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1 4 citizen. [I live in Clark County, Nevada. And the
5 Yucca Mountain Project EIS and the Rail Supplement EIS
6 deserves some serious consideration from those of us who
7 are Nevada citizens.

8 The challenges we face in this state and in
9 the nation relative to the energy policy are all
10 dependent or in many ways dependent on how we deal with
11 closing the fuel cycle loop, and Yucca Mountain is at
12 the center of that.

13 It's at the center of that whether you have
14 the next generation of nuclear power or whether you
15 recycle. At some point you still need a repository. It
16 isn't a matter of if, it's a matter of when.

17 We in Nevada have the opportunity to turn this
18 lemon into lemonade, and we ought to do so. We ought to
19 consider at least three different things. We ought to
20 have an intervention process, we ought to have a
21 monitoring process, and we ought to have a benefits
22 process, all of which should be reviewed by a group of
23 citizens from Nevada, across Nevada, both parties, rural
24 and urban parts in the state to come up with the things
25 that we as Nevadans think that are important to us, and

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1 then to have some idea of where those things can play
2 into helping Nevadans solve Nevada's problems while we
3 work for some energy independence for the nation.

4 Let me go into the intervention processes. We
5 believe as Nevadans, we probably ought -- this whole
6 effort ought to be as safe as it can be. But it can be
7 safe, and it takes good people working hard to do that.
8 And when all else fails, we'd like to have an
9 intervention policy or process in the state of Nevada.

10 Since the repository is going to be a nuclear
11 facility, it's operated under the guidelines of the
12 Nuclear Regulatory Commission who have stop work
13 authority.

14 And I have to believe that if we as Nevadans
15 were to work with the Department of Energy and the
16 Administration, we would probably have the opportunity
17 to find some way to be able to have stop work authority
18 on behalf of Nye County and the State of Nevada and all
19 the citizens of Nevada.

20 The second part would be a monitoring process.
21 The monitoring process has to be tied to the reality
22 that we want this to be a safe repository if it's going
23 to happen, and we believe that there's a need for it.

24 And in order to do that, we probably ought to
25 use our university system to become the premier nuclear

1 university system in the world, so that when and if we
2 need to, all the things that are being paid attention to
3 are paid attention to by people who are Nevadans who
4 care and can be engaged in the process on a daily basis.

5 The third part is a benefits process. The

6 benefits process is probably in three things as well.
7 First and foremost is water, second is land, and the
8 third is the opportunity for the whole host of economic
9 opportunities that spread across the -- that result from
10 the imposition of this repository being built in the
11 state of Nevada.

12 Let me explain. Water is the key element of
13 this. We don't have enough water, and water resources
14 are going to stay scarce. With enough thought, we can
15 probably find ways for water to become more plentiful by
16 desalinization of water on the coast and using large
17 amounts of water from the Pacific to alleviate needs
18 that draw from the Colorado River system and take a
19 whole 'nother look at the compact in the western
20 United States and where we get water from.

21 There's a lot of water in the Pacific we can
22 draw to, which, ironically, is no farther from Nevada
23 than the water straw that's being looked at to be built
24 from northern Nevada. So if that's the case, let's get
25 water where there's a lot of it, and we're not going to

1 take it from somebody else, and that can be of benefit.
2 That's the water issue.

3 As you're well aware, land in Nevada is
4 primarily publicly -- primarily controlled by the public
5 to the tune of, what, 87 percent or whatever it is. If
6 we want more of that as Nevadans, a stroke of the pen

7 from the Administration can give that to the State of
8 Nevada and be put to good use for tax base, economic
9 development, whatever. These are things well within the
10 authority of the Administrative Branch to cooperate with
11 the state and all the federal entities to do that.

12 The third part is the economic development
13 capacity. We ought to put to good use the opportunities
14 that come with this, whether it be a tariff for the
15 emplacement, whether it be the industries that are
16 associated with the repository, or advanced fuel
17 recycling, whatever comes to pass.

18 The point is is that we as Nevadans have never
19 had the full range of policy debates that are necessary
20 to be able to discuss this on an informed intellectual
21 basis and come up with reasons and solutions as to what
22 it is that can be done, what's in the art of doable.

23 And we don't have to do it all overnight. We
24 can build a four-lane highway from Las Vegas to Reno.
25 We can tie San Francisco to Reno, to Las Vegas, to

1 Los Angeles with rail lines. We can tie the -- we can
2 build a four-lane highway that goes from Phoenix. All
3 these things impact the economic viability of our -- of
4 the state of Nevada, the southwest United States, and
5 those things that go with that.

6 There are enough smart people in this state to
7 be able to deal with these things, prioritize them, and
8 put them in a way that makes since. If Yucca Mountain

9 is going to happen, and I think it should, then we ought
10 to be capitalizing in the opportunities that are there.]
11 Thank you for your time.