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MR. BRADSHAW: Thank you. Nye County invites any citizen or elected official, appointed official, in this county that would like to come out and have a tour of Yucca Mountain and get the independent view based on our independent science and verification and drilling program. We would be more than happy to host that in cooperation with our friends at DOE.

1 Nye County on the very first hearing on this subject called for a substantial rewrite or retraction -- not a retraction, but a substantial augmentation of the information presented in the EIS.

Virtually everywhere that DOE has gone, independent persons, such as the San Bernardino County officials that have come before you, already have called this document as being less than adequate for the purposes of these elected officials in planning the impacts and defining the impacts of this project on their county.

2 We see this project in Nye County as yet another Federal unfunded mandate foisted upon the citizens of
3 Nye County. Speaking about emergency response and Section 180(C) and the provisions within that for helping local jurisdictions to deal with the impacts of the emergency response aspects of this project, that 180 (C) funding will be inadequate. The indications that we have of this clearly indicate that the monies that will be available will be a minuscule amount, compared to the amount of money that will be needed by local jurisdictions to prepare, and they are a largely volunteer emergency response community, to deal with the impacts, transportation, and in our case, storage of nuclear waste in the county.

Nye County has firm evidence of this. All we have to do is look at the low-level waste transportation program that's happening now, and has been happening for at least the last 15 to 20 years, where low-level waste is being transported to other areas of the Nevada Test Site approximately 25, 28 miles to the east.

The emergency response assistance that's being offered to the surrounding counties in Nevada, the central Nevada counties, are all -- I will put it bluntly -- we are all dirt poor; we are almost all broke. We almost all have inadequate resources to deal with these issues.

DOE is asking us to work with the State of Nevada, and they will channel the small amount of money that's coming to the states -- coming to the State of Nevada for this low-level waste transportation and disposal program through the state.

It's a very sad thing, but DOE profoundly misunderstands the nature of local government emergency response in Nevada. I presume, as I heard here today in San Bernardino County, as a county function, there will never ever be a state response to a tip-over of one of these trucks in Nye County. The people that will respond will be county volunteers, county employees, and the Nye County Board of Commissioners as the San Bernardino Board of Supervisors will be in charge of that incident.

We believe that Congress simply intends that local jurisdictions will pony up the money to pay for the emergency response capabilities that will be needed as this program goes on for the next 30 to 40 years.

4... On the issue of cumulative impacts of this project on the county, Nye County is severely disappointed that this document fails to take into account the cumulative impact of Federal activities in Nye County.

Let me just say that there are currently 11 major planning -- resource planning documents that apply to Nye County. These include BLM, Forest Service, Resource Management plans, the Department of Defense, Nellis Range Resource Management Plan, the Death Valley National Park Resource Management Plan, California Desert Act Conservation Implementation Plan, the Timbisha-Shoshone

...4 Homelands Legislative EIS that's going on, and several others, the Humbolt-Toiyabe National Forest Planning effort, where they will rewrite the forest planning document.

All of these efforts are going on. Eleven different major resource management issues going on by 11 separate federal agencies, and not one of them is talking to the other. Every one of these issues is stove-pipe managed back to Washington, D.C., and we see this as a severe defect in this document, as we reported in the very first EIS meeting.

5 On the issue of the hydrologic modeling of groundwater and how it will behave as the groundwater travels through the repository at Yucca Mountain, it travels across Highway 95; it goes under the town of Amargosa Valley, and heads down to Inyo County to the towns of Tecopa and Shoshone, and to Death Valley National Park.

We believe DOE has done the calculations on the modeling on the best available data, and we are not suggesting that the data is wrong, but we are suggesting that the data is inadequate. And we believe much more geologic and hydrologic data is necessary before the DOE could accurately predict to the citizens of the town of Amargosa Valley, whose border is within six to seven miles of Yucca Mountain, that they can predict how the groundwater will transport radionuclides once the canisters fail inside the mountain.

6 Nye County has called for not sealing the repository, but leaving it open for a number of years so that we can have access to the canisters and to the mountain and to collect additional data for a long period of time before the nation has the confidence that the repository will behave as predicted and will not pose an additional risk upon the citizens of Nye County and adjoining Inyo County as to their groundwater resources.

7 We have called for additional work and refinement on the socioeconomic impacts of this document upon Nye County. This is a document, a project, that's been going on for a number of years since, I have been told, the late '70's. The country has been struggling with what to do with nuclear waste, certainly since the mid to late '80's. There's been a very vigorous program, three to four or five -- help me out -- billion dollars have been spent on building Yucca Mountain.

We believe that this EIS should have at least up-to-date socioeconomic data readily available about the County of Nye and the citizens that live there.

As an example, 1990 Federal census data was used in calculating the citizens of the county. I am sorry, but Nye County has one of the fastest growing cities in America right now, the town of Pahrump. Nye County is listed as one of the fastest growing counties in America. It's unbelievable that out-of-date and not up-to-date socioeconomic data was used in this document.

That's an example of the kind of -- sort of hurry-up-and-wait attitude that the Department of Energy seems to have about the host community.

FACILITATOR HOLMES: We are at the five-minute mark.

MR. BRADSHAW: Thank you. That concludes my remarks.

FACILITATOR HOLMES: Thank you. Bob Halstead, to be followed by Corbin Harney.