

MR. JAMES MUTH: My name is James Muth, M-u-t-h. I
24 am a geologist and drilling contractor. As a scientist, I
25 strongly support the nuclear waste repository in Nevada.
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1 The National Academy of Science has reported
2 the safety of the project.

3 September 11 cruelly identified the need for a
4 major industry other than gaming for the state of Nevada.
5 The repository site is the most studied piece of real
6 estate on the face of the earth. It is ideally suited
7 because of its geology, its unique and specific mineral
8 content, for its depth to water and its arid climate.

9 Economic benefits extend far beyond the actual
10 construction and storage of nuclear waste. Collateral
11 industries would develop. There could be a rail line
12 and/or a freeway connecting the north to the south.

13 Politicians have condemned it only because,
14 they say -- and I quote -- it would be political suicide to
15 support the project.

16 The reverse is really true if the general
17 public were accurately and truthfully informed.
18 Unfortunately, the State hired an agent specifically to
19 defeat the repository project.

20 This committee illegally used funds given them
21 by the Nuclear Waste Oversight project to be used to
22 cooperatively study the project along with the DOE
23 scientists.

24 Instead, he went to schools throughout the
25 state to poison the minds of our youth against the project.

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1 Hopefully, clear minds will prevail.