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1 also want to say that I think the question and
2 answer period that preceded this session should
3 have been part of the public record, and I feel
4 that a good part of the questions that were
5 asked were meaningful, such that they should be
6 part of the public record, and a number of those
7 people have left that asked those questions and
8 aren't here to ask them again now or get answers
9 for them. And those who were here to hear them
10 have left, some people. So that format should
11 be changed.

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12 My general overview of this, of the
13 particulars that have been offered to us as to
14 the safety and containment of radioactive waste
15 I find totally bogus. For example, we've had
16 other agencies of the U.S. government tell us
17 about their fail-safe programs, and in every
18 instance we have been deliberately lied to or
19 simply misinformed.

20 For instance, at the very beginning of
21 what we know to be the nuclear age, the
22 Manhattan project started at the University of
23 Chicago, which is here where I was born. And as
24 a little girl, the very beginning of the
1 experiments done with the first bit of uranium
2 that they had to work with was, without
3 knowledge of the janitor, who didn't understand
4 what he was cleaning up in that laboratory,

5 was -- he contaminated the laboratory on the
6 weekend in which he cleaned up after the week
7 when the scientists had been starting their
8 experiments. So a lot of this -- a lot the
9 material not only contaminated the lab, but it
10 contaminated the pipes leading out of the
11 sinks.

12 The following Monday when all the
13 employees came back and recognized that the
14 laboratory had been, from their point of view,
15 sabotaged, they questioned everybody that had
16 access to that part of the university and
17 discovered the problem that had happened with
18 the janitor's cleanup and had a mad rush with
19 retracting the cabinets and the buckets and the
20 pipes leading out of the laboratory and
21 confiscated all of the stuff and put it in a
22 particular part of the yard of the University of
23 Chicago with the intention of later burying this
24 in some safe site.

1 And, of course, that went awry, too,
2 because during that week the City dump trucks
3 came along to pick up the regular refuse from
4 the University and saw this separate pile over
5 there in the corner of the yard and collected
6 that, too. So at that point they had that all
7 mixed in with the City dump trucks and the
8 regular refuse, and, apparently, from the

9 reading that I got from, of all places, a very
10 nonscientific source, a book called Oops,
11 O-o-p-s, which was written by Art Linkletter,
12 who interviewed one of the scientists in that
13 lab. That's the -- that's the source through
14 which the public gets informed, not through some
15 agency of the United States.

16 I also want to add that the United
17 States government and the Russian government
18 have both lost nuclear subs in our oceans. Some
19 of them we know for sure have imploded or
20 exploded, one of them hit by its own torpedo.
21 NASA has sent plutonium powered probes up into
22 space and on at least three occasions, have had
23 inadvertent reentries where the plutonium has
24 been spewed all over the skies and dropped back
1 down on to earth. And at this point in time the
2 Nuclear Regulatory Commission, another agency of
3 the United States government, is allowing for
4 the melting down of radioactive metal from
5 decommissioned plants, those metals being put
6 into ingots, the ingots being sold -- I
7 understand this is radioactive -- sold to scrap
8 metal dealers. Those scrap metal dealers, in
9 turn, sell that scrap metal to manufacturers of
10 products who none -- I understand the chain is
11 broken. These people don't even know they are
12 handling radioactive waste, and those
13 manufacturers making products made of metal such

14 as, for instance, kids' braces and toys, medical
15 implements put into people's hips, the frames on
16 people's glasses, the zippers on all of our
17 pants and jewelry that we wear, et cetera. So,
...2 18 in every single phase of our life, we have had
19 exposure, sometimes inadvertent and sometimes
20 deliberate, and known by these regulatory
21 agencies to be contaminating us and yet still
22 this constant, never ending exposure to the
3 23 public.

24 And at the risk of their health and
1 safety, we are still now coming up with another
2 plan, this one by the DOE, to contaminate the
3 planet and all plants and animals on it. This
4 is a ridiculous and preposterous notion, and
5 there is no way in the world that, after your
6 own fail-safe programs have failed before, that
7 we should believe you that you are going to do
8 this safely now.