

3 SUSAN BRAGER: Thank you so much. It's nice to
4 be here today. I appreciate it. [As a Clark County
5 Commissioner, we take this, all the Commission, extremely
6 seriously. The Commission has been on record as opposed
7 since 1985, and we stand the same way now. It's still
8 opposed to Yucca Mountain taking place.]

9 [The population, two million now, will be about
10 3.5, so the more people we have does not make it more
11 serious, but it just has more people near routes and
12 areas that are not safe for our public. And it is very
13 important to the safety of our public.]

14 Clark County is 8,000 square miles in size,
15 and our government structure encompasses unique bits of,
16 urban, rural, and regional responsibilities. The fact
17 that the Draft EIS does not address worst case scenarios
18 and, therefore, underestimated potential consequences of
19 both accidental and intentional incidents that may occur
20 along both highway and rail corridor is great. That is
21 an incredible concern to us here in the valley.

22 It appears that the shipments of high-level
23 radioactive waste and spent fuel to Yucca Mountain
24 through Clark County are unavoidable. Interstate 15,
25 US-93, US-95, and Las Vegas Beltway all pass through
1 both rural and urban areas.

2 Clark County Commissioners believe based on
3 many extensive socioeconomic impact studies that
4 potential safety or security failures by DOE could have
5 a devastating impact on Clark County residents, health,

6 safety, and economic well-being, especially in the area
7 related, like property values and tourism.

8 On any given day, we have 250,000 visitors in
9 our area, 46 million travelers throughout the year. We
10 have the sixth busiest airport in the country. Impact
11 to airport operations in case of a transportation
12 incident may have not been adequately addressed in the
13 document.]

14 [It is so important that we stand strong. You
15 heard other people today, and you hear more as this
16 issue stays amongst us. The consequences of this
17 program are likely to come at a high cost to local
18 taxpayers. 3

19 The view in the Supplemental Draft EIS
20 documents will certainly result in an unfunded mandate
21 to local taxpayers to cover the cost of first response,
22 emergency management, and other impact government
23 services. We cannot have that happen.

24 According to the State Nuclear Projects
25 Office, at least 113,000 residents of Clark County live
1 within one half mile of a highway route for truck
2 shipments to Yucca Mountain, and we'd be affected on at
3 least a weekly basis for as many as 50 years.

4 The Union Pacific Railroad in Clark County and
5 several of our incorporated cities is directly adjacent
6 to not only the Clark County Government Center and all
7 of our major Las Vegas Strip resorts and casino hotels,
8 but to tens of thousands of residents, businesses, and
9 visitors.

10 This is something that we cannot have happen
11 when we have such an important value here of the people.
12 And the people are important, and we need to make sure
13 that they stay very important.]

14 I just -- I want to leave you with a thought
15 that I appreciate that so many people would come here
16 today; that we have other elected officials that are
17 here giving us information; and that we have to stay
18 very directly involved as a town, as a city, and as a
19 state.

20 It is very important that we make sure our
21 voices are heard, and that not only our elected
22 officials, but you as the people stand strong and firm
23 and make sure we are protected and we do not have waste
24 in Yucca Mountain; that our railways and our roads and
25 our people and the economic structure of our town is
1 very protected. I appreciate your time today and look
2 forward to being there for you and working on this
3 cause. Thank you.