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3 First, I want to start out by saying that I'm
4 against the Yucca Mountain Project. I want to go back
5 a little bit. When the military decided to test
6 nuclear weapons at the Nevada test site, everyone back
7 there, the government said everything would be okay.
8 Nobody is going to get hurt. You put soldiers out in
9 the desert, had all that radiation come at them.
10 Everything is going to be fine.

11 Southern Utah and the people throughout the
12 Midwest -- I don't have all the exact specific areas --
13 but I know that there will be a milk problem and
14 leukemia. But I know southern Utah -- because I have
15 relatives and I spent many summers there -- was greatly
16 impacted. It wasn't known to the people at the time,
17 but now it is known. In recent years, become more and
18 more apparent what's happened to the people in the
19 area. The cancers, the skin cancer, the leukemia, it's
20 just has affected that area greatly.

21 I'm also greatly concerned about the
22 transportation of the waste across the country. I
23 believe it would only take one accident, one breach of
24 a container to kill, impact the Earth for a long time.
25 Or maybe the spill would just be the end of it for

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1 everyone in that area. Is that really what we want to
2 do? I don't think so.

3 What happens when they test at the Nevada

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4 test site once the storage of this nuclear waste is
5 stored there? We don't -- we didn't know at the time
6 how the testing was going to affect 30, 40, 50 years
7 down the road. How do we know now what the testing
8 there is going to do if we test some super-gigantic
9 bomb and it sets off some kind of an earthquake? It's
10 just, it's not safe. It's just really dumb, in my
11 opinion.

12 As for studying, as for the continuing study
13 of only one site, educated people, when your car is
14 broken or your insurance company tells you you have to
15 get two or three estimates, they don't just say, go to
16 your friend who is going to charge us 10 times more
17 than they should charge for this dent. You have to
18 have multiple places look at it. And here we are only
19 looking at one site in Nevada? I mean, I think that's
20 just completely obscene.

21 What I want to say to that is: Is this
22 project a done deal? I mean, are they studying one
23 site because everyone knows it's going to pass? That's
24 just wrong. I'm also concerned about, they say the
25 project will be full in approximately 25 years. Then

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1 what? They've been studying Yucca Mountain for a long
2 time. I don't know the exact number of years. I'm
3 kind of new to all of this. But what sites are being
4 studied for future dumping areas?

5 I don't know about you guys, but 25 years to
6 me isn't very long. It just -- as long as we've been

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7 looking at the Nevada test site or the Yucca Mountain
8 site and all this, 25 years to me is a drop in the
9 bucket. And so nothing else is going on beyond that?
10 I'm, I spent a lot of time in California and I'm
11 extremely concerned about earthquakes. I've talked to
12 your people out here. They talked about the faults on
13 the sites and moving. Well, what happens when the two
14 faults on the site move and that whole center just
15 careens up into the Nevada sky? Because that's what's
16 going to happen.

17 We may not be around for that, but those two
18 -- I mean, you're thinking you're putting it in a nice,
19 safe spot because the two fault lines are on the
20 opposite sides and they'll absorb the impact. But at
21 some point, the pressure from those two is going to
22 push that center right now, at least as far as I can
23 see. I'm not a scientist, but it sounds dumb to me.

24 I've been around the Asilomar earthquake in
25 California, the Whittier earthquake in California, a
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1 number of the big ones, and I lived six miles from the
2 epicenter of the Whittier earthquake and you think
3 you're going to die. You have no doubt, but you're
4 going to die. And the Whittier earthquake was pretty
5 bad, but not really that bad.

6 I mentioned transportation. What kind of
7 concerns me here about some of the people that are for
8 it, they seem to be the people that are in it for the
9 money. People that come to mind are corporations and

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10 the teamsters that seem to be in for it. Do they live
11 here? Do they live along the transportation routes?
12 My guess is probably not. They have their families
13 tucked away safely somewhere else.

14 And that's all I have to say. Thank you very
15 much.

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