

13           BERTA FIRMIN: My name is Berta Firmin.  
14 Berta is the first name. I came down here this  
15 evening purposely to find out what this meeting was  
16 all about, and I've been very impressed as to what I  
17 have seen both on the repository side and in the rail  
18 or delivery side of the canisters.

19           I believe that the transportation problem  
20 is a significant one, but I also believe that the  
21 people who are studying the situation are very, very  
22 well qualified to assess the environmental impact and  
23 make the proper choice. I really don't have strongly  
24 an opinion on whether to use the Caliente or the Mina  
25 corridor, but my main objective is that we should

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1 move ahead and pick one with the studies that are  
2 best suited for the task at hand and go ahead and get  
3 it done.

4           I'm feel very strongly that Yucca  
5 Mountain should go forward, and that the repository  
6 should be put in to use after all of this money has  
7 been spent by the federal government. I also feel  
8 that it would be a lot of benefit -- that this would  
9 be a very positive economic benefit to Nevada. We  
10 have a lot of areas that are very distressed, and we  
11 could use an economic boost, and this would help it.

12 But that's not the main reason. The main  
13 reason is to get the nuclear waste out of the areas  
14 in the United States and put it in a safe place, and  
15 I feel very, very strongly that Yucca Mountain will  
16 be the best place to put it.