

19           JON TURNER: I, like everyone else, would  
20 like to thank you, the DOE, for having this. I, as a  
21 new member to the community, only the last three  
22 years, two and a half years, learned a lot tonight  
23 with all this out here. I originally wasn't going to  
24 come, and Tom Ace, who is a resident of Alabama Hills  
25 for almost 15 years, sent me an e-mail. He had a  
1 family issue and needed to fly back to the northeast,  
2 and so I'm reading his e-mail and his statement and  
3 then I'll maybe add one comment afterwards.

1 4           [ Nuclear waste is currently stored  
5 temporarily at many locations around the country, and  
6 more waste is continually generated. We need a  
7 long-term solution. This country needs it. It has  
8 to do with our cultural effects on the world.

9           Contention for energy resource has profound  
10 effects on the security of the United States, and  
11 indeed on the security of this world. We buy oil  
12 from countries that we do not share our values and  
13 who do not have our best interest in mind. Any  
14 technology that allows the United States to provide  
15 for its own energy, needs to help us stop sending  
16 dollars to countries who are not our friends.

17           No one wants nuclear waste stored in our  
18 area, but the country needs a site. Well, I want  
19 questions about the safety and environmental impact  
20 answered. I also hope that citizens in our country  
21 recognize that storing waste is essential to our

22 country's security, and that we, as the consumers of  
23 this energy, we all need to do our part.

24 No matter whether you believe we should have  
25 more or fewer nuclear plants, we need a nuclear waste  
1 site. This can't be shipped outside of our country.  
2 Nevada and California should not look at this as a  
3 nuisance to avoid but rather a service to be provided  
4 for the country as a whole.

5 Again I, Tom Ace, fully support the efforts  
6 of Inyo County to ensure that the waste is  
7 transported and stored safely. I only hope that this  
8 issue can be approached in a spirit of being a  
9 service to our county.]

10 My only response to this is just a couple  
11 weeks ago we buried one of our own who came back from  
12 Iraq. The sooner we can get out of the oil wars,  
13 maybe the better off we'll all be. Thank you.