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3 NOV 16 1999 MR. LANDAU: My name is Steve Landau. I'm
4 here standing in for Rich Zigler, who is the president
5 of our company, which is Cotter Corporation. We're a
6 uranium mining and milling company. We're located here
7 in Colorado, but we have facilities in other states as
8 well.

9 As a uranium mine and milling facility, we
10 are the first point where the fuel begins to be made
11 for the reactors that are the subject of the waste
12 we're talking about today.

13 I'm here to support the draft EIS and to
14 support its forthcoming final environmental impact
15 statement. I don't think that any of these storage
16 facilities were ever designed or thought to be the
17 final repository for these materials, and I think the
18 problem has been studied for many many decades.

19 It's really time for us to act and do
20 what's necessary. A lot of money has been put aside to
21 take care of the problem, and we need to deal with it.
22 The material will need to be moved from these
23 facilities at some point in time.

24 I recognize the transport is an issue. I
25 agree with some of the commenters before that

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2 1 transportation of nuclear materials goes on on a daily
2 basis, and has been studied probably as much or more
3 than any other transports of hazardous materials. I
4 have confidence that the engineers involved in those
5 kinds of transport issues can properly address the
6 problems that are faced. |

3 7 I also wanted to say that | I think it's
8 time that the rate payers that have sponsored the
9 repository and continue to support the storage of these
10 materials, that fact that they are bearing those costs
11 need to cease at some point. Our country needs to move
12 forward with this serious issue. | That's all I have to
13 say.

14 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

15 John McClure? Okay. Come back to him.

16 John Stokley?