

MR. MARTIN: All right. My name's Paul Kawika Martin. I'm the Political Director for Peace Action. We've been around 50 years. I have 100,000 members. So my testimony today is from our organization and our membership.

I first want to take a step back and look at the big picture. We really think that the DOE needs to find ways to limit the amount of high level radioactive waste. The U.S. needs an energy policy right now that is -- it's sorely lacking of an emphasis in reducing the demand for energy. And we need true investments in renewable energy that does not create costly and dangerous nuclear waste to begin with.

The second thing I wanted to talk about is a bit about the process here today. We're a bit concerned that the Federal Registry notice didn't quite have as much information that we'd like to see for proper public comment, and that the meeting was too close between the registry notice and the date. It was too short for folks to really organize and prepare a proper testimony. And we also think that the time line for commenting, in general, is too short. I think it's only 45 days. It probably should be extended to at least 90 days, considering the amount of people that are affected by the -- the current scoping information.

So that said, our major concern overall with this scoping process is mitigating the risk of transporting high level radioactive waste many miles over many years from accidents, terrorist attacks, or theft. We think with the consequences of a dirty bomb very grave, the public needs to understand the risks involved.

To that end, we request that the supplemental FEIS include security and risk analyses and impacts on public health and safety, including sabotage, terrorist attack, or theft of TADs, at the reactor site, during transportation, and at Yucca Mountain.

So, and then the last thing I wanted to say is that Peace Action feels that Yucca Mountain is geologically unsuitable, considering the earthquake and volcanic zone, a possibility for leaks above a drinking water supply. It's unsuitable -- it's unsuitable for a safe repository site. So clearly, public health and safety cannot be guaranteed with the site, nor transportation to the site. And we urge the DOE to abandon Yucca Mountain.

MS. DESELL: Thank you, very much for providing your comments and coming today.

MR. MARTIN: My pleasure.