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MR. CLEARY: I need to ask forgiveness. I had no idea that this meeting was even going to be happening and I'm not prepared and I just came down here from Oregon, but something leads me a lot of times to be where I'm at, and definitely I'm not unfamiliar with Yucca Mountain. I know people who have come here before protesting and asked me why I didn't go, but usually I don't go because I don't have the resources or whatever. And that's a common occurrence in my life, and I'm not the best example of things, but I do work as much as I can when I can.

And I find that -- a lot of satisfaction in labor, but a lot of times I'm not employed, but I -- I want to say that I believe that the people, what they're saying, that they're making this as safe as they can. Sure, I
1 believe that, but I don't believe that that's necessarily total criteria for doing that, building a Yucca Mountain Repository for nuclear waste.

I just -- I have been kind of against it most of my life. I have a brother who is a nuclear engineer, and so I've had time to ask him questions about it and things, but I -- I feel like it's easy for the world wool to get pulled over your eyes with this matter, and I feel that that has happened to me. And I find that I used to think I couldn't be deceived, I couldn't be fooled by anything, but I found out that that's not true, that -- that I can be deceived very easily. And so I really appreciate what everybody's saying tonight and I just want to say that -- that I think that -- I think that, you know, I -- again, I say that, you know, I feel it's a real serious matter.

I don't think that I'm prepared or qualified really much to say too much except for there's a lot of things I want to say, you know, and they could, you know, be said and say, you know, there would be some kind of a statement kind of thing, that that's the way I see myself talking, but in reality, I'm just like I feel that it's something that everybody has to feel something about if we're going to do anything, you know.

I think that the country, even the world is just going to keep rolling on, whether -- the government is going to keep rolling on with this program, but we have to feel about it. We have to feel strongly about something, and -- in order to do something, and -- and I think that my feelings are more dead than they should be and probably a lot of other people's are, and I think that it's something that, you know -- like again, I hope that find -- I hope that we, you know, don't continue in that state and that we're able to find some changes of heart and maybe, you know, find forgiveness and just go on. And thank you.