 105 miles of rural, two-lane
8 roads, where automobiles and lightweight trucks
9 travel at high speed, it is likely there will be
10 a number of accidents related to the nuclear
11 waste shipments. White Pine County needs more
12 assurance and assistance from the DOE to be able
13 to have communications equipment, medical
14 facilities, emergency response personnel to
15 provide the necessary care for any injured
16 person.

4... 17 Two more, and I'll be done. [Section
18 6.3.1, impacts of Nevada mostly legal-weight
19 transportation scenario. The EIS identifies
20 there will be an average of 2,100 legal-weight
21 truck shipments per year along with the
22 accompanying escorts. The EIS only considers
23 changes to the traffic level on I-15 and I-95.
24 However, as I stated previously, it is felt that
25 most likely these shipments will be routed around

4 cont. 1 Clark County and Las Vegas. This means as most of
2 the shipments will be coming from the East, they
3 will be coming through Ely and White Pine. This
4 will present a significant increase in the truck
5 traffic in Ely and the County, and the impact of
6 this increase in traffic needs to be addressed in
7 the EIS.

8 During the EIS scoping meetings, it
9 was stated regularly that the EIS will cover the
10 extremities, extremes, and impacts of any
11 variation in traffic will be less than that
12 considered in the EIS. If the legal-weight
13 shipments come on U.S. 93 from I-80, the EIS
14 needs to address this. It needs to address it as
15 far as Nevada. It needs to address it as far as
16 Nevada's affected counties are concerned.

17 Now, I do appreciate you folks coming
18 to White Pine. You ought to take a look at this
19 section of the country. It's beautiful. I don't
20 know what state you guys are from. Most of the
21 time I'm from the state of confusion. But
22 generally I like to get up and speak at these
23 things.

24 Now, I appreciated the folks'
5... 25 questions, and [I appreciated your questions on

5 cont. 1 the railroad. Coming down from Carlin, the
2 Palisades, through Beowawe, and in between Austin
3 and Eureka, down the Smoky Valley, who is going
4 to own that land? Who is going to own those
5 tracks? It's going to be a checkerboard
6 fragmentation of that area.

7 I know there's a lot of resentment to
8 a railroad. But, you know, there's some folks in
9 Nevada that think the railroad is the best idea.
10 Number one, when you folks get done hauling that
11 spent fuel, rods, and defense wastes,
12 geographically, that's the center of our State.
13 And once that nuclear waste is hauled and in
14 place and you decide what the equity issues are
15 and what benefits the people of Nevada can
16 realize, that railroad system in the geographical
17 center of our State -- or opens the center of our
18 State up for economic development, economic
19 issues.] And I think I probably talked long
20 enough, folks. Thank you. Thank you, again.

21 MR. SKIPPER: Thank you for your comments.

22 THE FACILITATOR: Thank you. Our next
23 speaker is Elizabeth Risiden. And Ms. Risiden
24 will be followed by Sylvia Baker.

25 MS. RISIDEN: Good afternoon. A copy of this