

MS. JACQUES: Hello, my name is Alyssia Jacques. I'm a student at the University of California, Riverside. This is my first public hearing, and I am thankful for the opportunity.

1 I understand that I lack the full knowledge, experience, and wisdom to address this issue adequately; however, this is my statement: Um, there are no legal requirements for there to be meetings in every state, as was stated previously. But I wonder about the moral and educational obligations to inform and allow every state the option to publicly comment.

I would like to make my comment pertaining to the broad scope of this issue. Nuclear energy is one of several energy options. Nuclear waste has been treated as an externality, an externality for which our market does not address.

2 I would like to comment against compiling individual waste sites into one large disposal site, because this site is remote and by a low density population in the nation's eyes, it will come become an out-of-sight, out-of-mind externality over time once sealed. By keeping waste onsite and in the backyards of the nuclear plants, externalities will also remain in sight, forcing concerns to be addressed by their communities.

If this waste is stored by small populations near Yucca Mountain, their voices will be lost. Keeping the waste in communities they are now in, allows those communities the power to demand alternative energy production, when these externalities exceed their acceptance level. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE.]

FACILITATOR HOLMES: And I have Learner Goude.