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4 MS. McLENDON: First of all, let me say thank  
5 you for having us here today. My name is Marci  
6 McLendon, and I live in Mableton, Georgia, just  
7 west of the city of Atlanta. I'm 23 years old,  
8 and I've lived in the state of Georgia for my  
9 entire life. I love the state very much, and I am  
10 fearful of what this plan will do to its  
11 environment and its people.

12 There are many here today who have and will  
13 continue to speak of the insurmountable facts that  
14 prove why the Yucca Mountain site is unacceptable  
15 and highly dangerous. I want to speak as a  
16 citizen of Georgia to the plan to ship over 10,000  
17 casks of high-level radioactive waste through  
1... 18 Georgia. [There has been an attempt to delay, to  
19 obfuscate the facts and to put all the attention  
20 on the site itself and the State of Nevada, with  
21 no consideration for the other 43 states and  
22 hundreds of towns and cities that this program  
23 will affect. I am concerned that the DEIS does  
24 not address the potential impact for the 50  
25 million people who live within one half mile of

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1 cont. 1 the projected routes. In my area alone, casks  
2 will potentially pass within five miles of eighty-  
2 3 two schools and seven hospitals. I fear very much  
4 for local law enforcement and safety personnel,  
5 who have in no way been equipped or trained to  
6 handle the type of disaster that will occur  
7 somewhere in this country if this program is  
8 carried out.

3 9 The EIS assumes specific routes, but these  
10 have never been released or announced, and I  
11 implore you to release this information to the  
4 12 public. I'm also concerned that our lawmakers  
13 have continually relied on the Department of  
14 Energy to provide the truth, when the DOE is so  
15 desperate to find a solution that they cannot  
16 possibly speak to the facts without bias. I had  
17 the experience recently of sitting in on a hearing  
18 with local state representatives who were supposed  
19 to be there to learn more about the issues of  
20 nuclear waste storage and disposal. Scientific  
21 experts from highly reputable organizations with  
22 unquestionable integrity and knowledge were guests  
23 at the hearing to speak purely of the facts  
24 regarding the dangers of nuclear power. One state  
25 representative whose salary I pay with my tax

1 dollars accused them of being slanderous and  
2 liars. They were also asked if they were members  
3 of the Socialist party, and it's quite  
4 disappointing to hear that in 1999 red baiting is  
5 still an effective tool to discredit someone.  
6 This kind of disrespect and the placement of the  
7 safety of the American people and environment a  
8 distant second to the proliferation and success of  
9 the nuclear industry leaves me quite disheartened.  
10 This issue is not a political one. High-level  
11 radiation does not recognize a Republican or a  
5 12 Democrat or even a socialist. [This issue is about  
13 the safety and wellbeing of the American people.

14 We are faced now with a very difficult  
15 reality: that we must do nothing and take no  
16 action. We must admit that we made a mistake and  
17 that there is no truly acceptable solution to this  
18 problem. We have created this monster called  
19 nuclear waste, and we all must work together to  
20 find the solution which is most safe. But if we  
21 rush into this program with Yucca Mountain, we  
22 will be acting out of haste and desperation, which  
23 leaves little or no hope for the future.]

6... 24 [You have heard from over 200 local, state,  
25 national and international environmental

6 cont. 1 organizations petitioning the DOE to disqualify  
2 the Yucca Mountain site under existing repository  
3 site suitability guidelines. Please listen. We  
4 want to work with the DOE to find the least  
5 dangerous solution. | I hope that I am not speaking  
6 naively when I say that we all, including the DOE,  
7 want what is best for the environment and for the  
8 safety of the American people. Thank you.  
9 MR. LAWSON: Thank you. Our next speaker is  
10 Dr. Lois Congdon, to be followed by Andrew Cook  
11 and Ed Hoffman.

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