

MR. HARNEY: Indians first. My name is Corbin Harney. I'm a resident of Tecopa, California. Today we all understand. We all know radiation is contaminating the world. Somehow the DOE, the Nuclear Energy Department don't want to realize it, but they want to poison the world.

We as a native people lived here for thousands and thousands of years, probably millions of years. We took care of what was out here.

I think each and everyone of you ladies and gentlemen know there's no more berries out there for the animal life, the bird life and so forth.

We know the radiation have eliminated them. Same with our herbs that we use for different kind sickness.

Remember that nature put those things out there for us to use. It didn't come from Europe. It was right here. The berries didn't come from Europe. Our pine nuts didn't come from Europe. It was planted here by the nature, what we survived on, and today, each and everyone of you know they're not there anymore.

And today I hope that you people today realize we don't have clean water anymore because of nuclear testing from the beginning. Now it's a nuclear waste that's going to be traveling in front of your yard.

We already got accidents here and there. What is the DOE doing about it? Nothing. All they're told -- telling you is not that dangerous yet. Wait until it gets dangerous, then they might tell you about it, but right now they're saying it's not that dangerous yet. This is what we're up against, ladies and gentlemen. Think about the younger generation behind us. What kind of food are they going to be eating? What kind of water are you going to be giving them? What kind of air are we going to be breathing?

And today around the world this radiation on the ground, wind picks it up, brings it back to our lungs. We got so many, many cancer death today, it's going to be worse tomorrow.

1 So we as a native people lived here for many years. We don't appreciate the Nuclear Energy Department putting this nuclear waste into Yucca Mountain. That mountain we cared for, we lived -- we lived there for many, many years. We roamed through that part of the country.

Today the Nuclear Energy Department began to find our remains there, but not telling us that they were there million years ago. But they're telling us to move it and do away with it. I would tell that Nuclear Energy Department they should do the same thing with their cemetery. Move theirs, not to leave it where it's at because we as a people at one time, we leave the animal life, we read -- leave their remains where it's at. Same with our people. So they're put there. That's their resting place, and today throughout the country, ladies and gentlemen, you are the one that's going to be affected. Maybe not today, maybe tomorrow.

Your child might be born tomorrow or the next day. It might be affected by radiation if we continue to do this what we're doing today.

We have to put a stop to this. We have to get a new way of looking at a power. Not nuclear power. Each day it's accumulates so much waste.

2 Yucca Mountain, State of Nevada alone is not going to be able to handle all the waste or any other state. Our state, ladies and gentlemen, doesn't have nuclear power here, power plants, but we're bringing them here just because they think us Indian people are scattered throughout the country. We don't care, but we do. We care for our mother because this is how we survived for thousands of years before you foreign people ever came into this part of the country. We took care of what we had. We took care of the berries for the animal life, the bird life and so on and so forth. And today we're running out of those things. I hope that we all understand that we don't have much water left anymore that is clean water. So think about it. Think about it for the younger generation behind us. If we don't think about it, we're all going to be affected by radiation. We already begin to witness that throughout the country. Someplace it's worse than the others.

3 So let's not go with putting this waste in the Yucca Mountain thing. Leave it where it's at, where the power plants are, not to be scattered over the road.

We already see so many of their trucks getting into wrecks and so forth, but once we get affected by it, then we might have to get up and do something else.

I hope you people understand what I'm trying to tell you. You are the backbone of our government, not the DOE, not the Nuclear Energy Department. Each and everyone of you is the one they should be listening to, not push us paper and say, "This is not that dangerous. This is what it is." We're the ones that are going to have to stand up to our rights. We got more rights than they have. Remember that. You are the people that elect your leaders. Let's look at this whole fact and get on with it and stop this nonsense of putting a nuclear waste over our land. Thank you. I'll speak again.