

13 And anyone who would be interested in seeing
14 what we've done on the areas of your concern, again, if
15 you call 775-687-3744, we'll arrange to get copies to
16 you. We've also done some national mapping of the
17 routes that we think are actually most likely to be used
18 for the shipments to Caliente. And they're somewhat
19 different from the routes in the DOE's Environmental
20 Impact Statement.

21 We've actually been looking at the routes that
22 the railroads have already told DOE they're most likely
23 to use, whereas DOE has been looking at what they call
24 representative rail routes that might or might not be
25 used.

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1 I think that's a good place for me to end.
2 Again, I'd like to say that we appreciate the fact that
3 DOE has restored this traditional format for taking
4 input from the public. We're happy that all of you are
5 here, and we would ask that anyone who thinks that we
6 can be of assistance to them in preparing their
7 comments, please get in touch with us.

8 JAN COLE: I suffer stage fright, so if my voice
9 starts to quiver, don't worry about me. John and I have
10 been involved here in this community for about six years.
11 We own the Caliente Hot Springs Motel and Spa. We also
12 own -- well, a total of about 152 acres within the city
13 limits of Caliente.

14 [I'm a real estate broker. I specialize in |

15 land and water rights in my business. And so our
16 concern is that this route -- and I see the new issue of
17 track says the preferred route is to come right into the
18 town of Caliente. This is our concern.

19 The book here -- and I would ask the residents
20 of Caliente, are there people here that own property
21 within the city limits of Caliente? Okay. Well, it
22 says here that, "The region of influence for
23 radiological impact to members of the public during
24 incident-free transportation includes the area of a half
25 a mile on either side of the center line of the Caliente

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1 rail alignment, which for purposes of analysis includes
2 operations of cask trains, repository construction, and
3 supply trains from Caliente or Eccles to the rail
4 equipment maintenance yard."

5 Okay, the radiological region of influence is
6 a half mile each side of the track. They say in their
7 table on the facing page that this alignment then
8 affects a population of 279 people.

9 I'm in the real estate business. Anytime
10 there is anything that needs to be disclosed about your
11 property, it's the law. And as a broker, it's the law
12 that I disclose it. Every house that's within a half a
13 mile of this rail track if it comes into the town of
14 Caliente, as a broker, I will have to disclose to any
15 potential buyers that it is within the radiological

16 region of influence of this track, okay. So I wanted
17 people who own property in this town to understand that.
18 Okay.

19 They say on the table that the Eccles
20 alignment affects a population of 78 people, which I
21 don't know that many -- I can't imagine that there's 78
22 people along the Eccles route, but there must be. But
23 I'm just -- 279 affected on it coming into town I
24 believe is a number that needs to be adjusted.

25 If you take the map of Caliente where the

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1 train will come in, it's going to affect all of the
2 homes pretty much up to MacArthur all the way around.
3 And I don't know if the state's had any discussions
4 about the Caliente Youth Center, because the Caliente
5 Youth Center will also be within the radiological region
6 of influence. And whether the state can continue to
7 house students in that area, I would be hard pressed to
8 think they could.]

9 [So that's one thing I'd like to talk about. 2
10 The other thing I'd like to talk about is the Caliente
11 Hot Springs Motel and Spa. There are several references
12 to the fact that the spa, access to the spa will be
13 affected.

14 Now, Mr. Allen told the people that I was
15 standing next to at his table that no access for anybody
16 in the public or business would be affected. I just --
17 I find it in here four times. In fact, in the section

18 "Impacts Common to the Entire Caliente Rail Alignment"
19 under the "Summary of Impact: Temporary elimination of
20 access to Caliente Hot Springs, long -- after
21 construction, during operations, operational impacts,
22 long-term reduced and potentially eliminated access to
23 the Caliente Hot Springs."

24 So I don't know, it's been -- the hot springs
25 have been here since the ancient Indians used them

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1 medicinally. And we had hoped to continue to improve
2 that property and to improve tourism into this town.]
3 [And I can tell you I've been involved in tourism for my
4 entire career, as well as real estate that when you
5 become the train town, you can just about forget
6 tourism.

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7 Now, if the Eccles route does not come into
8 the town of Caliente, the town of Caliente will not be
9 branded as the nuke train town, and I do not believe
10 that it would affect tourism. I do believe that when
11 this train comes into the town of Caliente, that is an
12 issue.

13 In fact, retirees that have been in contact
14 with me as a broker who are real anxious to reside in
15 this town, they come to me, they say, "Can I buy a house
16 in Caliente? We want to retire." The only thing that's
17 stopping them at this point is that there aren't any new
18 houses. There's no new construction for them.

19 This is something that we're working on with
20 the property that we own within the city limits. At
21 some point we hope to encourage tourism and retirees to
22 make this their town of choice. It certainly has the
23 recreation for that to happen. And I would hate to see
24 this train come into this town and stop the potential
25 that this town has in the long term.]

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1 There's one more statistic here that -- I
2 don't want to cut into John's time. [But another 4
3 statistic here that I find interesting is under a
4 heading called "Other Nevada Transportation Impacts,"
5 this is really interesting stuff.

6 It says, "The total number of radiological and
7 non-radiological fatalities from truck shipments of
8 spent nuclear fuel with high-level radioactive waste
9 within Nevada would be about one chance in eight." So
10 if there's eight of you there in that row, one out of
11 eight of you will potentially be a fatality. Okay. So
12 that's a big number.

13 And these are big numbers. And I think that
14 as a community, we need to say where is the least amount
15 of impact in coming into the city of Caliente? I just
16 don't see it. I don't understand it. I wouldn't -- I
17 don't understand why anyone in Lincoln County would
18 think that's a good idea. And I would hope that the
19 people of Caliente understand the impact.]

11 JAN COLE: I just have one more comment. [On the 5
12 radiological region of influence, it also states here that
13 one of the facilities that's within the radiological region
14 of influence is the interchange yard. And by the map that
15 it shows here, the interchange yard is right there. I'm
16 assuming that's pretty close to where the old roundhouse or
17 whatever used to be.

18 So when they're talking about that half a mile
19 from the track, they'll also be -- that radiological
20 region of influence will also be from that interchange
21 yard, which will be right here downtown. So I just
22 wanted you guys to understand that. Because that --
23 that radiological region of influence will always be
24 there. It is a part of what goes on. It will be a
25 half-mile influence forever.] So thank you.