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19 MR. WISSBECK: My name is Larry Wissbeck. I
1 20 live in Caliente, Nevada and I'd like to submit for the record
21 called "Atomic Tests in Nevada."
22 This is an attempt by the old Atomic Energy
23 Commission to assess the environmental impact of a atomic
24 testing.
25 It was done about thirty years ago. It's full of
1 half truths, misinformation, mistakes, unsupported data and
2 many assurances, many, many assurances that the atomic era in
3 Nevada and here in Lincoln County was perfectly safe.
4 Reading it thirty years after it was written is
5 very revealing. It's a blatant lie. Atmospheric testing was
6 stopped, below ground testing was stopped at least partially
7 because thirty years of research has proved that it was not
8 safe.
9 The major difference between the old document and
10 the present DEIS is that the DEIS weighs more.
11 I hope I live another thirty years so that I can
12 get a belly laugh about what you have brought us today, and I
13 would also like to include my earlier testimony with two
14 reality checks.
2 15 The first you can do right now. You're sitting
16 here just a few meters from the railroad tracks over which you
17 propose to transport high-level nuclear waste.
18 Now, transport yourself back in time to New
19 Year's Eve 1910. Flood waters would be twisting those railroad
20 tracks into pretzels. Millions of tons of rock would be
21 raining down from the hillsides on to the railroad, and you
22 would be sitting up to your necks in mud the consistency of
23 pancake batter.

24 The second should wait till tomorrow as you
25 commute back to Las Vegas. Try to envision making the trip on
1 that narrow curvy round between here and Alamo in a truck
2 that's 270 feet long, has forty wheels, two engines and two
3 drivers and weighs almost 300,000 pounds, and then go back to
4 Washington, D.C. and tell someone they need to rethink their
5 transportation plan.