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1... MS. WATTS: Good evening. I'm Fern Watts. I'm a citizen of East St. Louis and I'm a member of the Citizens Action Network in East St. Louis also. Pursuant to the time I was notified about the public hearing was about 24 hours ago, so therefore I do not have a written statement, but I have some experience I would like to share with you briefly. I live in East St. Louis and that is the route for trucks and trains to bring the nuclear waste. I strongly oppose it.

2 There is one neighborhood group who has been fighting this procedure for some years, and that is called Project Hope, and that is headed by Mervin Jones. It has been proven that people in the neighborhood have died from the causes of the nuclear waste being brought through East St. Louis. I want to say this again. It has been theory proven that persons have died, numbers of persons have died, from the results of nuclear waste being brought through East St. Louis. And you said this afternoon that there was money for states to help them educate people. Hopefully there is money to help people improve their health after having been affected by this nuclear waste. I did not see in my Belleville News Democrat paper -- maybe it was -- I don't think it was there. I didn't see anything in paper, so that is another concern I do have. It has affected our health. I would hope that the continuing transporting of waste materials would discontinue in East St. Louis most of all because it is actively affecting us as I speak right now. Thank you.

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