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MR. [George] MOUNT: Is there a reporter from the "Inland Valley Daily Bulletin" here this time? Well, that's too bad. I will see that they get a copy.

Greetings. Since reading the February 20th invitation to provide comments at this public hearing, I rechecked recent copy of the "Inland Valley Daily Bulletin" for articles on this subject.

I found a February 5th, 2000, notice that this event would happen. A February 11th front-page article, had details and dates of past hearings but ended with a quote, "Nobody wants the waste." February 12th said, "Secretary Bill Richardson makes a commitment. It will not be an easy sell to Congress." This was about ten and a half million tons of uranium mill tailings located 700 feet from the Colorado River from which we, and millions of other people, get water.

February 14th had an editorial that said "The key both in the storage site and in transport will be doing everything possible to assure public safety." No kidding. That's what it said.

February 17th: "Nuclear gas leak worries town." This is from the "Associated Press." Quote, "Barely radioactive," quote "momentary and minuscule." Over 15 million people live in the New York area around there.

So you see there's been quite a lot of stuff happening regularly. If you look through the paper the crap is always in there.

In 1958 we had a visible dust cloud for four days above Boyle Heights, East L.A. and north and south of us following a Nevada bomb test. Years later the Atomic Energy Commission admitted it and said no statement was made because they feared panic or riot.

I watched half of my extended family get cancer over the following years. One quarter of the family, and an equal amount of most families in Boyle Heights, died from cancers of all types -- breast, brain, mouth, stomach, et cetera. 1 If there is a fire in a house because of a broken gas pipe, you don't try to put out the fire; you first turn off the gas.

You will never end this hazard until you stop mining and using uranium and nuclear energy. There must be someone upstairs looking after us, because everyone in authority has been and is either greedy and self-serving or gutless, and all are stupid because they are planning the deaths of all future generations.

If you do not think that your great-grandkids are worth more than your fat job and profit, my grandkids are. I'm George H. Mount from Montclair, San Bernardino County.

[APPLAUSE.]

FACILITATOR LAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Mount. Julia Mount, followed by Suzanne Mayes and Susan Lien or Lime. One of the two.