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1 MR. CLIFF KENNY: What I have to say is a very immediate issue and it affects all of us, including our panel here because on January the 31st, a transport identified as heavy hazardous waste parked in front of the general store in Shoshone.

The local sheriff observed liquid leaking on the pavement from the transport. The transport was detained until the following day. The load was then transferred to another truck and the spill was cleaned up.

Question: Who supervises the suitability of the vehicle used in the transport? This vehicle had a -- a steel box with an open top with canvas over it, but the box are patched -- welded patches on it and it was dripping, very definitely dripping on the pavement.

The driver and another person pushed -- took out a roll of white absorbent material and placed under the truck.

The following day, we went by the general store and the spill was in the process of being cleaned up and the transport had just been removed.

Okay. Who supervises the suitability of the vehicles used in the transport of hazardous waste? Can any old truck handle dangerous material?

And if this truck had not been spotted by -- by the sheriff, he would have dropped a string of contaminated material all the way up to the dump site, I'm sure, and this applies not only to 127, but to 160 and 95 and whatever other routes there are that leads to this dump site.

And what penalties are there? There ought to be penalties that would put such a -- a business -- this was a private truck -- trucking firm, I assume that had an environmental name on it, some environmental business.

There ought to be the kind of penalty for that kind of violation that would put this agency out of business, in my estimation.

And should not the public be informed when there is hazardous waste being transported?

If United Parcel can keep track of all their vehicles wherever they are, why should not the public have the right to know when such vehicles are passing through our communities?

And I'm telling you the community over at Shoshone and Tecopa were very much concerned when they became aware that this vehicle was leaking hazardous waste right in our community.

I thank you.