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MR. KRAMER: My name is Ken Kramer. I'm going to turn the microphone around and look at Ken Skipper over here. I'm not really too afraid of having my back to the audience. I trust them.

You're the facilitator; is that correct, sir?

MR. LAWSON: That is correct.

MR. KRAMER: And who paid you to be here?

MR. LAWSON: I'm paid under contract on this project.

MR. KRAMER: Who paid you, though?

MR. LAWSON: One of the subcontractors.

MR. KRAMER: So you are working for the DOE then?

MR. LAWSON: I'm working for one of the subcontractors.

MR. KRAMER: I want that in the record.

MR. LAWSON: You certainly may have it.

MR. KRAMER: So you are not really an independent facilitator. You are really a paid employee of the DOE.

MR. LAWSON: I am not an employee of the DOE. One of the conditions that I --.

MR. KRAMER: What's your job here?

MR. LAWSON: Excuse me, sir. Would you like to have something on the record? I just want to make it clear that everyone understands that this is my profession to serve as a neutral moderator. So when I serve as a neutral moderator, my clients recognize that a neutrality is part of the condition of my serving.

MR. KRAMER: So you are a professional then; is that correct?

MR. LAWSON: That is correct.

MR. KRAMER: Good. And Kenneth Skipper, I unfortunately didn't get here early enough to talk to you before the proceedings. I was wondering what your position here is.

MR. SKIPPER: I'm the Department of Energy's document manager for the repository EIS.

MR. KRAMER: So you are the guy that is going to take this back to Washington and have all of it deciphered so that the people that are going to make decisions can review it; is that your

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job? Whose job is that?

MR. LAWSON: The intent here is not to ask question and answer. Let me just clarify that the Department of Energy personnel will take comments that are made tonight, as described earlier, will produce a comment response document, as well as a Final Environmental Impact Statement, which will then be submitted to the Secretary of Energy in Washington.

MR. KRAMER: Okay. Thank you for the clarification.

1 Well, I just have a few comments to make, since it's not a question and answer period. Well, [in review of this Draft EIS, it is my opinion that the document is flawed. It is quite obvious that it was let to the low bidder, whoever wrote it.

It doesn't address any of the contingencies possible in adequate depth to assure that we are going to be able to safely store nuclear spent fuel rods for a period of even a hundred years. They are still running heaters at the test site to heat the ground to try to analyze the effects of the heat on the ground.

An Environmental Impact Statement should be a statement.

You have dodged every intent of the EPA in creating environmental laws to try to protect the environment, the people, and the animals. ]

2 [ Number one, I have not seen the deed to the property that you want to build this repository on. It needs to be litigated as to who the owner of the property is. I cannot build my house on property that belongs to my neighbor.

In review of the history of the plant and down to the ownership as we understand it of Yucca Mountain, Yucca Mountain belongs to the Western Shoshone people. They have not been represented, and they have not been addressed as owners of this property.

That's the first flaw of this EIS. You don't have title to this property.

3... The rest of the things that I was going to bring up about the review of other sites and some of the other questions have been represented by other people. [It's very upsetting for me to come here and see 13-year-old children that are trying to make a statement to try to educate the leaders of our country, to making reasonable and

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3 cont. sensible decisions that aren't motivated by money and greed.

The reason that we don't hear about what's happening in our country is because the media has been bought up and controlled. General Electric owns one major television station network, Westinghouse owns another. They are two companies that manufacture nuclear equipment and build nuclear sites.

I think that it's an abomination that we should have to endure the injustices and the absolute shameful representation by our representatives, and I am appalled that my money that I work hard for and that my family has to live on should go for such insane things.

Thank you.