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MS. SNYDER: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Susi Snyder. I'm a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. And I got up at 3:00 a.m. to come here today.

1 What I'd first like to do is read you my questions that I didn't -- can you hear me okay? -- [Read you my questions that I didn't get to take care of this morning. So I'll start off with that, and I request that these questions be answered in a timely manner. And I'd like a response before the FEIS, if at all possible.]

2 Okay. All right. Here's one. [Since the permit for water use -- usage -- at Yucca Mountain was denied, where is the water going to come from for this project? Whose water are you going to take to do this project? Are you going to truck it in? That's what I understand is happening with the tunnel already dug. And where is that water coming from? Whose water rights are being usurped?]

3 Another question. [What about 10 CFR 960.4-2-1? Which would -- which basically said that the site is -- the current feasibility guidelines, if the water moves faster in a thousand years from above the site down to the water table, it should be eliminated as a site for under speculation.

So I'd like to know why the site hasn't been eliminated so far and why are the siting guidelines being changed halfway through the project? This is -- seems a little bit of a mistake. Seems like a political move. I know we have spent 7.4 billion dollars so far of our taxpayer money on this project, and now they are changing the siting guidelines in the middle of whether or not -- of seeing whether or not the site is suitable. So I want to know about that and why this 963 thing is going on.]

4 [I want to know why hasn't new legislation -- why hasn't there been new amendments to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, seeing that the last amendment in '87, the screw Nevada bill -- they tried to say that Yucca Mountain is the only site to be looked at.

As we already see, Yucca Mountain is not suitable, so when is this next amendment coming in? And how can we make sure that gets passed?]

5 [I want to know if you took the "Petcal" (phonetic) effect into account when you figured out the health effects of this project. I know this is kind of a double-edged sword for you guys, because I know health effects in the DEIS means deaths, latent cancer fatalities; but as we all know, there are a lot other health effects from nuclear material, including birth defects, leukemia, childhood cancers, other cancers which are not necessarily fatal. And I want to know why the Pet -- whether or not the "Petcal" effect which was discovered in 1972 by Canadian scientist "Petcal," and basically says that low-level exposure -- constant low-level exposure has a much more detrimental effect on the human body than a single dose of this high level -- a single high-level dosage.

In fact, it's something like 5,000 times more -- it has more -- 5,000 times more effect on your body than if you are getting a constant low-level dose. That means the people in these corridors, the people here in San Bernardino County, will be getting these low-level doses, and I want to know if the "Petcal" effect was taken into consideration when dealing with the transportation, when dealing with the health effects. And I would like to hear more about that.]

6 [Wendy earlier said that the National Academy of Sciences said that there is no known science to predict what's going to happen after a hundred years. Okay. This is what Wendy said this morning. And I'd like to know, if that's the case -- this is coming from the National Academy of Sciences -- how can you even conceive to predict what's going to happen in 10,000 years, when as we all know, these wastes will be deadly for 250,000 years. So what's going to happen then?]

7 I want to know when and where I will be able to get responses to these comments. My internet access is real lousy, and I think it's a classest system to only have things available to the internet, when I can't -- I'm not allowed to go to the library and download the entire EIS. So how -- if I can't do that, where can I get this information? I asked my librarian; they didn't know where it was, if they had it. I would like to know where I can get that. Because when I called to get my own copy of the DEIS, it took six weeks. I had to make four phone calls, long distance, two written requests and one internet request. And it took six weeks to get my DEIS.

8 And I would like to know why -- I would like to know what casks are currently NRC certified and what --
13 and whether or not they have the Transcom system in them, or in the trucks that are carrying them. I would like to comment that Wendy this morning -- no offense, you sounded pretty shaky when you were talking about the robustness of the casks. And I understand it's kind of nerve wracking to get up here time and time again -- this is 21 hearings now -- and continue saying: Oh, yeah, this stuff is safe. This stuff is safe.

Well, we don't believe you. I am sorry. I had to let you know. We don't -- we are not believing it.

9 I would like to know when the actual routes are released -- I would like to know when that's going to happen. First off, especially with the mobile Chernobyl bill passing this past year, and we have enough for the veto, but that means high-level nuclear waste shipments on the road in 2003. 2003. We are talking about corridors of nuclear waste all over this country. And I want to know when will the emergency responders get trained. Because as I said earlier, I know for a fact they have not been trained in Las Vegas, and there are already nuclear waste shipments moving through Las Vegas.

FACILITATOR HOLMES: You are at the five-minute mark.

MS. SNYDER: Wow, that went quick. I will get to a copy machine -- one more minute. And this is some of the images. And I can -- you can come up to me, and I only have this one copy. I will pass more around; what has happened in Chernobyl as a result of this radioactive material. I think everybody should take a look at this because this is what this nuclear material does.

11 If I can, this is from Zohl De Ishtar, "Daughters of the Pacific." She talks about babies that are being born in her land. These babies are born like jelly fish; they have no heads, no arms they do not shape like human beings at all, but they are being born on the labor table. Some of them have hairs on them, and they breathe. This ugly thing lives only for a few hours, and they don't allow the mother to see this tiny baby because she will go crazy. She will go crazy. And we are going to go crazy if this nuclear waste starts moving around. I want you to stop the current shipments, shut down the power plants, and let's look for a sane solution to this nuclear waste problem and to this nightmare.

12 I will be submitting my full written comments no later than Monday; right? And I want to support -- the native people want a time to meet and get together and talk more about this and have an extension for their comment to at least May. And I want to support that and ask again on the permanent record for that to happen and for those folks to have that opportunity to talk to each other. Thank you very much.

[APPLAUSE.]

FACILITATOR HOLMES: Thank you. I would like to remind people that there will be another meeting similar to this this evening, with the question-and-answer period and comment period, and so that that will be running from 6:00 until 9:00 this evening. So that's another opportunity for folks to pose your questions and make comments. We now have Ruth Lopez who will be followed by Graham Sullivan.