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18 MR. GOEDHART: For the record, my name is Ed
 19 Goedhart and I manage the Ponderosa Dairy about five miles down
 20 the road. If you just looked at the EIS statement, you may not
 21 be aware that there is even a dairy in Amargosa Valley.

22 Well, as manager of the Ponderosa Dairy in
 23 Amargosa Valley, I have many major concerns.

1 24 Firstly, one of the criteria used in selecting
 25 Yucca Mountain was according to your EIS the sparsely populated
 1 area around Yucca Mountain.

2 Well, this sparsely populated area of land around
 3 Yucca Mountain grows crops and feeds 5,000 milk cows which
 4 produces twenty percent of Nevada's milk production.

5 This dairy ships out 128 million pounds of milk
 6 annually to 30 million people throughout California and the
 7 West Coast.

8 In the future event of juvenile nuclear
 9 contamination, this dairy would be a direct conduit of that
 10 contamination to 30 million people.

11 Yet this large dairy industry's not even
 12 mentioned in your report. Now, how could a comprehensive and
 13 well researched and documented EIS miss this? I don't know.

14 We have also invested over 1 million dollars in
 15 producing and marketing the first organic milk in Nevada. Who
 16 is going to want to drink organic milk produced next to the
 17 largest nuclear dump in the world? I want to know that.

2 18 Secondly, in your EIS draft, page 3-75, it states
 19 that 110 people are employed in agriculture, forestry and
 20 fisheries in all of Nye County.

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21 We alone employ over a hundred people directly.

22 We alone. Here is yet another serious error in just simple
23 basic facts.

24 27 million dollars and they can't figure out how
25 many farm workers there are in Nye County? I'm really having

1 some serious doubts now.

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2 Thirdly, Yucca Mountain project in its EIS states

3 that contamination will, will leak from the site into the

4 aquifer below Yucca Mountain.

5 Once in the aquifer, it will travel downstream.

6 There is not a dispute about this by any geohydrologist in the

7 country and it will end up in Death Valley National Park.

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8 The timing is not important. As a national park,

9 they have an obligation to protect in perpetuity, meaning

10 forever.

11 Yet the NPS is not complaining. Why? Well, I

12 was told the answer by the assistant superintendent of Death

13 Valley National Park.

14 She said they have been told by the US federal

15 justice system not to file suit against another branch of the

16 Federal Government.

17 This is the same reason that Death Valley

18 National Park is not -- is not protesting the appropriation of

19 new water rights for Yucca Mountain, 450 acre feet annually.

20 However, Death Valley is currently protesting

21 private individuals' transfers of already appropriated water

22 rights that are permitted and in good standing here in Amargosa

23 Valley.

24 Where is the justice in this?

25 In short, the people of Nye County and here in

1 Amargosa Valley have been subjected to a barrage of federal
2 agencies and bureaus that lead me to believe we are the few in
3 a federally occupied territory.

4 Look at the facts: 93 percent of all land in Nye
5 County's federally owned and controlled. We have the National
6 Park Service. They want to steal our water. We have the US
7 Fish and Wildlife Service. They want to drain the only fishing
8 and swimming hole that we have left here in Amargosa Valley.
9 That's Crystal Reservoir.

10 We have the Nevada Test Site, Nellis Air Force
11 Base, the Toiyabe National Forest, we have the BLM, Bureau of
12 Land Management.

13 Now we hear of a new entity on the horizon to
14 gobble up some more of this precious remaining private land in
15 Nye County, the Tippetshaw-Shoshone tribal homelands at the
16 request of the Federal Government.

4 17 In short, the addition of yet another federal
18 monstrosity such as Yucca Mountain would place an undue
19 hardship on the citizens of Nye County that are trying to make
20 a living.

5 21 Let me close by saying for the record my proposed
22 recommendation for this EIS is a no action alternative. As
23 long as I stand here breathing, I'm going to be fighting for
24 that.