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8 MR. POUND: Good evening. My name is Jack Pound.
9 I'm from Independence, California.

1 10 There are two words that I would like for
11 you to remember from these comments, and those two words
12 are zero tolerance. I think from some of the other
13 comments that you've heard there should be zero tolerance
14 for any miscalculation of what might happen at Yucca
15 Mountain for the future of our lives and the future of all
16 life as we know it; zero tolerance for any water
17 contamination that might occur from Yucca Mountain; zero
18 tolerance for any -- I think the word is millirem exposure;
19 zero tolerance for any failure of any container of waste
20 material; and zero tolerance for any accidents, no matter
21 what the mode of transportation, whether it be rail or
22 public highway.

23 So what do we do? We have a zero tolerance
24 for these sort of things. How do we deal with something
25 that we have created? And recently in our local

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1 newspaper -- and I clipped it out. It's the October 28th
2 issue of the Inyo Register. There was an article in there
3 by a woman by the name of Mary Manning. She writes for the
4 Las Vegas Sun. And one thing that the article is about is
2 5 that [there is a new technology out there that could
6 transform deadly, highly radioactive waste into less
7 harmful material. And I don't know if this is exactly what
8 your scientist was talking about in Chapter 5 or whatever
9 he said, but this particular technology, I guess, is
10 recognized by DOE. It has a very -- it does have a very
11 high price tag, but I think for life on this planet, I
12 think it's necessary that we spend the money. I don't
13 think the money is the issue. I think we need to spend the
14 money, figure out another way of dealing with radioactive
15 waste.

16 Apparently this has very high
17 recommendations from a lot of different scientists that
18 have been working on this, a new technology that might be
19 able to help us instead of dealing with Yucca Mountain,
20 dealing with highly radioactive waste and treating it as
21 low-level radioactive waste.]

22 Those are my comments. I do have a question
3... 23 though. [I just wonder why there's only one hearing in
24 California, one out of 17, because California is a lot
25 closer than the rest of the country to Yucca Mountain,

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1 granted we're not in Nevada. But I think it's going to
2 affect a great deal of people, and I think we should have
3 had more hearings in California than we did.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. SKIPPER: Thank you for your comments.

6 THE FACILITATOR: Joie Hutchinson.

7 MS. HUTCHINSON: I'm not talking.

8 THE FACILITATOR: You aren't. Thank you. Well,
9 I'm glad I acknowledged you. Hi.

10 MS. HUTCHINSON: Thank you.

11 THE FACILITATOR: Dean Loder.

12 MS. LODER: I've already said it.