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MR. WOLFE: This meeting reminds me -- I'm Bertram Wolfe, I'm a Ph.D. physicist. I think I told you before. I used to be in the nuclear energy business.

I have absolutely no personal reason to support nuclear, but I would -- I hope those Native Americans don't leave quickly. But nevertheless, what reminds me today of this meeting is a talk by a young student at high school, at a meeting in Idaho, where he talked about the dangers of dihydrogen monoxide.

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And he talked to the whole audience about those dangers, and he told about how people get killed by it, how it corrodes automobiles and other things, and how it sometimes hurts farm operations, how it hurts houses.

And he went through and at the end of that, he had 40 of the 50 people in the meeting who joined the anti-dihydrogen monoxide group that he was forming.

And it was after that that he got up and said that he had an obligation to tell people about dihydrogen monoxide, and they didn't know what it was; but if they turned on their faucet, they would see it running out of their faucet. It was water, dihydrogen monoxide, and what he did was show that he could frighten people even about water, if you did it in the right way.

And that's what I noticed today. We had a large number of people here who spoke who had no technical knowledge, in my view, who are frightened by nonrealistic effects on nuclear power.

Let me hit one of them. Marjorie Mikels talked about those terrible children in Chernobyl and the deaths in Chernobyl. The fact of the matter is that the scientific studies of what happened in Chernobyl showed that there were 40 some odd deaths --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You are a liar. My son was over there.

MR. WOLFE: Those -- three children were -- as I said before, from thyroid cancers. But -- and a number of -- but the point is that there were tens of thousands of people killed by Chernobyl in Europe. And the reason they were killed is because they were aborted. They were aborted in Europe by people who were afraid of the radiation moving over when, in fact, the radiation was less than the amount that you get from natural radium.

FACILITATOR HOLMES: If you are ready to wrap up? We are running about two hours overtime, and I am hoping that comments will be confined.

MR. WOLFE: I would mention for the Native American who was worried about the effects on life and bugs and animals, that the nice thing about nuclear power is it hasn't affected them at all.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You are a liar.

MR. WOLFE: Whereas, the alternate -- the fossil fuels have caused 5,000 deaths a year -- 50,000 deaths a year, according to the National Defense Resource Council, which is antinuclear. 50,000 deaths a year in the United States from breathing the fossil particles from fuels. So nuclear power even protects in that case.

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So the point I am making is we have to -- if we are sensible, we have to listen to the technical people who really know the issues on nuclear power, on fossil power, and everything else. And I would make one more point, that in the next 50 years we expect to see the energy supply of the world tripling. The energy need of the world tripling as the population of the world goes from six to ten billion dollars (sic) and as

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the Third World raises their standard of living and increases their use of energy. And the estimates are two to four times -- or two to five times -- the general feeling is that the energy requirements will go up by a factor of three.

And, frankly, we can worry about 10,000 years from now or 250,000 years from now, but how are we going to meet the need of the tripling of energy in the next 50 years? And if the global warming is real, how are we going to prevent those disasters without a major increase in the use of nuclear energy?

We can frighten everyone about nuclear energy, as they were frightened, as I say, about dihydrogen monoxide. I hope that my children and my grandchildren will live safely or better because nuclear will be an opportunity and will come back.

Thank you.

FACILITATOR HOLMES: Thank you. Are there any additional comments on the EIS?

Well, I appreciate everybody in attendance -- I appreciate your comments, and I will officially adjourn this afternoon session. Thank you very much.

(Conclusion of afternoon session of the public hearing.)