

11 PAT CECIL: My name is Pat Cecil. [In 1
12 reviewing the EISs that have been submitted for
13 public review it's pretty clear that those EISs
14 completely ignore the state of California being here.
15 I mean, we're 20 miles away from the repository and
16 yet the EISs don't identify any potential impacts to
17 California.]

18 [The EISs don't address the lower carbonate 2
19 aquifer and potential impacts to Death Valley and the
20 Indian tribes.] [It doesn't discuss impacts to 3
21 emergency services and who's going to pay for those
22 emergency services if there is an upset.

23 The documents totally blow off the
24 alternative of truck shipping of nuclear waste,
25 although it's pretty illogical if you look at a map

1 that Highway 127 is a probable route for potential
2 shipping nuclear waste up from Southern California.
3 And the risk of an upset on 127, which is not a great
4 highway, is pretty high.

5 I don't know if you're aware that in Inyo
6 County all our fire departments are volunteer fire
7 departments. They're not professional fire
8 departments. They don't have the equipment or the
9 training to deal with a nuclear upset.]

10 [Also your EISSs, when it comes to the 4
11 transport of the rods, it talks about the casks that
12 are going to be developed to put the rods in. Those
13 casks are going to be based on a computer model with
14 no real life testing of those casks. So we really
15 won't know until there's an upset whether they work
16 or not.

17 My understanding is is that those casks
18 aren't going to be designed for broken rods.
19 Apparently rods do break at the power plants and then
20 they cause a separate shipping problem. That isn't
21 really discussed.]

22 [If there is an upset in a trucking campaign 5
23 up through Death Valley, the economic impacts to the
24 county will be significant. Death Valley is a major
25 economic tourist stop, supplies a lot of tax money to
1 Inyo County, and basically that could break the
2 county if, in fact, an upset occurred in that area.]

3 That's pretty much my comments. Thank you.