

10 NOV 09 1999 MR. HULSE: Good afternoon. I am Frank Hulse
11 from Pioche, Nevada and my family has been residents of Lincoln
12 County since the settlement of Panaca in 1850s.

13 I know and love this area very well, and am
14 interested in anything that affects our lives or our lifestyle.

15 We are rural by nature and close to each other,
16 and things that affect each of us bring our emotions to the
17 forefront.

18 Anything that affects one of us, affects us all.
19 This has been shown by the concerns that have been expressed
20 here.

21 As our last general election held in November of
22 1998, we had two questions on the ballot that dealt with the
23 nuclear waste issue. I sat on the County Board and was
24 interested in the interpretation of the results.

25 This question -- both questions were

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1 represented -- presented to all the voters of Lincoln County,
2 and I might add that in Lincoln County, we generally have about
3 a seventy percent voter turnout. It's quite high in regard to
4 the rest of the nation, because people are interested.

5 I think these issues drove that turnout as well
6 as the local races.

7 The question LN 1 read: "Should we oppose the
8 shipment of nuclear fuel or radioactive waste through the
9 middle of our communities and over Highway 93 and State Route
10 375?" The question was should we oppose. The vote was yes,
11 932 or 49.4 percent and no, 954 or 50.6 percent, a difference
12 of 22 votes.

13 Question 2 read: "Should the board of Lincoln
14 County Commissioners continue to pursue a course of action that
15 seeks to better understand and minimize the risk, mitigate
16 impacts and maximize potential economic benefits to Lincoln
17 County associated with a possible decision by the Federal
18 Government to transport spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste
19 through Lincoln County?" The question is should the County
20 continue their course of study.

21 With that, there was a yes vote of 1,323 or 71
22 percent of the vote, and a no vote of 538 or 29 percent of the
23 vote.

24 In my opinion, LN 1, the vote, was far too close
25 to justify any extreme statement and belief. If the election

1 were held tomorrow, the result may be different.

2 However, I do believe the second question on
3 whether or not our County and Committee needs to be diligent in
4 keeping abreast of developments and securing independent
5 analysis of the information was given a resounding endorsement
6 of two and a half to one.

7 My opinion differs of that from our state leaders
8 from our long held belief that if they stick their heads in the
9 sand, it will go away.

10 I believe we need a seat at the decision-making
11 table and applaud our local officials and our local committee
12 and I might add the loyal opposition for, watch man and to be
13 mindful of those things that will impact us should this project
14 come to be.

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15 [My question for the panel today is: Will the
16 Department of Energy provide individual responses to each
17 comment provided and will the response indicate to what extent
18 the comment resulted in a revision in the Draft or Final
19 Environmental Impact Statement?]

20 Thank you.

21 MR. LAWSON: Sure. Thank you, sir.