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MR. DIXON: My name is Earl Dixon. I work at UNLV. I work with NTS Community Advisory Record. Holmes, good seeing you again.

MR. BROWN: Hi.

MR. DIXON: To some of you folks, I have a question with -- and it doesn't relate directly to Yucca Mountain, but there are a lot of statements about the risks and the hazards from this program if it were to come and happen in Nevada.

Well, I'd like to pose the question about the existing contamination, the ongoing low-level waste disposal and the existing contamination that's at the Nevada Test Site right now, especially those of you folks that are in Amargosa.

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We don't have a monitoring network out there for you folks yet. We don't know where the source term is going. It's not protected by engineer barrier.

If I was looking to disperse plutonium in the environment, I think nuclear testing would be one of the most effective ways to disperse this contaminant, yet Yucca Mountain would bring a source term together, put it in approximately one square mile with all types of engineer barriers.

So this is more directed toward people who are working on the Yucca Mountain Project because with the advisory board and the existing citizen interest, we don't address the existing contamination very well at all, and that program is moving forward without much public scrutiny, with a lack of oversight.

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The governor's requested forty more million dollars to throw at the program, and like Yucca Mountain, you just don't just solve a problem by throwing more money at it.

You've got to have some oversight, some technical strategy. You've got to have a plan.

The NTS is on the stage of becoming the nation's premier low-level waste disposal facility, and there's not much the State of Nevada can do to stop that.

And the existing contamination has been in the groundwater for years and we don't know the extent or the duration and the magnitude of that contamination.

So I would like to make a statement to those of you who work on nuclear issues like Yucca Mountain to work with the Community Advisory Board on the existing problems at the Nevada Test Site.

Thanks.