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24 Nevada 89129. [The statement I want to make is that, 1
25 thank you, first of all, to DOE for putting this on.

1 Second of all, we need this. Yucca Mountain
2 is vital to our nation that we have nuclear power,
3 but we also need to be able to be responsible enough
4 to place it in a safe environment rather than in each
5 different location throughout the nation.

6 I'm a common person, construction worker. I
7 also was a volunteer firefighter in New Mexico where
8 we had the WIPP plant, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant,
9 where it's also a low-level radiation storage
10 facility there outside of Carlsbad. I helped build
11 many roads and railroad areas in there, as well as
12 the training for the firefighters that were in that
13 particular route that went through that area. So in
14 other words, the training was put in place, the
15 improvements to the roads were done. These type of
16 things have happened in the past and will happen
17 again when this happens.

18 This is necessary for our safety of our
19 people throughout the nation to get this deadly
20 radiation out of their backyards and into the
21 repository where we can pull it out and put it back
22 if we need to.

23 Also, I would like to see the state of
24 Nevada get on board with their colleges to have more
25 of a research involvement with this so that they can

1 possibly find a way to use this hundred year spent
2 fuel time, use this deadly energy in another way that
3 is not a deadly energy. This needs to be researched,
4 but right now we need to control what is deadly on
5 top of our ground that is exposed to the weather and
6 to possible terrorists.

7 The thing that scares me personally the
8 worst is somebody from Oregon getting a hold of spent
9 rods somehow, bringing it in a U-Haul truck down to
10 Las Vegas Boulevard and blowing up their truck. And
11 that creates a dirty bomb I guess is what it's
12 called, but that scares me more than anything that
13 happens at Yucca Mountain.

14 These people all are concerned about what's
15 happened with their tribes or what's happened to
16 their people in the past or being hurt or whatever.
17 They have no idea what everybody else is having to
18 endure and what they're asking the people to do here.

19 So, DOE, thank you very much for doing this.
20 And I believe it should move forward, keep the
21 training going, keep the work going, keep the
22 licensing going. You have to move forward with this.
23 This needs to be done. These people don't see it
24 yet, but it needs to be done.] Thank you very much.