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MR. NEAL: I'm Doug Neal, I'm a laborer and a member of Local 872 here in Las Vegas. First of all, I'd like to thank the Department of Energy for holding this meeting this evening. My comments are brief and to the point. Hopefully maybe get us back on schedule here.

1 We have successfully managed nuclear projects at the test site since the early 1950s, and I know we have the professional staff to safely manage this project if the science indicates the site is suitable. The study needs to go forward so we can get all the suitability information necessary and NEPA requires an EIS be done, and this is an important part of the process for the public to be involved. If the science indicates the site is suitable, let us do the job because we'll do it right. Thank you.