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20 MR. PATZER: My name is Bob Patzer. I'm a  
21 Pahrump resident of the last two years. I didn't come to this  
22 meeting to make a statement, but to gather information.

23 However, when looking at the hydrologic maps, it  
24 shows that the Fortymile Wash and general drainage from the  
25 testing plateaus comes down and through sort of Amargosa and

1 into Ash Meadows and joins the Amargosa River, goes south and  
2 makes a loop into Death Valley.

3 However, for -- you know, when I was coming into  
4 Pahrump, I was reading all sorts of things about groundwater  
5 here, and we've all heard the bad rumors about this giant  
6 reservoir down there some place.

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7 While, when I was out in Ash Meadows, I was  
8 reading some literature from the Park Service there and  
9 apparently -- oh, quite sometime ago, I can't remember what. I  
10 couldn't find the article.

11 Anyway, some divers went down in Devil's Hole or  
12 one of those springs there and disappeared.

13 Well, a few months later, they found one of the  
14 diver's tanks in it -- what is it Sea of Cortez or the Gulf of  
15 California, you know, down in Mexico, and then I'm not sure  
16 what government agency did it, but they added some dye to the  
17 spring, and within a short time -- and I can't remember whether  
18 it was days or a couple weeks -- it showed up in -- again in  
19 the Sea of Cortez or whatever you call that Gulf of California.

20 Well, this brings an international aspect into  
21 contamination of groundwater, and I think this very definitely  
22 needs to be addressed, and with our research techniques in

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23 looking for oil and so forth, ground penetrating radar and  
24 whatever, I'm sure that this deep aquifer, wherever it is, or  
25 river or whatever it is, can be found and located and tested.

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1 We have access throughout through springs in the Amargosa area.

2                   So -- but apparently they -- whether it was USGS  
3 or whoever who did the testing felt the water was so deep in  
4 the ground that it wouldn't be economical to pump, so they --  
5 and there's plenty of other groundwater, so they didn't pursue  
6 it any further, but I think this needs to be addressed, because  
7 this -- it would be a great resource for southern Nevada, but  
8 also it's something that apparently in some areas is close --  
9 close enough to the surface to be seen, as the springs in Ash  
10 Meadows are, and so it would be contaminated, and the general  
11 groundwater flow seems to come down that way.

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12                   The surface flow definitely goes down a few  
13 hundred feet, goes along the Amargosa River and then on into  
14 Death Valley, but the deeper flow apparently goes in -- into  
15 Mexico.

16                   MS. BOOTH: Thank you.