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1 Now I have two comments as nuclear waste advisor. And this is a comment not on the DOE, it is to DOE, but it is not on the DEIS. It's a message that I hope by now you have heard clearly from this community and from this county. And that is that we have a lot of people that are very interested in this issue. They are hungry for information.

And they come to me to get that information. I need to feed them information. And so the message that I would like you to take back is that, yes, at least in Eureka County, in Crescent Valley, there are people who are really concerned, who really care, who really want to know what's going on. And so as I tell all federal agencies, when you are scheduling meetings, it would be great if you could, federal government, talk to each other so that we do not have meeting conflicts.

Unfortunately, it was the Nuclear Regulatory Commission who yesterday scheduled a meeting on the modal study, already knowing that this meeting was being scheduled for today and that the Austin meeting was scheduled for Tuesday. We were not able to be represented at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's modal study meeting because we had to be here. And Department of Energy was on the calendar first.

There are other times when Department of Energy is on the calendar second, and I'm just saying, there's got to be enough days in the year so we can get to all of these meetings.

The other comment I'd like to make I guess both as a person and as a nuclear waste advisor is that it has just been incredible to advise and help this group of people to be able to express themselves in these meetings, and I am so impressed with the quality of the comments, the depth of the comments, and the heart of the comments. So I just want to tell you what a privilege it's been to be involved in this process, which is of course not ending but is ongoing. Thank you.

MR. LAWSON: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. BOOTH: Thank you, Abby.

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