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17 MS. LUSE: Yes.

18 MR. LUPTON: When you're ready.

19 If you would as you begin please state your

20 name.

21 MS. LUSE: My name is Nancy Luse.

22 The project hearings for each Nevada county

23 and Inyo County, California, were not posted on the

24 Federal Register until Monday, October 1st. The project

25 hearings began Wednesday, October 3rd through the 12th.

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1 This was not sufficient notice for the public to be

2 informed and to prepare comments for 20 years of work

3 and documentation on a first of a kind project.

4 The Final Environmental Impact Statement has

5 not been released, nor have the final siting guidelines.

6 Without these documents a proper evaluation cannot be

7 made. Therefore, the hearings are being held

8 prematurely.

9 The NRC have not established licensing

10 requirements to date.

11 The State of Nevada is challenging in federal

12 court the radiation standards that were set by the EPA.

13 If the high level waste and the spent nuclear
14 fuel is transported through Nevada, the risks and
15 impacts are of great concern to the White Pine County
16 residents. The ongoing shipments of the low level waste
17 represent a precedent as to what may be happening with
18 the high level waste and spent nuclear fuel.
19 Present capabilities of the White Pine County
20 emergency response teams and the White Pine County
21 hospitals are not sufficiently trained or equipped.
22 Should there be an accident, bearing in mind the
23 remoteness of White Pine County how long would it take
24 to get a trained clean-up team to White Pine County and
25 how many people will be affected while waiting?

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1 In the past the question was: What if the
2 shipment crashes? Now the question is: What if someone
3 blows it up? This is a completely different scenario.
4 There have to date been no studies on the possibility of
5 an attack coming from the sky during transportation and
6 the risks and impacts that this could possibly have.
7 In the wake of the September 11th, risks and
8 impacts of a terrorist attack on Yucca Mountain and/or
9 the transportation of the high level waste and spent

10 nuclear fuel have not been fairly assessed. Until
11 impact studies have been done on terrorist attacks the
12 Secretary should not make a recommendation.
13 The terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and New
14 York created temperatures from the burning fuel at
15 estimated 2,000 degrees. Those temperatures were too
16 much for the girders, which melted and buckled. The
17 impact studies have only performed experiments on the
18 casks of temperatures at approximately 1500 degrees for
19 30 minutes. There clearly needs to be more studies done
20 on the higher temperatures for a longer duration.
21 An anti-terrorist plan should be completed
22 before the Secretary is able to make a recommendation to
23 the President for Yucca Mountain as the nation's first
24 geologic nuclear waste repository.
25 Respectfully submitted, Nancy Luse.

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1 MR. LUPTON: Thank you for your comments.
2 Do you represent anybody or just yourself as
3 a citizen?
4 MS. LUSE: These comments were written on my
5 own, but I do work with Josie.

6 MR. LUPTON: For White Pine Nuclear Waste?

7 MS. LUSE: Yes.