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MR. DALE LEHMAN: Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Dale Lehman, L-e-h-m-a-n. I'm a citizen activist around the Stop Dioxin Exposure Campaign. However, I have followed the development of nuclear power in this country over the last 20 years, and have witnessed a
1 consistent process of corporate power forcing upon the public a nuclear energy base which has not functioned on its own since day one. It is fundamentally a boondoggle industry dependent on massive public subsidies that allow it to perpetrate on the public serious harm without the requirement to bear the responsibilities that it creates.

We are in Chicago, the city of the done deal. So I think it is easy to recognize one when we see it. The selection of Yucca Mountain was not based, as some have stated, on the last word in science. There is a great deal of dissension amongst the scientific community about the substance of the geological structure which they have selected.

It is fundamentally an attempt to bail out the corporations and the industry that have hitched their wagon to the nuclear genie and now would like to transfer the liabilities which they have created into the public realm, and use that to justify trying to expand nuclear power at the expense of investment in alternative and renewable sources of energy.

2 I think fundamentally, while the public has witnessed over 50 years' statements of safety, statements of so-called fact on the part of government agencies regarding this industry, recent revelations about fundamental dishonesty coming from the predecessor of the Department of Energy and the Department of Energy with regard to the effects of low-level radiation and the extent of the contamination that they have created through their various facilities or allowed to be created through their contractors, does a great disservice to the basic fundamental trust on which the democracy of this society, this country, a great nation is based.

For you to proceed by forcing upon the public this scheme to bury the problem with such haste instead of addressing the alternatives, both as to sites, both as to methods of handling, furthers the public's disillusionment with the society in which we all operate.

Thank you.