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MR. KAMINSKI: Thank you for the

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opportunity to speak today. I'm a local Denver

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resident. I'm also a registered nuclear engineer.

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I've been in the industry for 20 years. I just have

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one comment to try and improve the EIS. I give a

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little background first.

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The EIS indicates that thermal loading may

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be a concern of the design of this repository. The

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1 previous viability assessment indicates that the
2 surface facility is going to repackage the utilities'
3 spent fuel assemblies underneath a cool water
4 environment possibly to blend the hotter and cooler
5 fuel assemblies so they can even out the temperatures.

6 It's been observed that industrial mishaps
7 happen more frequently the more times you manipulate
8 items. My comment is a very direct focused comment:
9 To improve EIS is to improve what discussions or
10 agreement are in process between the DOE and the
11 utilities to reduce the amount of spent fuel handling
12 activity at the surface repository facility.

13 One possibility is staging or sequencing
14 the delivery of hot and cold fuel so they don't have to
15 assemble and mix and match them at the Yucca Mountain
16 area.

17 Another way is to use the utility to mix
18 and match the hot and cold fuel assemblies so that they
19 don't have to disassemble these shipping casks or
20 containers at the repository itself under water.

21 That's the only comment I have. Thank
22 you.

23 MR. BROWN: Thanks very much.
24 Our next speaker is Amy Marsh.