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19 EVELYN SUMMERS: Good evening. My name is
20 Evelyn Sommers. I seem to be facing a wall here, and
21 when I'm facing a wall, I think it's kind of appropriate
22 because that's basically what the DOE is doing to Nevada.
23 I think, as a matter of fact, the wall might have more
24 understanding than the DOE.

25 There may have been a time 50 years ago when
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1 the area near the Nevada Test Site could have been used
2 to house nuclear waste, but that was before the Atomic
3 Energy Commission forever altered the geology with both
4 above-ground and below-ground nuclear explosions. The
5 bedrock in that area is forever fractured, and nuclear
6 waste from those nuclear tests is on the move through the
7 fissures and disruptions of the previously secure ground,
8 and the groundwater basins are a concern to me. With
9 already having contamination perhaps heading for Las
10 Vegas, putting nuclear waste in that area just seems pure
11 stupidity.

12 I've heard some comments tonight about the
13 sound scientific basis of choosing this test site area.
14 Well, what did they compare it to? When you have a
15 hypothesis, you have to test it, you have to compare it
16 against other things, so what were the test areas they
17 looked at? Mount Kilauea? The San Andreas Fault? I
18 mean, give me a break. This is -- the very assumption
19 the DOE is working under is faulty. I'm not even going
20 to argue about their logic.

21 Again, I am concerned about the water in Las
22 Vegas. I would like to propose that the people who
23 invented the casks sort of load them up with nuclear
24 waste and sort of take them home and sleep with them. I
25 mean, let's prove -- prove to me, volunteer yourself,

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1 prove to me that those are safe. I don't believe they
2 are.

3 And finally, at the University of Nevada some
4 years ago, I closed my comments with a paraphrase of what
5 I'm going to say now, which really expresses how I feel
6 about this whole issue.

7 I would like the profiteers and the
8 proponents of nuclear waste to take the nuclear waste,
9 form it into suppositories and appropriately apply it to
10 the orifice to which it belongs. Thank you.

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