

COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION
DRAFT SPEIS PUBLIC HEARING

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COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMMATIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SPEIS)
PUBLIC HEARING

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THE ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM
755 E. FLAMINGO ROAD
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89119

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008

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6:00 P.M.

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1 THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008, 6:00 P.M.

2 THE ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM

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4 MR. BROWN: IF YOU FOLKS WILL TAKE YOUR SEATS,
5 WE'LL GET STARTED WITH THIS EVENING'S MEETING. THANK YOU
6 FOR COMING IN FOLKS IN THE FOYER.

7 GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THIS PUBLIC HEARING ON
8 THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPLEMENTAL
9 PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, OR SUPPLEMENTAL
10 PEIS, FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE NATION'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS
11 COMPLEX. I HOPE YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BROWSE AT THE
12 DISPLAYS AND TALK WITH STAFF DURING THE JUST COMPLETED OPEN
13 HOUSE.

14 MY NAME IS HOLMES BROWN, I WILL SERVE AS THE
15 FACILITATOR FOR THIS EVENING'S MEETING. I'M NOT AN EMPLOYER
16 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NOR AN ADVOCATE FOR ANY PARTY OR
17 POSITION. MY ROLE THIS EVENING IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
18 MEETING RUNS ON SCHEDULE AND THAT EVERYBODY HAS AN
19 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I WILL ALSO EXPLAIN SOME GROUND RULES
20 TO ENSURE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION BY EVERYONE.

21 AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED
22 A PARTICIPANT'S PACKET WHICH CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE
23 TRANSFORMATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX. IF NOT,
24 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND STAFF CAN DELIVER ONE TO YOU.
25 DID EVERYBODY GET A PACKET? OKAY, YOU NEED ONE? OKAY.

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1 WE'VE GOT ONE PERSON HERE. OKAY, WE'VE GOT A FEW OTHERS.
2 IS THAT EVERYONE? GOOD.

3 THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THIS HEARING, THE
4 INFORMATION SEGMENT AND THE FORMAL COMMENT SEGMENT. THE
5 INFORMATION SEGMENT BEGAN WITH THE HOUR-LONG OPEN HOUSE THAT
6 HAS JUST CONCLUDED AND CONTINUES WITH AN 8-MINUTE WELCOME
7 VIDEO FROM MR. ROBERT SMOLEN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR
8 DEFENSE PROGRAMS. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A 20-MINUTE
9 PRESENTATION BY MR. TED WYKA, THE SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS DOCUMENT
10 MANAGER. MR. WYKA WILL DISCUSS THE COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION
11 PROJECT AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS.

12 THE FORMAL COMMENT SEGMENT WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY
13 AFTER MR. WYKA'S PRESENTATION. DURING THE FORMAL COMMENT
14 SEGMENT, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL PROVIDE THEIR VIEWS ON
15 THE SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS. THE COURT REPORTER WILL TRANSCRIBE A
16 VERBATIM RECORD OF YOUR COMMENTS. A DOE OFFICIAL WILL BE
17 PRESENT TO HEAR YOUR COMMENTS, BUT WILL NOT BE RESPONDING TO
18 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

19 IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A COMMENT AND HAVE NOT YET
20 SIGNED UP, YOU MAY ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST AT THE
21 SPEAKERS' TABLE OUT FRONT.

22 WE WILL NOW CONTINUE THE INFORMATION SEGMENT WITH
23 A VIDEO BY MR. ROBERT SMOLEN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR
24 DEFENSE PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

25 (VIDEO SHOWN AND PRESENTATION GIVEN.)

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1 MR. BROWN: IT'S NOW TIME TO RECEIVE YOUR FORMAL
2 COMMENTS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS. THIS IS YOUR
3 OPPORTUNITY TO LET DOE KNOW YOUR REVIEW OF THE DRAFT
4 DOCUMENT. THE COURT REPORTER IS READY TO TAKE YOUR
5 STATEMENTS.

6 LET ME REVIEW A FEW GROUND RULES FOR FORMAL
7 COMMENTS. PLEASE STEP UP TO THE MICROPHONE OVER THERE WHEN
8 YOUR NAME IS CALLED. INTRODUCE YOURSELF, PROVIDING AN
9 ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION WHERE APPROPRIATE.

10 IF YOU HAVE A WRITTEN VERSION OF YOUR STATEMENT,
11 PLEASE GIVE IT TO THE COURT REPORTER WHEN YOU'VE CONCLUDED
12 YOUR REMARKS.

13 I WILL CALL TWO NAMES AT A TIME. THE FIRST OF
14 THE SPEAKER AND THE SECOND OF THE PERSON THAT FOLLOWS.

15 IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
16 INDICATED AN INTEREST IN SPEAKING, I THINK WE CAN PROVIDE 5
17 TO 10 MINUTES FOR EACH STATEMENT WHICH OUGHT TO BE
18 SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PEOPLE TO COMPLETE THEIR STATEMENT. I
19 WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE A MINUTE REMAINING. TED
20 WYKA WILL BE SERVING AS THE HEARING OFFICER FOR THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY THIS EVENING.

22 SO LET ME CALL OUR FIRST SPEAKER, JONI EASTLEY
23 WILL BEGIN OUR COMMENTS.

24 AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ALEXANDRIA ROBERTS.

25 MS. EASTLEY: MR. BROWN, THANK YOU. MR. WYKA,

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1 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2 I'M JONI EASTLEY, I'M CHAIRMAN OF THE NYE COUNTY
3 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT I REPRESENT
4 DISTRICT 2 IN WHICH LIES THE TOWN OF TONOPAH AND THE TONOPAH
5 TEST RANGE. NYE COUNTY WILL BE SUBMITTING FORMAL WRITTEN
6 COMMENTS ON THE COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION AND MY COMMENTS THIS
7 EVENING WILL MERELY SUMMARIZE OUR COUNTY'S POSITION ON THIS
8 PROPOSED ACTION.

9 WE APPRECIATE THAT THE COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION IS
10 MADE AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE IN THE DRAFT COMPLEX
11 TRANSFORMATION SPEIS. WITH SEVERAL DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES
12 TO CONSIDER, I KNOW THAT THAT WAS REALLY A DIFFICULT TASK.
13 BUT OBVIOUSLY NYE COUNTY HAS SOME PREFERENCES ABOUT THOSE
14 ALTERNATIVES AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT THOSE ARE.

15 EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED, AND RIGHTFULLY SO,
16 DURING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DURING THE PRESENTATION THIS
17 EVENING ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WHICH OF COURSE ARE
18 IMPORTANT. BUT MY JOB, THOUGH, AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IS TO
19 ANTICIPATE AND RESPOND TO THE SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT
20 WOULD RESULT FROM THE FINAL SELECTION OF ANY OF THOSE
21 ALTERNATIVES THAT DON'T INCLUDE NO ACTION.

22 AND FACED WITH THAT RESPONSIBILITY, NYE COUNTY
23 CONTRACTED LAST YEAR WITH THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC
24 DEVELOPMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA TO PRODUCE A
25 REPORT -- I HAVE IT HERE -- ON THE ESTIMATED ECONOMIC

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1 IMPACTS ON NORTHERN NYE AND ESERALDA COUNTIES. I'M GOING
2 TO LEAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TONIGHT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

3 THIS EVENING YOU MAY HEAR COMMENTS AS YOU DID IN
4 TONOPAH ON TUESDAY EVENING FROM THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH AN
5 INSIDE THE FENCE PERSPECTIVE ON THIS PLAN. AND THOSE PEOPLE
6 ARE CERTAINLY MORE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED THAN I TO COMMENT
7 ON SPECIFIC FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE SPEIS, SO
8 I'M GOING TO LEAVE THOSE COMMENTS TO THOSE PEOPLE.

9 AND I WANT TO COMMENT SPECIFICALLY FROM AN OUTSIDE
10 THE FENCE PERSPECTIVE. AND FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, I CAN SUM
11 THAT UP IN THREE WORDS, "IT'S ABOUT JOBS." IT'S ABOUT JOBS.
12 IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT FOR US. SO WE PREFER THE
13 ALTERNATIVES, OBVIOUSLY, THAT DON'T TAKE GOOD PAYING JOBS
14 AWAY FROM NYE COUNTY PRIMARILY IN THE CENTRAL NYE COUNTY
15 AREA. WE NEED THOSE JOBS. AND IF I MAY BE SO BOLD TO SAY
16 THIS THIS EVENING, WE'D LIKE TO BE SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE
17 CMPC WITH THE ASSOCIATED 4,500 OPERATIONS WORKERS. I DON'T
18 THINK ANYBODY WILL DISAGREE WITH ME TONIGHT WHEN I SAY THAT
19 WE CERTAINLY HAVE THE ROOM FOR THAT. THE COMBINATION OF THE
20 NTTR AND THE NTS, AS YOU KNOW, REPRESENTS ONE OF THE LARGEST
21 UNPOPULATED LAND AREAS IN THE UNITED STATES COMPRISING MORE
22 THAN 3.5 MILLION ACRES. WE HAVE THE TRAINED CONSTRUCTION
23 WORKERS AND OPERATIONS WORKERS TO MEET THOSE CHALLENGES AND
24 WE WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED.

25 THE WORKERS WHO PERFORM THE JOBS AT TTR AND ALSO

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1 THEIR FAMILIES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CENTRAL NYE
2 COUNTY AREA. AND IN MY OPINION, CONSIDERATION OF ANYTHING
3 OTHER THAN THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE COULD BE CONSIDERED A
4 REVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE.

5 RELOCATING NNSA'S FLIGHT TEST OPERATIONS TO WSMR
6 WOULD MEAN TERMINATING THE NNSA FLIGHT TESTS OPERATIONS
7 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED AT TTR.
8 THAT'S ABOUT 135 JOBS, 135 JOBS WOULD BE LOST. DOESN'T
9 SOUND LIKE A LOT, BUT THAT DOESN'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY FOR
10 THE CENTRAL NYE COUNTY AREA. A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE TTR
11 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVOLVED IN MANY OF OUR
12 SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. THEY'RE MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTY'S
13 SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM. THEY ARE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS,
14 AND THEY ARE EMTS. AND THOSE ARE MENTIONED IN THE EIS,
15 THAT'S TRUE, BUT WHAT ISN'T MENTIONED IS THE NUMBER OF
16 SPOUSES WHO EITHER VOLUNTEER WITH THE PTA OR THEY ARE PART
17 OF THE MEDICAL STAFF AT OUR HOSPITAL OR THEY'RE TEACHERS IN
18 OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS. THOSE SPOUSES ALSO -- THEY ALSO OPERATE
19 FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESSES. THEY FILL CRITICAL POSITIONS IN
20 OUR COUNTY OFFICES IN ANY OF THE STATE FACILITIES THAT ARE
21 LOCATED IN THE COUNTY SEAT, WHICH IS TONOPAH. SO IF
22 OPERATIONS WERE DISCONTINUED AT TTR OR SIGNIFICANTLY
23 REDUCED, THOSE THINGS WOULD CEASE AND OTHER SOCIOECONOMIC
24 INDICATORS WOULD ALSO DECREASE.

25 SO YES, RELOCATING NNSA FLIGHT TEST OPERATIONS TO

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1 NTS WOULD THEORETICALLY BE A WASH FOR NYE COUNTY SINCE THE
2 135 JOBS WOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM THERE TO TTR, BUT WHEN IT
3 COMES TO THE SOCIOECONOMIC HEALTH OF CENTRAL NYE COUNTY,
4 WHICH INCLUDES THE HOST COMMUNITY OF TONOPAH, IT'S NOT A
5 WASH.

6 I NOTE THAT THE ALTERNATIVE FOR OPERATING TTR IN
7 CAMPAIGN MODE ALTERNATIVE WOULD STILL ENTAIL THE LOSS OF 92
8 JOBS AT TTR. I'M GOING TO TELL YOU WE OPPOSE THAT ACTION
9 OBVIOUSLY BASED ON THE LOSS OF JOBS. ALTHOUGH MY
10 CONSTITUENTS AND I WOULD APPRECIATE A MORE DETAILED
11 EXPLANATION FROM YOU FOLKS OF WHAT CAMPAIGN MODE IS AND HOW
12 YOU WOULD MAKE THAT FUNCTION.

13 IF THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS FOR THE MIGRATION OF
14 ANY AND ALL OTHER NNSA ACTIVITIES TO THE NEVADA TEST SITE,
15 WHILE I WOULD REALLY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SUPPORT THAT AS
16 MY COLLEAGUES WOULD ALSO BECAUSE AT LEAST THE JOBS WOULD
17 STILL STAY IN NYE COUNTY. HOWEVER, AS AREA BUSINESS OWNERS
18 HAVE SO OFTEN SAID IN THE PAST, AND I KNOW YOU FOLKS HAVE
19 HEARD THIS, WE'D LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THE FEDERAL LARGESSE
20 ASSOCIATED WITH THAT MIGRATION TO BE OF GREATER BENEFIT TO
21 NYE COUNTY, WHICH I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE IS HOME TO EVERY
22 SQUARE INCH OF THE NEVADA TEST SITE, AS OPPOSED TO SEEING
23 THE LONGSTANDING CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THOSE
24 FEDERAL BENEFITS MIGRATE TO CLARK COUNTY AND NOT TO THE HOST
25 COUNTY.

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1 SO AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT
2 COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD. NYE COUNTY'S MORE COMPREHENSIVE
3 WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT I'VE TOUCHED
4 ON TONIGHT IN GREATER DETAIL AND OTHERS AS WELL, AND WE WILL
5 ABSOLUTELY PROVIDE THOSE PRIOR TO THE CLOSURE OF THE COMMENT
6 PERIOD.

7 THANK YOU.

8 MR. BROWN: THANKS VERY MUCH.

9 ALEXANDRIA ROBERTS IS NEXT.

10 AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MEGAN RICE.

11 MS. ROBERTS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. BROWN.

12 I SHOULD PREFACE THIS BY SAYING THAT I APPRECIATE
13 THE POSITION THAT THE NNSA, MR. WYKA, THE DEPUTY OF THE DOE
14 ARE ALL IN, YOU ARE JUST DOING YOUR JOBS, I APPRECIATE THAT.

15 WHAT I DON'T -- WHAT I DON'T APPRECIATE AND MAYBE
16 I DON'T UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, BUT I HAVE BEEN DOING MY
17 RESEARCH, IS THE POSITION THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING
18 UPON YOUR ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF WHAT I -- A LOT OF
19 PRINCIPLES THAT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TAUGHT IS HASTE MAKES
20 WASTE. TAKE YOUR TIME, UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION, THE
21 POSITION THAT YOU'RE IN, AND THEN MAKE A DECISION BASED ON
22 THAT.

23 NOW THE RESEARCH THAT I'VE DONE ON THIS SUBJECT
24 TELLS ME THAT FROM THE JASON GROUP THAT THESE PITS HAVE --
25 IN 2007, JASON'S PIT LIFETIME STUDY CONFIRMED THAT EXISTING

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1 PITS COULD LAST 100 YEARS OR MORE AND CAN HOLD AN ARSENAL OF
2 5,000 TO 80,000 WARHEADS.

3 NOW WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT I'VE RECENTLY
4 LEARNED THAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO REBUILD
5 NEW COMPLEXES WITH THE ADDITION OF NEW COMPLEXES. NOW MR.
6 WYKA WAS SAYING THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO REDUCE THE LIFE WITH
7 THOSE COMPLEXES IN A COST EFFECTIVE MANNER. HOWEVER, WHAT
8 IS THAT ACTUALLY SAYING? WE'RE TRYING TO BE MORE COST
9 EFFECTIVE ABOUT BUILDING THESE WARHEADS. HOW EFFECTIVE ARE
10 THESE WARHEADS IF THERE'S NO IMMEDIATE THREAT? THIS ISN'T
11 AN EFFECTIVE PLAN BECAUSE WE HAVE -- RIGHT NOW WE HAVE NO
12 IMMEDIATE MILITARY THREAT THAT WE NEED TO PRESENT THESE
13 WARHEADS TO. IT'S NOT COST EFFECTIVE BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING
14 TO HAVE USE THE MONEY TO SHUT DOWN THESE COMPLEXES, YOU'RE
15 GOING TO HAVE TO USE MONEY TO MAKE THESE EXISTING COMPLEXES
16 SMALLER. THEN YOU HAVE THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WORKERS
17 WHO LIKE THE NYE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE WAS SPEAKING ABOUT
18 WHO YOU NEED TO RELOCATE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T -- IT WOULDN'T BE
19 RIGHT TO JUST FIRE THEM AND IT WOULD BE RIGHT TO RELOCATE
20 THEM. SO WE NEED TO USE MONEY TO DO THAT AS WELL. WELL,
21 RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF AN ECONOMIC RECESSION.
22 WE'RE BEGINNING AN ECONOMIC RECESSION, THIS IS NOT WHERE OUR
23 MONEY NEEDS TO GO.

24 NOW, THE ONLY REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR A NATION
25 NEEDING WARHEADS, ACTIVE WARHEADS, WOULD BE IN DEFENSE.

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1 NOW, CURRENTLY WHEN WE HEAR ABOUT WARHEADS FROM IRAN OR FROM
2 NORTH KOREA, WE HEAR THESE ARE WEAPONS OF AGGRESSION. THE
3 ONES THAT THE UNITED STATES ARE PLANNING ON BUILDING ARE
4 WEAPONS OF DEFENSE. THE UNITED STATES IS A PERMANENT SEAT
5 HOLDER ON THE GA COUNCIL IN THE UNITED NATIONS. IRAN AND
6 NORTH KOREA ARE BOTH ALSO PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IN
7 ANY CASE, WHERE THERE WOULD BE AGGRESSION INVOLVED, WHERE
8 THERE ARE ALREADY SANCTIONS, THEY'RE ALREADY USING SANCTIONS
9 ON THESE NATIONS. IT WOULD A BETTER IDEA, A BETTER
10 ALTERNATIVE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK TO THESE NATIONS THAT WOULD
11 CAUSE A THREAT THAT WOULD WANT US TO INCREASE OUR PRODUCTION
12 OF THESE NUCLEAR WARHEADS AND DISCUSS WHAT THE PROBLEM WOULD
13 BE. IF AT THAT TIME WE CANNOT COME TO A COMPROMISE AND
14 THERE WOULD A TIME WHERE WE WOULD NEED TO UTILIZE THESE
15 ACTUAL WARHEADS THAT WE HAVE, WE HAVE A CURRENT ARSENAL OF
16 AROUND 5,000 NUCLEAR WARHEADS READY FOR DEPLOYMENT.

17 ADDITIONALLY, THE BUILDING AND REBUILDING OF THESE
18 NEW WEAPONS AND COMPLEXES WOULD ONLY HARM THE UNITED STATES
19 AND THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF
20 THE RECESSION BUT ALSO BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE WEAPON
21 COMPLEXES, THE ONES THAT MR. WYKA WAS TALKING ABOUT NOT
22 SHUTTING DOWN AND HAVE THE NUCLEAR TEST SITE WHICH IS NOT 45
23 MINUTES FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. YOU
24 NEED TO CONSIDER ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT THAT CAN BE
25 DAMAGING. NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE LOSING THEIR JOBS,

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1 I ABSOLUTELY HAVE SYMPATHY FOR THE 135 PEOPLE WHO MAY LOSE
2 THEIR JOBS IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO THE TTR. HOWEVER,
3 WHAT ABOUT THE 135 PEOPLE WHO ARE CONSIDERED DOWNWINDERS
4 BECAUSE THEY'RE DOWNWIND OF THE NUCLEAR TEST SITE AND HAVE
5 GOTTEN CANCER BECAUSE OF THE NUCLEAR TESTING?

6 SO BASICALLY THE POINT I'M TRYING TO GET ACROSS IS
7 THAT IN LIGHT OF OUR CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN OUR NATION
8 AND THE FACT THAT THE CONS IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION
9 OUTWEIGH THE PROS, WHILE I CAN APPRECIATE THE NNSA'S
10 POSITION, AS A WHOLE, THEY SHOULD STAND OUT AGAINST THE
11 GOVERNMENT, SAY WE DON'T REALLY NEED THIS RIGHT NOW. RIGHT
12 NOW WE NEED TO FOCUS ON KEEPING OUR WARHEADS WHERE THEY ARE
13 BECAUSE THEY ARE READY FOR DEPLOYMENT IF WE EVER NEED THEM,
14 WHICH AT THE CURRENT TIME WE DO NOT, AND THIS IS WHAT WE
15 NEED TO FOCUS ON. BECAUSE REALLY WHAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS
16 RIGHT NOW IS TO FOCUS ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE FOCUSED ON NOT
17 WHAT THEY WANT TO BE FOCUSED ON.

18 I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME, MR. BROWN, MR. WYKA.

19 MR. BROWN: THANK YOU.

20 MEGAN RICE IS NEXT.

21 LYLA BARTHOLOMAE WILL FOLLOW.

22 MS. RICE: JUST A VISUAL AID, THE PLAN AND THE
23 WEIGHT OF IT AND THE COMPLEXITY OF IT. AND THE CONSTITUTION
24 OF THE UNITED STATES. WE CAN TAKE OUR CHOICE. THANK YOU.
25 I'LL HOLD THIS VERY EASILY.

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1 THANK YOU, ALEXANDRIA, YOU GIVE US HOPE.

2 I'M A 78-YEAR-OLD WAR PERSON IN THIS COUNTRY. I'D
3 LIKE TO SAY -- REMIND US THAT THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE
4 EMERGING GOVERNMENT AS IT WAS THEN STRUCTURED BY THE
5 IMMIGRANTS FROM EUROPE IN THE 1700S, CHALLENGED HIS
6 FOLLOWERS WISELY, THAT'S US, WITH THESE WORDS, "LET US RAISE
7 A STANDARD TO WHICH THE WISE AND THE HONEST CAN REPAIR."

8 AND HE ALSO SAID BEFORE THAT, "IF TO PLEASE THE
9 PEOPLE WE OFFER WHAT WE OURSELVES DISAPPROVE, HOW CAN WE
10 AFTERWARD DEFEND OUR WORK?"

11 THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET DO DISAPPROVE OF THE
12 DISASTROUS PRACTICE EVOLVED OVER THE LAST CENTURY TO BUILD
13 UP AN ECONOMY WHICH COSTS ITS CITIZENS 51 PERCENT OF YOUR
14 TAX BUDGET FOR MILITARY DOMINANCE OF THE GLOBE, INCLUDING
15 SACRED SPACE.

16 THE PRESENT PLAN, COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION,
17 REINFORCES THIS IMBALANCE IN FAVOR OF WAR PROFITEERING OVER
18 HUMAN AND PLANETARY WELL-BEING, ENHANCING LIFE FOR ALL.
19 INSTEAD, WE ARE PLAGUED WITH POVERTY, VIOLENCE, TERRORISM IN
20 REACTION TO THE TERRORISM CREATED BY THE U.S. MILITARY
21 DOMINANCE POLICY.

22 LET US CREATE LIFE-ENHANCING ALTERNATIVES. AN
23 ALTERNATIVE ECONOMY WHERE AS CONGRESSMAN KUCINICH AND OTHERS
24 FROM THE WISER SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING COMMUNITIES AND
25 OTHERS PROPOSE THERE WOULD BE FUNDING TO FEED, HOUSE,

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1 TRANSPORT, HEAL, EDUCATE, OR CREATE A JUST SOCIETY WHERE THE
2 WORDS OF OUR CONSTITUTION CAUSE THE BLESSINGS -- TO THE
3 BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY AND WE EXPAND IT TO OUR PLANET AND OUR
4 POSTERITY THE WHOLE WEB OF LIFE COULD BE PROMOTED AS THE
5 GENERAL WELFARE.

6 AND JUST TO -- AND THERE ARE PLANS AFOOT ALREADY
7 IN PLACE -- NOT NECESSARILY IN PLACE, BUT IN EXISTENCE. AND
8 SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER SEYMOUR MELMAN AND HIS INSTITUTE
9 FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE ECONOMIC -- FOR THE ECONOMIC
10 CONVERSION OF THE MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX BACK IN THE
11 '70S AND '80S OUT OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND IT STILL EXISTS
12 WHERE IT HAS BEEN SHOWN THAT ECONOMICS CAN BE ENHANCED AND
13 LIFE CAN BE ENHANCED BY LAW. IT WAS HR 1111 BACK IN THE
14 '80S PRESENTED TO CONGRESS WHERE EACH OF THESE COMPLEXES
15 THAT WE'VE MENTIONED TODAY THOUGHTFULLY AND WITH COMPASSION
16 COULD BE CONVERTED OVER A 5-YEAR PERIOD TO SOMETHING
17 DESIGNED BY THE PEOPLE, BY THE WORKERS INTO A NEW INDUSTRY
18 TO REVAMP OR RESTRUCTURE THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR DECAYING
19 SOCIETY, ROADS, BRIDGES, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND OBVIOUSLY A
20 SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE. IF WE LOOK TO OUR
21 HISTORY, IT HAS BEEN DONE AND IT COULD BE DONE. NOT IN
22 ESOTERIC TERMS SECRETLY, BUT BY THE ACTUAL PEOPLE AT THOSE
23 FACILITIES TAKING TIME TO VOTE AND TO PLAN WHAT IS REALLY
24 NEEDED. AND THEN THE GOVERNMENT SPENDING ITS MONEY
25 SUPPORTING THAT WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE A MUCH MORE VIABLE

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1 ECONOMY.

2 SO LOOK UP SEYMOUR MELMAN AND THE ECONOMIC
3 CONVERSION OF THE MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. SOME OF HIS
4 BOOKS AND FIND THAT INSTITUTE.

5 THANK YOU, AND REMEMBER OUR HUNGRY, OUR HOMELESS
6 NOW. THE NUMBERS ARE GROWING. WE START OUR DAY TRYING TO
7 FEED THEM IN THIS CITY, THE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF THE
8 WORLD.

9 THANK YOU, ALEXANDRIA.

10 MR. BROWN: LYLE BARTHOLOMAE IS NEXT.

11 MS. BARTHOLOMAE: THANK YOU.

12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORDS, SISTER, THAT WAS
13 INTERESTING.

14 HALF A CENTURY AGO I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL COWERING
15 UNDER MY DESK BECAUSE WE WERE GOING TO VAPORIZED AT ANY
16 MOMENT BY THE A-BOMBS THAT WERE COMING. WE DIDN'T HAVE SUCH
17 A WORD OR -- WE CALLED IT PAYBACK, THERE'S A NEW TERM FOR IT
18 THAT I DON'T KNOW, IT'S GONE. BUT WE KNEW THAT IT WAS
19 RELATED TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAD DONE IN HIROSHIMA
20 AND NAGASAKI, AND WE EXPECTED TO BE FRIED. THAT DIDN'T
21 HAPPEN.

22 SO WHAT I AM TODAY IS A RETIRED PSYCHIATRIC RN AND
23 I KNOW THAT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IS INSANITY BY CHOICE. SO
24 I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT.

25 BEYOND THE COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION TERMINOLOGY,

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1 THERE'S 4 PROPOSALS. EVEN WITH PROPOSAL LABELED NO ACTION
2 ALTERNATIVE CALLS FOR THE CONTINUOUS CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR
3 BOMBS. THE BIG DIFFERENCE -- THE NUMBER WOULD BE
4 CLASSIFIED. SO MUCH OF THAT'S HAPPENING LATELY. BIG
5 SECRETS. THE NUMBER WOULD BE CLASSIFIED, THAT'S THE NO
6 ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

7 THE OTHER PROPOSALS, I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH
8 THE NAMES, THEY CALL FOR 50 TO 150 NEW BOMBS TO BE BUILT
9 EACH YEAR. FOR EACH 4 PROPOSALS, THEY'RE A STEP BACKWARDS
10 TO PRE-911 AND EVERY -- THESE QUOTE MARKS, PREWAR ON TERROR
11 THINKING.

12 A 2007 WORLD OPINION POLL SAID 73 PERCENT OF
13 AMERICANS SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE
14 WORLD.

15 THE DOE PROCEEDING WITH THIS PROPOSAL ON THE
16 ACTIONS OF A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE ROLE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF
17 THE FUTURE SITES OF THE STOCKPILE, IT'S PRICEY AND IT'S
18 PREMATURE TO INVEST IN A MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE NUCLEAR
19 WEAPONS COMPLEX WITHOUT A REEXAMINATION OF THE ROLE OF
20 NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OUR FUTURE STRATEGY. THE NEXT PRESIDENT
21 SHOULD, AND BY LAW WILL, UNDERTAKE THAT REVIEW. NO HURRY.

22 NUCLEAR WEAPONS SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN DEALING
23 WITH THE CURRENT DANGERS FACED BY OUR COUNTRY. CURRENT
24 PLANS CALL FOR MAINTAINING MORE THAN 2,000 DEPLOYED NUCLEAR
25 BOMBS TWO DECADES AFTER THE END OF THE COLD WAR. U.S.

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1 SHOULD WORK TO ACHIEVE DRAMATICALLY DEEPER REDUCTIONS -- IN
2 U.S. AND RUSSIAN MISSILE STOCKPILES -- AND ENGAGE IN
3 NEGOTIATIONS WHERE OUR COUNTRIES COULD REACH ZERO NUCLEAR
4 WEAPONS.

5 THE 4 PROPOSALS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH CURRENT
6 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY GOALS TO STOP WORLDWIDE
7 PROLIFERATION. THROUGH THE 1968 NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION
8 TREATY, THE UNITED STATES HAS COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENT DEEPER
9 VERIFIABLE AND IRREVERSIBLE NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCTIONS.
10 FAILURE TO FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS AND RENOUNCE NEW WARHEAD
11 REDUCTION ERODES THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT CURRENT AND
12 FUTURE NUCLEAR STATES SHOULD FULFILL THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

13 THE UNITED STATES CAN TAKE ACTION TO LEAD THE
14 WORLD IN REDUCING NUCLEAR THREAT AND REGAIN, ONCE AGAIN, THE
15 WORLD'S RESPECT AND IMPROVE THE CURRENT FOSTERING OF
16 GOODWILL. IF WE DESIRE SECURITY, WE MUST RENOUNCE THE
17 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS JUST AS WE DEMAND OTHER STATES TO
18 AND RATIFY THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY.

19 THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
20 SHOULD AFFECT AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE, DISARMAMENT, IN
21 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NDT AND NOT DESIGN NEW WEAPONS. THE
22 DRAFT SPEIS DOES NOT EVEN CONSIDER SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE.
23 THIS LACK OF A VIABLE ACTION MUST BE RECTIFIED. THE FINAL
24 SPEIS SHOULD INCLUDE A FIFTH ALTERNATIVE, A NO PRODUCTION
25 ALTERNATIVE.

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1 UNDER THE NO PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVE, WE WOULD
2 CONTINUE TO OPERATE ONLY THOSE FACILITIES REQUIRED TO
3 ACHIEVE A SAFE, SECURE, EFFICIENT DISASSEMBLY AND
4 DISMANTLEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DISPOSAL OF THE
5 CONSTITUENT PARTS. THE NO PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVE WILL
6 ADDRESS THE HORRENDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY OF NUCLEAR
7 WEAPON PRODUCTION. BY CLOSING THE COMPLEX, OUR TAX DOLLARS
8 CAN BE REDIRECTED TO CLEAN UP AND REMEDIATE THE HEALTH AND
9 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO COMMUNITIES DOWNWIND AND DOWNSTREAM
10 FROM THE SITES. THAT'S ONE WE KNOW ABOUT.

11 THE NO PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVE CAN ENHANCE THE
12 ECONOMICS, THE ECONOMIES OF THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THOSE
13 SITES WERE LOCATED. I KNOW I HATE TO HEAR ABOUT 137 JOBS
14 BEING LOST, TOO. IT'LL BE GOOD FOR THE WORKFORCE, THE
15 DISMANTLEMENT OF WARHEADS AND THE CLEANING UP OF THE SITES
16 WILL CREATE JOBS AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF
17 YOUR COMMUNITY. WHEN SITES ARE CLEAN, THEY BECOME AVAILABLE
18 FOR OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

19 THE NO PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVE IS THE ONLY CHOICE
20 THAT FULFILLS THE U.S. OBLIGATIONS FOR DISMANTLEMENT UNDER
21 ARTICLE 6 OF THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY. IT IS THE
22 ONLY ALTERNATIVE IN WHICH THE U.S. COMPLIES WITH A 1996
23 WORLD COURT OPINION THAT THE THREAT OR USE OF NUCLEAR
24 WEAPONS IS CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

25 THE NO PROLIFERATION (SIC) ALTERNATIVE PROVIDES

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1 THE UNITED STATES LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR BY ARMS CONTROL,
2 DIPLOMATIC, AND MILITARY LEADERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY MADE
3 THEIR OPINIONS KNOWN. I KNOW YOU, FRED, SOME OF THESE
4 PEOPLE THAT CAME OUT.

5 THE NO PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVE WILL ENHANCE
6 SECURITY FOR THE UNITED STATES BY STOPPING THE GLOBAL
7 MOMENTUM TOWARD NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION OPERATION AND BRING
8 SECURITY TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.

9 THANK YOU.

10 MR. BROWN: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS LAUNCE RAKE.

11 AUDIENCE VOICE: HE LEFT.

12 MR. BROWN: OKAY. MIDGENE SPATZ IS NEXT.

13 AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JOHN AMIDON.

14 MS. SPATZ: I'LL BE VERY BRIEF. I JUST WANT TO
15 GIVE YOU 4 POINTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED EVEN BETTER
16 THAT I CAN SAY THEM.

17 BUT NO. 1 IS THAT PRODUCING NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS
18 VIOLATES OUR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. SO
19 WHAT WE ARE DOING AND HAVE BEEN DOING IS ILLEGAL.

20 NUMBER 2, IT INCREASES THE RISK OF PROLIFERATION.
21 THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID. IT NEEDS TO BE SAID OVER AND
22 OVER AND OVER. HOW CAN WE ASK ANY OTHER NATION NOT TO
23 ENGAGE IN THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHEN WE HAVE OUR
24 OWN STOCKPILE MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE HAS AND THEN WE'RE
25 CONSIDERING NEW, MORE POWERFUL, MORE DANGEROUS WEAPONS? HOW

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1 CAN WE DO THAT? WE OUR LEADING OURSELVES AND THE REST OF
2 THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD TO A NEW ARMS RACE. IT HAS TO
3 STOP.

4 NUMBER 3, IT POSES A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE
5 ENVIRONMENT, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN WELL SAID, BY CONTINUING
6 TO CONTAMINATE SITES AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES INCLUDING
7 LIVERMORE.

8 AND 4, ALL OF THIS COMES WITH A PRICE TAG OF AT
9 LEAST \$150 BILLION THAT COULD BE SPENT ON OTHER MORE
10 BENEFICIAL PROJECTS, AND WE ALL KNOW ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE
11 SO DESPERATELY NEEDED IN OUR COUNTRY. AND THERE IS NO
12 EXCUSE TO SPEND MORE MONEY ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

13 THANK YOU.

14 MR. BROWN: JOHN AMIDON.

15 AND CATHERINE THOMASSON WILL FOLLOW JOHN.

16 MR. AMIDON: GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS JOHN AMIDON
17 AND I'M THE ACTING COORDINATOR OF THE NEVADA DESERT
18 EXPERIENCE. WE'RE AN INTERFAITH GROUP THAT OPPOSES NUCLEAR
19 WEAPONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM ALL ABOLISHED.

20 THE TITLE OF THE COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION CAUSES ME
21 GREAT DISTRESS. AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE IT'S A EUPHEMISM.
22 WE ALL KNOW WHAT COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS, OR MAYBE WE DON'T,
23 ANOTHER EUPHEMISM. BASICALLY, COLLATERAL DAMAGE MEANS
24 CIVILIANS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED IN COMBAT, DEAD CIVILIANS.
25 AND WHAT A EUPHEMISM DOES IS A WAY OF DISGUIISING AND NOT

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1 TELLING YOU WHAT IT REALLY MEANS. AND IT'S A WAY OF HIDING
2 THE ABSOLUTE HORROR OF SO MANY OF OUR ACTIONS. IN THIS
3 CASE, THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4 SO WHEN A PROGRAM STARTS OUT WITH A TITLE THAT IS
5 DISHONEST, DECEPTIVE, AND DISINGENUOUS, WE REALLY NEED TO BE
6 KEENLY ALERT. THERE'S SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARILY DISHONEST
7 ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENTAL PRESENTATION.

8 THINK ABOUT IT. PITS. WHAT IS A PIT? THEY NEED
9 TO BUILD 80 PITS A YEAR. IT'S A TRIGGER FOR A NUCLEAR BOMB.
10 WHY DON'T THEY CALL IT A TRIGGER SO THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY
11 KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT.

12 I'VE HEARD REPEATEDLY TONIGHT, DISTRIBUTED CENTER
13 OF EXCELLENCE. DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE A CHARTER SCHOOL
14 ALMOST? YOU KNOW. AND HERE WE HAVE THIS DISTRIBUTED CENTER
15 OF EXCELLENCE WHICH MIGHT BE MORE APTLY TITLED A DISTRIBUTED
16 CENTER OF DEATH. A DISTRIBUTED CENTER OF THE WORST POSSIBLE
17 USE OF THE HUMAN MIND CREATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
18 TO MURDER EACH OTHER WITHOUT ANY THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WE'RE
19 DOING. AND WE'RE HEAR BEST BUSINESS PRACTICES FOR KILLING
20 FOLKS, FOR MURDERING EACH OTHER.

21 ONE OF THE SPEAKERS MENTIONED THAT THE ALTERNATIVE
22 OF DISARMAMENT OF DESTROYING ALL OUR NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
23 GETTING RID OF THEM WASN'T PART OF THIS PLAN. WHY NOT? YOU
24 KNOW, THERE IS ONE COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WHO BUILT NUCLEAR
25 WEAPONS. AND THAT GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY

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1 HAD THE MORAL VISION TO KNOW THIS WAS WRONG AND THEY GOT RID
2 OF ALL OF THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AND THAT COUNTRY IS SOUTH
3 AFRICA. NOW WHY DOESN'T OUR GOVERNMENT AND MR. WYKA TRAVEL
4 TO SOUTH AFRICA AND LEARN HOW WE MIGHT POSSIBLY ADOPT A
5 MORAL VISION FOR THE FUTURE AND LEARN FROM FOLKS WHO ACTUAL
6 DID DISARM AND GET RID OF THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS? WOULDN'T
7 THAT BE A GOOD USE OF SOME OF THE MONEY THAT PRODUCED THIS
8 MASSIVE DOCUMENT THAT SISTER RICE CARRIED UP? AND WOULDN'T
9 THIS BE A REALLY GOOD SUGGESTION SO THAT WE CAN FIND SOME
10 LIFE-AFFIRMING, CREATIVE, HELPFUL VISIONARY IDEAS FOR THE
11 FUTURE RATHER THAN MORE DESTRUCTION, MORE DEATH, MORE
12 MISSILES, MORE FEAR, MORE CANCER? IS THAT WHAT WE WANT FOR
13 THE FUTURE?

14 THERE'S AN OLD BUMPER STICKER AND IT SAID, "IF YOU
15 CAN RISK NUCLEAR WAR, YOU CAN RISK NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT."
16 HOW ABOUT THAT FOR AN IDEA? LET'S TRY AND RISK NUCLEAR
17 DISARMAMENT BECAUSE IT'S LIFE AFFIRMING. AND WE DO NEED TO
18 TALK ABOUT JOBS BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED TO WORK. AND MOST OF
19 THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR DEATH AND MURDER WANT TO MAKE A
20 LIVING AND RAISE THEIR KIDS AND HAVE GOOD LIFE. AND I
21 UNDERSTAND THAT, I MEAN, THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH. I SERVED IN
22 THE MARINE CORPS, I THOUGHT IT WAS A NOBLE THING TO DO, I
23 DIDN'T KNOW BETTER. AT THE TIME I WAS 17. I NEEDED A PLACE
24 TO BE AND MONEY AND A JOB LIKE SO MANY OF OUR YOUNG MEN AND
25 WOMEN TODAY.

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1 BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY PEOPLE TO WORK FOR DEATH,
2 WE CAN PAY THEM TO WORK FOR LIFE. WE CAN PAY THEM TO WORK
3 FOR HEALTHCARE. WE CAN PAY THEM TO BUILD ROADS. WE CAN PAY
4 THEM FOR SCHOOLS. WE CAN PAY THEM TO GROW HEALTHY FOOD. WE
5 CAN PAY THEM TO CLEAN UP THE NIGHTMARE OF THE SEWAGE OF THE
6 NUCLEAR WASTE THAT IS ALL OVER OUR COUNTRY AND ALL OVER THE
7 WORLD. SO WOULDN'T THAT BE A GOOD USE FOR \$150 BILLION.

8 AND PART OF -- OKAY, PART OF THE PLAN SAYS THEY'LL
9 CONSOLIDATE AND TRY AND SECURE PLUTONIUM. AND CONSOLIDATING
10 AND SECURING PLUTONIUM IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO
11 BUILD NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO CONSOLIDATE AND SECURE.

12 THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES, LIKE I WAS SAYING, NEVADA
13 DESERT EXPERIENCE IS HERE TONIGHT AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO
14 SUPPORT US, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING ALONG WITH
15 OUR HOSTS FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING.

16 I WANT TO MENTION THAT WE'RE HAVING AN
17 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TEACH-IN AND YOU CAN GET LITERATURE ON
18 OUR TABLES AND THERE WE'LL HAVE EXCERPTS WITH ALL DIFFERENT
19 SET OF FACTS ABOUT THE NUCLEAR TEST SITE AND YUCCA MOUNTAIN
20 REPOSITORY. AND WE'LL HAVE FULL DISCLOSURE INFORMATION.

21 YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU COME UP HERE AND YOU SEE A FILM
22 FOR 10 MINUTES AND IT'S A SALES PITCH BY MR. SMOLEN AND MR.
23 WYKA THEN PROCEEDS TO GIVE US ANOTHER 20-MINUTE PRESENTATION
24 ON WHY THIS IS NECESSARY AND SELLS HIS PROGRAM. IF THE
25 GOVERNMENT IS REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT HAVING A DIALOG, THEY

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1 WOULD HAVE AN EQUALLY POLISHED PRESENTATION WITH ALL THE
2 COUNTERARGUMENTS PLAYING AS A VIDEO AND THEN THEY WOULD HAVE
3 A REALLY SCHOLARLY EXPERTS DEFENDING THE COUNTERARGUMENT.
4 SO THIS ISN'T HAPPENING.

5 AND WHEN MEGAN CARRIED UP THAT DOCUMENT AND IT WAS
6 TOO LATE FOR ANY OF US TO READ IT, AND MOST OF US --
7 PROBABLY MOST OF THE OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT NEVER READ
8 IT ALSO. I MEAN, THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF THE TASK FOR PEOPLE
9 WHO HAVE TO WORK AND MAKE A LIVING AND COME OUT HERE AT
10 NIGHT REALLY DESERVES THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR ALL OF YOU TO
11 COME, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT TESTIMONIES, AND TO THE
12 DISCREDIT OF OUR GOVERNMENT THAT THEY ARE PRESENTING US WITH
13 ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO MAKE.

14 AND THE OTHER POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE IS THE
15 AMERICAN PEOPLE REALLY MAKE DECISIONS. WE KEEP HEARING
16 ABOUT CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT AND WE'RE JUST DOING OUR
17 JOBS. YOU KNOW, IN THE MILITARY I DID THE SAME THING. I
18 WAS JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS, AND YOU KNOW, IF THE ORDER CAME
19 AS A MARINE WE WERE REALLY TRAINED TO KILL. AND WE WOULD,
20 AND WE DO, AND WE -- SOME OF US DID, AND -- BUT, YOU KNOW,
21 WHEN YOU FINAL ANALYSIS, AT SOME POINT YOU HAVE TO LOOK
22 YOURSELF IN THE FACE AND YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE WHETHER YOU
23 PERSONALLY ARE GOING TO TAKE THAT BLOOD MONEY AND THE
24 ADDICTION TO JOBS OR WHY NOT TRANSFORM THAT SITE AND BUILD
25 SOLAR PANELS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY?

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1 AND WHY ISN'T IT EVER MENTIONED, I MEAN, AND I'M
2 CLEARLY NOT AN EXPERT ON THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY AND ALL OF ITS
3 FORMS, BUT WHAT EXPERTS HAVE TOLD ME IS THAT THIS IS A
4 NONRENEWABLE RESOURCE, IT'S GOING TO RUN OUT. THERE IS
5 MAYBE 20 TO 40 YEARS LEFT OF URANIUM TO MINE AND THEN IT'S
6 PRETTY MUCH DONE AND WE HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WE HAVE
7 MASSIVE QUANTITIES OF NUCLEAR WASTE. AND WHAT KIND OF WAY
8 IS THAT TO BRING US INTO THE FUTURE WHEN WE REALLY NEED TO
9 DO A POSITIVE TRANSFORMATION NOW NOT LATER.

10 IT WAS MENTIONED ALSO THAT THE NUCLEAR
11 NONPROLIFERATION TREATY WAS AN OBLIGATION TO REDUCE AND HOW
12 DO WE -- HOW DO WE TALK TO IRAN? WE SENT SEVERAL PEOPLE TO
13 THE GLOBAL DISARMAMENT SUMMIT IN LONDON AND DELEGATES CAME
14 FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO TALK ABOUT DISARMAMENT JUST LAST
15 MONTH. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS SPOKEN ON WAS HOW OUR
16 STATE DEPARTMENT, ALL SORTS OF COUNTRIES, SEVERAL
17 GOVERNMENTS, AND SAYS, YOU KNOW, WE WANT YOU TO DO THIS AND
18 IF YOU DON'T, WELL, YOU KNOW, WE DO GIVE YOU THIS AID AND
19 MAYBE IT REALLY WON'T BE THERE ANYMORE. AND, OH, BY THE
20 WAY, WE HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

21 SO WE HAVE A GOVERNMENT THAT IS ACTIVELY
22 THREATENING THE WORLD WITH OUR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AND THEN WE
23 HAVE THE PREEMPTIVE WAR WITH IRAQ BASED ON WEAPONS OF MASS
24 DESTRUCTION. SO WHAT DO THEY DO? THEY CREATED -- THE
25 PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION CREATED SO MUCH FEAR, GAVE US SO

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1 MUCH MISINFORMATION. AND OUT OF IGNORANCE AND FEAR, SO MANY
2 PEOPLE SUPPORTED A PREEMPTIVE WAR AGAINST IMAGINARY WEAPONS
3 AND MASS DESTRUCTION AND NOW THEY ARE JUST ABOUT 4,000
4 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN DEAD. AND THERE ARE OTHER
5 AMERICANS OBVIOUSLY KILLED AND THE SERIES OF STUDIES ABOUT
6 THE IRAQI POPULATION. THE SERIOUS ONES INDICATE THERE ARE
7 SOMEWHERE AROUND FIVE HUNDRED TO SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND IRAQIS
8 DEAD. A COUNTRY THAT COMMITTED NO ACT OF AGGRESSION. ALL
9 BASED ON FEAR AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

10 MR. BROWN: YOU HAVE ABOUT A MINUTE LEFT HERE.

11 MR. AMIDON: SURE. SO I JUST WANT TO END WITH A
12 QUOTE. THIS IS BY HELEN CALDECOTT, "THIS IS TRULY THE
13 ULTIMATE RIGHT TO LIFE ISSUE. A RIGHT TO BE BORN WITHOUT
14 GENETIC MALFORMATIONS. THE RIGHT TO EAT AND DRINK
15 NONRADIOACTIVE FOOD. A RIGHT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFESPAN
16 WITHOUT THE THREAT OF EARLY CANCER. AND THE RIGHT TO LIVE
17 WITHOUT THE EVER PRESENT THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR. ABOVE ALL,
18 WE ARE THE CURATORS OF LIFE ON EARTH, WE HOLD IT IN THE PALM
19 OF OUR HANDS, A SACRED TRUST OF GOD."

20 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

21 MR. BROWN: CATHERINE THOMASSON.

22 MS. THOMASSON: THANKS, I APPRECIATE THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS CATHERINE THOMASSON AND
24 I'M HERE TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL
25 RESPONSIBILITY, A NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF MEDICAL AND PUBLIC

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1 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAT WAS FOUNDED IN 1961 BY PHYSICIANS
2 CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
3 OF COURSE NOT JUST DETONATION, BUT ALSO THE CREATION,
4 TESTING, AND STOCKPILING.

5 SO THE FIRST COMMENT I'D LIKE TO MAKE IS THAT I
6 THINK IT IS TERRIFIC THAT THERE IS A COMPONENT OF THIS PEIS
7 AND PLAN THAT ACTUALLY DOES DOWNSIZE. DOWNSIZING IS WHAT WE
8 NEED. TO FURTHER THAT ALONG, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR
9 ANY COMPONENT OF NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD NOT BE A PART OF
10 THE COMPLEX 2030. CONGRESS HAS STOPPED FUNDING FURTHER
11 PRODUCTION OF NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND, THEREFORE, THERE
12 SHOULDN'T BE ANY NEW RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE THE
13 MOST -- ALONG WITH RUSSIA, THE MOST EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTIVE
14 FORCE POSSIBLE. WHY WOULD WE NEED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
15 INTO MAKING IT ANY MORE DESTRUCTIVE?

16 SO TONOPAH RANGE SHOULD BE CLOSED AND I AGREE WITH
17 YOUR OPINION ON THAT FROM THE STUDY. THERE'S ALSO NO NEED
18 FOR ADDITIONAL TRITIUM RESEARCH. THEREFORE, I AGREE THAT
19 THE SECTION ON LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LAB ONLY MAKES SENSE TO
20 CLOSE THAT PORTION OF IT DOWN. AND THAT TRITIUM PRODUCTION,
21 IF WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT WE'RE KEEPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR
22 AT LEAST SOME PORTION OF TIME, NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED AND
23 ONLY NEEDS TO BE -- NEEDS TO OCCUR AT ONE SITE.

24 I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD AT LENGTH THE NEED FOR NO
25 ADDITIONAL PLUTONIUM PIT MANUFACTURING OR DEVELOPMENT. AND

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1 WE KNOW FROM ROCKY FLATS AND MANY OTHER SITES THE DEGREE OF
2 CONTAMINATION THAT DEALING WITH PLUTONIUM RESULTS IN. SO I
3 WON'T BELABOR THAT POINT.

4 THE CURRENT COMPLEX FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND
5 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND IMPROVED HIGH EXPLOSIVES OCCUR AT 8
6 SITES, AND SO I'M DELIGHTED TO HEAR THE PEIS ADVOCATES FOR
7 REDUCING THOSE, BUT I FEEL THAT THERE SHOULD BE A FOURTH
8 OPTION ON THAT AND THAT IS TO CLOSE DOWN ALL ACTIVITY FOR
9 HIGH EXPLOSIVE COMPONENTS THAT WOULD ADD TO OUR NUCLEAR
10 ARSENAL.

11 AND THE EUPHEMISM, THE ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING,
12 WHICH IS REALLY TESTING OF THE WEAPONS AND THE COMPONENTS TO
13 DETERMINE IF THEY ARE SAFE AND THAT THEY WILL STILL DO WHAT
14 THEY ARE DESIGNED TO DO AGAIN OCCURS AT 8 DIFFERENT SITES
15 WITH 4 LABELED AS MAJOR SITES. AND THAT COULD AND SHOULD BE
16 CONSOLIDATED WITHOUT BUILDING ANY NEW ADDITIONAL COMPLEXES.

17 SECOND MAJOR POINT I HAVE IS THE INADEQUATE
18 ASSESSMENT OF WORKERS' EXPOSURE AND POTENTIAL PUBLIC
19 EXPOSURE IS NOT ADEQUATE IN THIS PEIS. OBVIOUSLY, HUNDREDS
20 OF THOUSANDS OF NUCLEAR WORKERS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO
21 IONIZING RADIATION. THE CURRENT PROPOSAL DOESN'T LIST THESE
22 EXPOSURES IN CUMULATIVE EFFECTS. THEY'RE EACH EXPOSURE OF
23 WATER, EXPOSURE OF WASTE, EXPOSURE OF FOOD, EXPOSURE
24 SEPARATELY AS OPPOSED TO CUMULATIVELY, AND THEY NEED TO BE
25 LOOKED AT CUMULATIVELY.

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1 SECONDLY, THEY ONLY APPLY TO REFERENCE MAN. A 70
2 KILOGRAM, HEALTHY, WHITE MALE AS OPPOSED TO A FETUS OR AN
3 INFANT OR A CHILD WHO WE KNOW IS MUCH MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO
4 THE AFFECTS OF IONIZING RADIATION AND LIVES IN THE AREAS
5 AROUND THESE SITES. PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR TRITIUM, WHICH WE
6 ALREADY KNOW IS LEAKING FROM 8 DIFFERENT SIMPLE NUCLEAR
7 POWER PLANTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

8 THIRD, THERE ARE TWO NEW STUDIES ELEVATING THE
9 RISKS OF ANY NONIONIZING RADIATION, THE BEIR VII STUDY WHICH
10 SHOWS THAT'S THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT CANCER RISK FROM A
11 SINGULAR EXPOSURE OF ONLY 0.1 SIEVERT. AND AGAIN, A VERY
12 LARGE COHORT STUDY THAT I'LL BE PUTTING IN THE TESTIMONY
13 THAT SHOWS THAT THE STANDARDS THAT WE'RE USING NOW ARE
14 INADEQUATE. WE NEED TO IMPROVE THOSE STANDARDS FOR ACTUAL
15 ASSESSMENT OF RISK FOR OUR WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY AROUND
16 THE AREA.

17 LASTLY, THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN ASSESSMENT ON
18 NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS THAT REQUIRE A NEW AND IMPROVED
19 SYSTEM WITH INCREASED POTENTIAL FOR PRODUCTION. MY READING,
20 THE MILITARY'S READING, MANY OTHER PEOPLE'S READING, READING
21 OF CHINA AND ENGLAND AND PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD IS THAT IF
22 WE START BUILDING NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR EVEN DEVELOPING THE
23 STRUCTURES TO DO SO WILL ACTUALLY INCREASE OUR THREAT,
24 DECREASE OUR SECURITY SO THAT WE THEN WILL BE A BETTER
25 TARGET FOR THEFT, ACCIDENTS, AND OBVIOUSLY TARGETING BY

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1 TERRORIST GROUPS, BY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE FUTURE AND THAT
2 WE NEED TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THIS.

3 SO SPECIFICALLY, WE NEED A HUMAN HEALTH RISK
4 ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRODUCTION
5 ACTIVITIES. AND THE CLEANUP NEEDED. I WAS DOWN RIVER FROM
6 HANFORD, SO I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLEANUP THAT IS
7 NOT BEING PAID FOR BECAUSE WE WANT TO PAY FOR NEW COMPLEX
8 TRANSFORMATION.

9 THE FUTURE ROLE OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE IN SUPPORT
10 OF U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS TO BE ARTICULATED BY THE
11 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FROM
12 OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

13 WE NEED TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE THE REAL
14 RESULTS OF EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDIES OF RADIATION HEALTH EFFECTS
15 ON WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES AND UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE
16 EPIDEMIOLOGIC RESOURCE PROGRAM THAT WAS BEGUN IN THE EARLY
17 '90S.

18 SO AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR HAVING US ALL HERE.

19 THANK YOU.

20 MR. BROWN: THAT CONCLUDES THE LIST OF FOLKS WHO
21 HAD SIGNED UP AHEAD OF TIME TO SPEAK.

22 BUT LET ME ASK NOW IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE IN THE
23 AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADD COMMENTS AT THIS POINT. JUST
24 RAISE YOUR HAND, PLEASE. PLEASE COME UP TO THE MIKE AND
25 OFFER YOUR NAME AND ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION, IF THAT'S

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1 APPROPRIATE.

2 MR. HIATT: MY NAME IS JOHN HIATT, AND I'M
3 CONSERVATION CHAIR OF RED ROCK AUDUBON SOCIETY HERE IN LAS
4 VEGAS. AND I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT HERE.

5 ONE THING THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD AGREE UPON, I
6 THINK, IS THAT HINDSIGHT TENDS TO BE BETTER THAN FORESIGHT.
7 AND HINDSIGHT, I THINK, I WOULD SAY, AND MANY OF US WOULD
8 SAY WHAT WERE WE THINKING WHEN WE DEVELOPED MORE THAN 10,000
9 NUCLEAR WARHEADS? DID WE REALLY THINK THAT EXTINGUISHMENT
10 OF LIFE ON EARTH WOULD BE A WIN IN A WAR? I REALLY QUESTION
11 THAT. AND I APPLAUD THE NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND
12 THEIR EFFORTS TO NOW REDUCE THE NUMBER OF WARHEADS. BUT I
13 THINK THAT WE STILL NEED, AS A MINIMUM, A FURTHER ORDER OF
14 MAGNITUDE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF WARHEADS.

15 WHEN WE STOP AND THINK WHAT WE DID TO JAPAN WITH
16 TWO VERY, VERY SMALL BOMBS AND WHAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY DO
17 WITH HUNDREDS OF THESE, WHAT ARE WE ACTUALLY THINKING? WE
18 COULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BOMBS THAT WE HAVE BY AN ORDER
19 MAGNITUDE AND WE WOULD STILL HAVE MORE THAN WE WOULD EVER
20 NEED. WE ALSO HAVE FAR SUPERIOR DELIVERY MECHANISMS TODAY
21 THAN WE DID DURING WORLD WAR II. WE CAN DELIVER BOMBS
22 ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD IN PRETTY SHORT ORDER.

23 SO IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF LOCATIONS, WE DON'T
24 NEED 5 LOCATIONS, I DON'T THINK. IF WE SAY WE NEED TO HAVE
25 MORE THAN 1 FOR REDUNDANCY, OKAY, BUT WE CERTAINLY DON'T

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1 NEED 5; 2 IS ENOUGH, MAYBE 3, MAXIMUM. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT
2 THE NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IS REALLY KIND OF
3 MISSING THE BOAT HERE ON TERMS OF WHAT THEIR FUTURE NEEDS
4 REALLY ARE. MR. SMOLEN ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE
5 WORKING IN THESE PEOPLE, THE ENGINEERS ARE RETIRING, THEY'RE
6 GOING AWAY. AND LOSS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY, THE
7 KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO DO THIS IS MAYBE THE SINGLE BIGGEST
8 CHALLENGE THAT YOU'RE FACING.

9 WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, BEING A
10 NUCLEAR ENGINEER WAS EXCITING. PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN
11 THAT. NOBODY'S INTERESTED IN THAT TODAY, THERE'S REALLY NO
12 FUTURE IN THAT. SO WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET THE
13 KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO DEVOTE THEIR LIVES AND
14 THEIR CAREERS TO SOMETHING WHICH IS REALLY KIND OF A DEAD
15 END MAKING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A
16 REAL PROBLEM GETTING, HAVING A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AND
17 HAVING TRULY TALENTED PEOPLE WORKING AT THESE PLACES. SO I
18 WOULD SAY THAT IS REALLY YOUR BIG CHALLENGE HERE.

19 AND THE EVENTUAL GOAL I THINK MUST BE THE PHASEOUT
20 OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE
21 AREN'T READY TO THINK ABOUT THAT IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT OVER
22 THE NEXT GENERATION, I THINK CLEARLY EVERYONE WILL SEE THAT
23 NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE NOT GOING TO BE THE SOLUTION TO OUR
24 PROBLEMS. IF WE LOOK NOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US, IT'S NOT
25 GUYS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS THAT ARE DOING THIS TO HIM, IT'S

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1 GUYS WITH IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THAT THEY MAKE IN THE
2 BACK ROOM. THINGS THAT COST \$25. THAT'S WHAT'S DOING US IN
3 IN PLACES LIKE IRAQ. AND WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH
4 THESE THINGS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO WIN FUTURE BATTLES WHICH
5 ARE GOING TO BE IDEOLOGICAL BY USING THE WEAPONS OF THE LAST
6 GENERATION, WE NEED TO BE THINKING AHEAD AND I THINK NUCLEAR
7 WEAPONS ARE NOT GOING TO BE THE WEAPONS OF THE NEXT
8 GENERATION.

9 SO AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
10 COMMENT. AND I WOULD URGE YOU TO REEXAMINE THE PROPOSALS
11 THAT YOU HAVE HERE AND CONSIDER A FURTHER MUCH GREATER
12 REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF WARHEADS BEING PRODUCED AND
13 OBVIOUSLY THE PERSONNEL NEEDED TO DO THAT.

14 THANK YOU.

15 MR. BROWN: THANK YOU.

16 WAS THERE ANYONE ELSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO'D LIKE
17 TO COMMENT AT THIS POINT?

18 YES.

19 MR. LESKYS: HI, MY NAME IS AL LESKYS, AND I JUST
20 WANT TO THANK THE SPEAKERS WHO HAD THE COURAGE AND TOOK THE
21 NECESSARY TIME TO PUT TOGETHER NICE SPEECHES. I REALLY
22 APPRECIATE IT AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE DO.

23 I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. AND I THINK
24 THIS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, BUT I THINK MOST PEOPLE WOULD
25 AGREE THAT THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, CERTAINLY THE POLL

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1 SUGGESTS THIS, THAT THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IS NOT LIKED
2 EVEN BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. I THINK THE APPROVAL IS 28
3 PERCENT. YOU'RE ARRIVING AT A FINAL DECISION WHICH IS A --
4 BY SOME ESTIMATES IS GOING TO COST ABOUT \$150 BILLION AT THE
5 END OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. I THINK A REASONABLE PERSON
6 WOULD SAY WHY NOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION WHICH
7 MIGHT BE FAR MORE ENLIGHTENED AND CERTAINLY HOPEFULLY MUCH
8 MORE DIFFERENT THAN THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION.

9 THE SECOND POINT IS THAT I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY
10 FEDERAL ACTIONS GOING FORWARD THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A
11 NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT WHEN CONGRESS JUST DECIDED NOT
12 TO FUND SUCH DEVELOPMENT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE --
13 THIS ACTION IS GOING FORWARD WHEN I THINK CONGRESS HAS
14 SPOKEN AND WHAT THEY'VE SAID IS WE'RE NOT READY TO FUND
15 THIS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE AGENCY IS PROVIDING THE
16 CAPABILITY OR THE -- WELL, THE CAPABILITY FOR OUR RW
17 PROGRAMS.

18 ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THOSE COMMENTS.

19 THANK YOU.

20 MR. BROWN: THANK YOU. OKAY.

21 WE HAVE ANOTHER VOLUNTEER. A RELUCTANT VOLUNTEER,
22 I MIGHT ADD, WHO PASSED ON COMMENTING LAST NIGHT.

23 MR. EASON: GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
24 JAMES EASON, AND I REPRESENT THE TONOPAH TOWN BOARD AND MY
25 POSITION IS THE TONOPAH TOWN MANAGER.

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1 FIRST OFF, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE NNSA FOR TAKING
2 OUR COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN BOARD FROM THE LAST PUBLIC
3 HEARING AND CONDUCTING THE SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT TO OUR
4 COMMUNITY. AS COMMISSIONER EASTLEY POINTED OUT TONIGHT, NYE
5 COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF TONOPAH WITH A JOINT EFFORT ALSO
6 ASKING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON
7 WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF TTR, OR THE TONOPAH TEST RANGE, WOULD
8 CLOSE AND WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR STUDY, OUR
9 STUDY, THEY'RE VERY, VERY CLOSE. THERE'S A LOT OF GREAT
10 INFORMATION IN THERE.

11 BUT I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT THE STUDIES
12 DON'T SAY, AND I KNOW COMMISSIONER EASTLEY TOUCHED ON THAT A
13 LITTLE BIT TONIGHT.

14 THE NNSA'S STUDY SAYS 256 JOBS, ROUGHLY, I
15 BELIEVE, THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY.
16 THAT'S WITH 130 PEOPLE. THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA STUDY SAYS
17 135 WITH A MULTIPLIER OF 1.5 WITH FAMILIES, ETC.

18 WELL, THE REAL STORY IS THAT HOW IT'S GOING TO
19 IMPACT CENTRAL NEVADA. BASICALLY, TONOPAH IS THE ONLY
20 COMMUNITY BETWEEN RENO AND LAS VEGAS WITH MAJOR SERVICES
21 SUCH AS HOSPITALS, GAS STATIONS, SCHOOLS, FLIGHT FOR LIFE
22 SERVICES THAT GO TO RENO OR LAS VEGAS. AND IF WE WERE TO
23 LOSE THESE JOBS WHICH THEN TRANSLATE INTO SOME ESTIMATES
24 200, 300, 400, 600 JOBS INDIRECTLY AND DIRECTLY, YOU THE
25 PUBLIC LOSE OUT. BECAUSE TONOPAH IS GOING TO HAVE TO

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1 BASICALLY ROLL UP ITS STREETS, CLOSE ITS DOORS AND CEASE TO
2 EXIST.

3 IN 1992, TONOPAH WAS HIT WITH A VERY DEVASTATING
4 BLOW ALSO, IT'S CALLED THE STEALTH BOMBER. AND IT LEFT AND
5 WENT TO NEW MEXICO. AND SINCE THEN, TONOPAH HAS BEEN
6 STRUGGLING TO EXIST. AND IF SOME OF YOU HAVE GONE TO
7 TONOPAH, YOU CAN SEE THE CHANGES. I GREW UP DURING THAT
8 TIME IN THE LATE '80S, EARLY '90S WHEN TONOPAH WAS THRIVING
9 AND WE BENEFITED FROM THE STEALTH. WE ALSO BENEFITED FROM
10 OTHER ACTIONS THAT WERE GOING ON OUT AT DOE AND DOD. IF
11 THIS HAPPENS AGAIN, THIS IS KIND OF THE NAIL IN OUR COFFIN.
12 THE STEALTH WAS A COFFIN, THIS IS OUR NAIL, AND WE CAN'T
13 HANDLE THAT.

14 IN 1990, WE PASSED BOND ISSUES TO FUND SCHOOLS AND
15 THE SCHOOLS ARE PRETTY MUCH EMPTY NOW. THE LAST FOUR YEARS,
16 THE TOWN OF TONOPAH HAS ALSO PASSED BONDS TAKING OUT NOTES
17 WITH USDA TO FUND SEWER, WATER PROJECTS. WELL, IF WE LOSE
18 OUR RESIDENCES, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR THOSE
19 PROJECTS. AND WE'RE ALSO NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
20 SERVICES TO PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL BETWEEN RENO AND LAS VEGAS,
21 PEOPLE WHO GO OUT IN THE DESERT AND WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
22 LOOKING AT NATURE, THOSE DIFFERENT THINGS.

23 SO I ASK YOU, I'M NOT TELLING YOU WHETHER I AGREE
24 OR DISAGREE WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THAT'S NOT MY POINT HERE.
25 TONIGHT, I'M TELLING YOU ABOUT THE IMPACTS IF WE DO CLOSE

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1 THE TT -- EXCUSE ME, TONOPAH TEST RANGE.

2 I WILL ASK ALSO THAT THE NNSA DOES LOOK HARD AT
3 THEIR INDEPENDENT BUSINESS CASE AND ALSO THE COMPLEX
4 TRANSFORMATION FLIGHT TEST FACILITIES. I ALSO APPLAUD YOUR
5 EFFORTS AT LOOKING AT REDUCING COSTS. AS A MANAGER FOR A
6 SMALL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, EVERY DAY WE ARE FACED AND TASKED
7 WITH THE SAME ISSUES THAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW.
8 HOW DO WE PAY FOR DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES FOR OUR
9 CUSTOMERS OR OUR RESIDENTS? SO I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FACED
10 WITH. AND I ASK YOU TO LOOK AT THIS STUDY WHICH I JUST GOT
11 A COPY OF AND THANK YOU, AND IT SPELLS IT OUT, HEY, THIS IS
12 THE SAFEST, THIS IS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE WAY OF KEEPING
13 OUR FLIGHT TESTING POSSIBLE AND LEAVING TONOPAH ALONE.

14 AND WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER THE LESS IMPACT TO THE
15 ENVIRONMENT, ALSO THE ENCROACHMENT ON MORE PEOPLE ARE
16 DRIVING YOU AWAY TO MORE REMOTE AREAS. WELL, I DON'T KNOW
17 HOW MUCH MORE REMOTE YOU CAN GET THAN TONOPAH, NEVADA UNLESS
18 YOU GO TO ALASKA. AND QUITE FRANKLY, I THINK TONOPAH, IT'S
19 NOT AS PRETTY AS ALASKA, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE'VE GIVEN OUR
20 SHARE TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AND PROTECTION OF THIS COUNTRY AND
21 I'D RATHER KEEP PROBLEMS RIGHT DOWN HERE IN THIS AREA THAN
22 GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE AND RUINING ANOTHER PORTION OF OUR
23 COUNTRY. SO.

24 I WANT TO ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU AND WE WILL BE
25 FOLLOWING UP WITH WRITTEN COMMENTS.

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1 THANK YOU.

2 MR. BROWN: THANK YOU.

3 ANY OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADD COMMENTS?

4 YES.

5 MR. SPYCHALA: I'M MIKE SPYCHALA, AND I WORK AT
6 THE TONOPAH TEST RANGE, I'M INVOLVED IN THE WEAPONS WORK
7 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY.

8 THERE WILL BE A SEVERE IMPACT FOR THE PERSONNEL
9 THERE. OUR ACTIVITIES CERTAINLY DO CREDIT A GREAT ASSIST TO
10 THE ECONOMY OF TONOPAH. BUT WE AS WORKERS THERE, WE'RE
11 PROTECTIVE OF OUR JOB. WE LIKE TO WORK, WE THINK WE DO A
12 VERY GOOD JOB AT WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE CONSIDER THE WORK
13 RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, WE'RE DOING THINGS THAT ASSURE
14 THAT THESE WEAPONS ARE WORKING PROPERLY.

15 I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED AT SOME OF THE COMMENTS
16 TONIGHT. NOT THAT YOU'RE NOT ENTITLED TO THEM, I'M JUST
17 SURPRISED, I DIDN'T EXPECT IT. I WAS -- I CAME HERE
18 CONCERNED ABOUT MY WORK AND THE WORK OF MY COLLEAGUES, AND
19 THE THINGS THAT YOU TALK ABOUT CERTAINLY HAVE SOME VALIDITY,
20 BUT I HAVE A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW.

21 AND OUR FACILITY IS NOW BEING COMPARED TO ANOTHER
22 ONE WITH REGARD TO COST, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE. AND I
23 WILL TELL YOU, IT COSTS ABOUT \$7 MILLION TO KEEP OUR
24 FACILITY OPEN FOR A YEAR. AND A COMMENT WAS MADE YESTERDAY
25 DURING -- I'M SORRY, TUESDAY NIGHT IN TONOPAH, SAME TYPE OF

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1 A GATHERING -- THAT THAT'S THE COST OF A MEDIOCRE
2 PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER FOR A YEAR. OUR WHOLE FACILITY
3 OPERATES FOR THAT AND ONE PERSON MAKES THAT FOR PLAYING
4 BASEBALL IN A YEAR.

5 SO THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. IF
6 YOU'RE A BIG BASEBALL FAN, YOU THINK THE GUY DESERVES IT.
7 IF YOU'RE WORKING AT TONOPAH, YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO GET 7
8 MILLION BUCKS A YEAR TO KEEP THE PLACE OPEN.

9 WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE HAS SAID THAT THEY COULD
10 DO THAT WORK -- I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER THE EXACT NUMBER,
11 BUT IT WAS A PREPOSTEROUS NUMBER, I'LL JUST SAY THEY SAY
12 THEY CAN DO IT FOR 50 BUCKS APIECE, BUT THEY CAN'T DO THAT,
13 THEY WERE LOWBALLING A BID ON THIS, IF YOU WILL. BUT I
14 THINK IT'S NECESSARY TO HAVE SOMEONE PROVE THAT THEY COULD
15 DO IT FOR THE COST THAT THEY'RE PROPOSING.

16 BUT ANOTHER THING THAT CROSSES MY MIND AS WE TALK
17 ABOUT THINGS AND MANY OF YOU ARE SENSITIVE TO POLITICAL
18 ISSUES, AND I HAVE THOUGHT THAT BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY OF LAS
19 VEGAS AND THE STATE OF NEVADA OPPOSES THE STORAGE OF NUCLEAR
20 MATERIAL AT THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT, THAT MAYBE SOMEHOW
21 WE'RE BEING PENALIZED. THAT IF WE WON'T GO ALONG WITH THAT
22 SIDE OF THE GAME, WE'LL JUST TAKE EVERYTHING, WE'LL TAKE OUR
23 BALL AND WE'LL GO HOME.

24 THESE ARE JUST THOUGHTS OF MINE AND I APPRECIATE
25 YOU LISTENING.

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1 MR. BROWN: THANKS VERY MUCH.

2 WE HAVE ONE OTHER PERSON THAT SIGNED UP.

3 JEFF GORDON, YOU CAN STEP FORWARD.

4 MR. GORDON: GOOD EVENING, I'M JEFF GORDON.

5 TONIGHT I REPRESENT -- WELL, CITIZENS OF LAS VEGAS THAT
6 AGREE WITH ME AND MY FAMILY, WHO I KNOW AGREES WITH ME.

7 THE DRAFT SPEIS THAT'S OFFERED HERE, I'VE HEARD A
8 LOT OF COMMENTS ON THAT ARE ANTINUCLEAR, THEY CLAIM NUCLEAR
9 WEAPONS ARE BAD AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THEM, AND
10 THAT'S JUST HORRIBLE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU'VE GOT A
11 RIGHT TO AS A PUBLIC TO ASK IS WHAT ARE YOUR REFERENCES?
12 WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR DATA? WHAT ARE THE TRUE FACTS THAT
13 ARE GOING ON? RADIATION HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY WELL STUDIED
14 FOR THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS. IT'S BEEN INCREDIBLY WELL
15 STUDIED BY PEOPLE WORLDWIDE.

16 PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST SITES TO GO TO ISN'T A
17 U.S. GOVERNMENT SITE WHEN YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT
18 RADIATION. GO TO UNSCEAR DOT ORG. THAT'S THE UNITED
19 NATION'S SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC
20 RADIATION, U-N-S-C-E-A-R DOT ORG. THAT'LL TELL YOU WHAT THE
21 EFFECTS OF RADIATION ON PEOPLE ARE, ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND
22 THINGS LIKE THAT.

23 SPECIFICALLY HOW RADIATION AFFECTS VARIOUS PEOPLE
24 DOESN'T REALLY APPLY, THOUGH, AS FAR AS THE SPEIS IS
25 CONCERNED. THIS PROGRAMMATIC CHANGE IS DESIGNED TO SAY DO

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1 WE WANT TO CONSOLIDATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRODUCTION
2 FACILITIES? AND IT REALLY GETS DOWN TO THAT. I THINK
3 THAT'S A GREAT IDEA TO CONSOLIDATE FACILITIES. IT'S GOING
4 TO SAVE THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS MONEY.

5 ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE IN THE UNITED
6 STATES IS TO MAINTAIN OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. I THINK THAT'S
7 REALLY IMPORTANT, TOO. IF WE CAN SAVE MONEY AND MAINTAIN
8 OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AT THE SAME TIME, THAT'S GREAT.

9 A LITTLE HISTORY BEHIND THAT. WE AGREED TO DROP
10 PRODUCTION ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRETTY MUCH IN THE UNITED
11 STATES WITH THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, NOW RUSSIA. WE STARTED
12 DISASSEMBLING WEAPONS LIKE MAD. THE FORMER SOVIET UNION,
13 RUSSIA, STARTED DISASSEMBLING AS WELL, AND THEY KIND OF DRUG
14 THEIR FEET. WE'RE WAY, WAY AHEAD OF WHERE THEY'RE AT. SO
15 WHAT DID OUR GOVERNMENT SAY? OUR LEADERS THAT WE ELECT,
16 PEOPLE THAT ARE US. THEY SAID, WE'RE GOING TO SLOW DOWN ON
17 DISASSEMBLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNTIL RUSSIA CATCHES UP. I
18 THINK THAT'S A WISE DECISION. WHILE WE'RE SLOWING DOWN ON
19 DISASSEMBLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THOUGH, WE'VE GOT AN AGING
20 SYSTEM THAT RUNS AND BUILDS AND TESTS AND CONFIRMS THAT
21 NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE STILL SAFE TO OPERATE. THAT'S AN
22 IMPORTANT ACTIVITY, IT ENSURES OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND
23 IT'S PART OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

24 WE'RE NOT HERE TO DEBATE WHETHER TO CHANGE THAT OR
25 NOT OR TO SAY THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE BAD, WE'RE HERE TO

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1 SAY SHOULD WE CONSOLIDATE IN VARIOUS AREAS? SO LOOKING AT
2 THE EIS, I HAD SOME THOUGHTS ON THAT AND HERE'S WHAT MY
3 BELIEFS ARE FOR WHAT WOULD BENEFIT BOTH LAS VEGAS AND OUR
4 NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PEOPLE OF THE
5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

6 REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
7 ALTERNATIVE. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE PIT PRODUCTION
8 NOT AT ONE SITE, BUT AT TWO. THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT.
9 WHEN WE MANUFACTURED WEAPONS IN THE PAST IN WORLD WAR I AND
10 WORLD WAR II, WHEN WE STORE REGULAR WEAPONS OUT THERE ON THE
11 WORLD, WE DON'T PUT ALL OUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET, WE DON'T
12 KEEP THEM AT ONE SITE. WHY? SABOTAGE, THREAT, BOMBING.
13 SOMEBODY FLIES OVER, DROPS A BOMB ON THAT ONE SITE, THAT
14 SITE'S OUT OF COMMISSION, SO THEY DISTRIBUTE THOSE SITES FOR
15 PRODUCTION.

16 AND SO I BELIEVE REGARDING PIT PRODUCTION, WE
17 SHOULD DO IT AT TWO SITES. WE SHOULD CONTINUE PRODUCTION AT
18 LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY AND ALSO BUILD A NEW FACILITY
19 AT A PLACE WHERE THEY'VE TESTED NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND WE'VE
20 GOT RAW NUCLEAR REACTIVE WASTE OUT IN THE OPEN, THE NEVADA
21 TEST SITE. SO I THINK A NEW FACILITY BUILT THERE WOULD BE
22 GREAT.

23 REGARDING ASSEMBLY/DISASSEMBLY OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES,
24 CURRENTLY THAT'S DONE AT PANTEX AND WE HAVE THE CAPABILITY
25 AT THE NEVADA TEST SITE. I THINK IT SHOULD BE DONE AT BOTH

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1 SITES. SAME REASONS, FOR SECURITY ISSUES SO WE CAN KEEP IT
2 DONE.

3 REGARDING HIGH EXPLOSIVES RESEARCH AND
4 DEVELOPMENT, I BELIEVE THE MINER CONSOLIDATION ALTERNATIVE
5 OF LAWRENCE LIVERMORE, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY,
6 SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORY, NEVADA TEST SITE, AND PANTEX, AT
7 5 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE. HOW COME? WHILE
8 NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE USED WITH HIGH EXPLOSIVES, THERE'S ALL
9 KINDS OF PEACEFUL USES OF EXPLOSIVES THAT GO ON AROUND THE
10 WORLD. ABOUT 10,000 EXPLOSIONS EVERY SINGLE WEEK. THEY'RE
11 DONE FOR MINING AND CONSTRUCTION. HECK, WE BLOW STUFF UP
12 HERE IN LAS VEGAS ALL THE TIME. THE LAST HOTEL WE BLEW UP,
13 FRONTIER HOTEL. BEFORE THAT, THE STARDUST HOTEL. BEFORE
14 THAT THE CASTAWAYS, FORMER SHOWBOAT HOTEL. ARE THERE MORE
15 EFFECTIVE WAYS TO USE EXPLOSIVES BESIDES JUST IN NUCLEAR
16 WEAPONS? IF WE DO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT REGARDING
17 PRODUCTIVE USES, WHETHER IT BE MINING, CONSTRUCTION, OR WAYS
18 THAT WE CAN USE HIGH EXPLOSIVES IN OTHER WAYS, THAT'S A GOOD
19 THING. WHILE WE DON'T NEED TO DO IT AT ALL SITES, I STILL
20 BELIEVE A MINER CONSOLIDATION WOULD HELP SAVE MONEY.

21 REGARDING TRITIUM RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. THIS
22 IS WHERE I GO BACK ON WHAT I FELT A LITTLE BIT. I BELIEVE
23 WE SHOULD CONSOLIDATE THAT AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE.
24 PERSONAL REASONS, NOT THAT I HAVE FAMILY IN SOUTH CAROLINA
25 OR ANYTHING, BUT THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE.

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1 FLIGHT TEST OPERATIONS. IT'S KIND OF EXPENSIVE
2 DESPITE WHAT HE SAID ABOUT KEEPING THE TTR OPEN. I BELIEVE
3 IT SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEVADA TEST SITE. WE'RE
4 SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE BOMBING
5 AND GUNNERY RANGE. NOW TONOPAH TEST RANGE IS SURROUNDED ON
6 ALL SIDES BY NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE BOMBING AND GUNNERY
7 RANGE, BUT IT'S A HECK OF A LOT FURTHER AWAY FROM MAJOR AREA
8 AND FACILITY WHERE EMPLOYEES WORK AND THAT'S HERE IN LAS
9 VEGAS WHERE EMPLOYEES ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK.

10 YOU LIVE IN TONOPAH, THOUGH, RIGHT?

11 MR. SPYCHALA: RIGHT HERE IN VEGAS.

12 MR. GORDON: OKAY, THERE YOU GO.

13 HYDRODYNAMIC TESTING. WE'VE CONSOLIDATED THAT --
14 WELL, WE HAVEN'T CONSOLIDATED IT, I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE
15 CONSOLIDATED AT THE NEVADA TEST SITE, WE'VE SAFELY BEEN
16 DOING THAT UNDERGROUND FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. THE U1A
17 FACILITY AND OTHER FACILITIES THERE UNDERGROUND I BELIEVE
18 FIRMLY IS A SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE PLACE TO DO THAT. NO
19 ENVIRONMENTAL HARM HAS EVER COME FROM HYDRODYNAMIC TESTING
20 UNDERGROUND AT THE NEVADA TEST SITE.

21 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL TEST FACILITIES. I BELIEVE
22 THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE IS VERY IMPORTANT ON THAT. WHY?
23 OUR ENVIRONMENT IS PRETTY IMPORTANT. I LOVE OUR
24 ENVIRONMENT. I'M PRO ENVIRONMENT. I SAY IT. MY CARBON
25 IMPACT OUT ON THE LAKE GETS ABOUT A GALLON AND A HALF A YEAR

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1 AS OPPOSED TO ABOUT 40 GALLONS A WEEK FOR PEOPLE THAT, YOU
2 KNOW, RUN POWER BOATS LIKE MAD.

3 I BELIEVE IN PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT, BUT MORE
4 IMPORTANTLY, I BELIEVE THAT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN
5 MANY, MANY DIFFERENT AREAS LEADS TO RESULTS. PROJECTS LIKE
6 THAT WHERE WE DO RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP, ON
7 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING, AND SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT SHOULD
8 CONTINUE AT ALL SITES. LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL
9 LABORATORY, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, SANDIA NATIONAL
10 LABORATORY, NEVADA TEST SITE, AND HECK, I'D EVEN EXTEND THAT
11 WHEREVER WE GO.

12 THOSE ARE MY OPINIONS ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BE DONE
13 REGARDING RESTRUCTURING AND TESTING ALTERNATIVES AS FAR AS
14 THIS EIS GOES.

15 ONE FURTHER COMMENT AND THIS IS ABOUT NUCLEAR
16 WEAPONS IN GENERAL. I DON'T THINK NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE EVIL.
17 I BELIEVE SOMETIMES PEOPLE THAT WANT TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
18 FOR BAD PURPOSES IS AN EVIL THING.

19 THE BOMBS WE DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI WAY
20 BACK TO END WORLD WAR II WERE NOT EVIL. HIROSHIMA, WE
21 KILLED OVER 74,000 PEOPLE. NAGASAKI, WE KILLED OVER 43,000
22 PEOPLE. PEOPLE ALWAYS FORGET, THOUGH, IN WORLD WAR II IN
23 TOKYO EVEN BEFORE WE ATTACKED HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, WE
24 KILLED OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE JUST WITH
25 CONVENTIONAL BOMBING ALONE.

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1 SO ARE WEAPONS BAD? NO, IT'S HOW THEY'RE USED IS
2 BAD. ONE GREAT THING THE UNITED STATES HAS DONE BY BEING
3 THE LEADER IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WE'VE NEVER EVER, EVER USED
4 THEM AGAIN IN COMBAT SINCE WORLD WAR II. SIXTY PLUS YEARS
5 WORTH OF NOT USING THEM. I'D SAY THAT SPEAKS TO OUR
6 GOVERNMENT, IT SPEAKS TO US AS PEOPLE WHAT WE DECIDED TO DO.
7 AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WE DIDN'T GO AND ATTACK SOMEBODY
8 WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WE DIDN'T GO BOMB OR NUKE THEM, AS
9 THEY SAY. AND THAT'S A GOOD THING.

10 WHY DO I HAVE TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT? BECAUSE
11 I'M THE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE YOU'RE THE GOVERNMENT. WE LIVE
12 IN A COUNTRY WHERE WE HAVE GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE
13 PEOPLE, OF THE PEOPLE. WE ARE IT. SO IF YOU REALLY WANT TO
14 MAKE CHANGES, BECOME THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE YOU ALREADY ARE.

15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16 MR. BROWN: THANK YOU.

17 ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT?

18 (NO ONE RESPONDED.)

19 MR. BROWN: WE ARE SCHEDULED TO REMAIN AVAILABLE
20 FOR COMMENTS THROUGH 10:00. SO WHAT WE WILL DO IS WE WILL
21 RECESS AT THIS POINT. IF SOMEONE ELSE ARRIVES AND WOULD
22 LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT OR SOME OF YOU TALK AND HAVE
23 SOMETHING ELSE TO ADD, JUST SEE ME, WE WILL RECONVENE AND
24 REMAIN AVAILABLE TO TAKE COMMENTS.

25 SO WE WILL NOW RECESS.

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1 THANKS VERY MUCH.

2 (RECESS.)

3 MR. BROWN: IT IS 10:00 AND I'M RECONVENING THIS
4 MEETING ON THE PEIS AND ASKING IF ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC WISHES TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT THIS TIME.

6 NOTING THAT NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC GAVE AN
7 INTEREST IN FURTHER COMMENTS, THIS MEETING IS OFFICIALLY
8 ADJOURNED.

9 THANK YOU.

10 (WHEREUPON THE PUBLIC HEARING CONCLUDED.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEVADA)
) SS
COUNTY OF CLARK)

I, JILL JACOBY, DO HEREBY ATTEST THAT I
TOOK DOWN IN SHORTHAND ALL OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD IN THE
BEFORE-ENTITLED MATTER AT THE TIME AND PLACE INDICATED; AND
THEREAFTER SAID SHORTHAND NOTES WERE TRANSCRIBED INTO
COMPUTER-AIDED TRANSCRIPTION; AND THAT THE FOREGOING
TRANSCRIPT CONSTITUTES A FULL, TRUE, AND ACCURATE RECORD OF
THE PROCEEDINGS HAD TO THE BEST OF MY SKILL AND ABILITY.

EXECUTED THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH 2008, AT
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

JILL JACOBY
VERBATIM REPORTER