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17 MR. KEATON: My name is Hal Keaton. I live in  
18 Pioche, Nevada.

19 I would like to support the comments that the  
20 previous speakers as far as the deficiencies of the DEIS.

21 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Can't hear you.

22 MR. KEATON: Sorry.

1 23 One of the things that greatly concerns me is --  
24 during the question and answer period was the lack of the  
25 possibility of medical facilities and facilities that would

1 take care of emergency situations.

2 I heard a lot about -- reading through the DEIS,  
3 I read a lot of things about if this possibly happened or this  
4 could happen or this may -- this, that and this, that. A  
5 lot -- lot of things that were said that nothing could be  
6 pinned down.

2 7 I could tell you a story about something that  
8 happened here in the 1950s. I lived in a little mining camp  
9 north of Pioche during the 1950s when the atmospheric tests  
10 were being conducted at the Nevada Test Site, and we were told  
11 continually don't worry about anything. There's no problem.  
12 There's no concern here. The -- the clouds you see are not  
13 harmful, and all these things, and we -- we bought that. We  
14 bought into that. We said okay.

15 Then as time went on, over the past years since  
16 then, the past forty years since then, we've found that things  
17 weren't really the way they were -- that we were told they  
18 were.

19 I lived in a -- with a family of thirteen people

20 at Crystal Silver Mine, and eight of the people in that family  
21 have been diagnosed -- excuse me. Diagnosed with cancer.

22 Now people have said, "Well, you can't directly  
23 connect the cancers that have been diagnosed with the  
24 radioactive fallout."

25 Well, they have done that. The Federal

1 Government has done some studies and they have directly  
2 connected some of the cancers that have been diagnosed with  
3 radioactive fallout.

4 To me, if part of them were diagnosed as being  
5 connected with -- or studied and they are connected with the  
6 radioactive fallout, then others could be.

3... 7 To me, that's an awful big chance to take. We  
8 talk -- I hear the DOE -- DOE talking about how safe -- safe it  
9 is to transport radioactive materials and I -- I again go back  
10 to the fact that during the atmospheric testing, we were also  
11 told then it was a very safe thing to do.

12 Accidents happen. Radioactive material can be  
13 leaked out into the atmosphere. It's not like an oil spill.  
14 Once that radioactive material gets out in the atmosphere --  
15 and this is not a scientific thing; this is fact -- it can't be  
16 contained again and put back into the container.

17 It floats around. It contaminates things. No  
18 one knows where it goes until we have some ill effects from it,  
19 and those ill effects are a lot of times -- not a lot of times,  
20 but sometimes are the death of people, animals, birds, you name  
21 it.

22 To me this is an awful, awful big risk to be

23 taking with the lives of the people in this county to say that  
24 it's okay for this nuclear waste to be brought through our  
25 county.

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1 I think that -- seriously that there should be an  
2 asterisk placed and another bullet placed in the summary of the  
3 DEIS on page S55 where it goes down and talks about -- as Mayor  
4 Phillips referred to earlier -- that the US Air Force strongly  
5 opposes one of the routes.

6 I think a bullet should be placed under each one  
7 of these routes and it should say: "Non-preferred alternative.  
8 Strongly opposed by the citizens of Lincoln County and the  
9 State of Nevada because of the advice -- adverse effect --  
10 excuse me -- on our quality of life."

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11 I personally strongly oppose any possibility of  
12 exposure to nuclear waste or radiation fallout.