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SUSI SNYDER: My name is Susi Snyder, S-n-y-d-e-r, and I just wanted to briefly say a couple of things. One, I wanted to thank all the people who are still here who are not on the payroll for being here who are still here this evening. I really appreciate it.

I know it's hard to stay past 10:00 o'clock on a Tuesday night, especially when you have a life and a job and a family and things to take care of. I do want to repeat that the DEIS, while there is a monumental amount of effort that went into creating this document and a monumental amount of effort that went into reading it, analyzing it, commenting on it, by, you know, over 11,000 people, and it's really important that our comments be addressed and be responded to before we see a final, before we go ahead with the site recommendation.

I met with the chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission only a few weeks ago and he agreed that putting -- that changing -- excuse me, it was putting the cart before the horse when you put your guidelines in, you set your guidelines in after you select a site.

It's really important, and to echo what Judy said and what a lot of other people said tonight that we do have a strong, safe publicly acceptable guideline in place for nuclear waste, I can't say solution, we don't know a solution, but a method for dealing with the nuclear waste we have right now on our planet, and to have strong publicly acceptable guidelines for how to deal with that in place before we go ahead and select and build and eventually whatever we decide to build.

I recognize that DOE is, you know, you're following a congressional mandate. I do recognize that. I recognize that it takes an act of Congress to get Yucca Mountain off our backs. And there are, you know, thousands of people across the country who are working on that who are working to change and amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act so that Yucca Mountain is not the only option out there, and so you're aware of that.

The other thing I just wanted to comment on, this Alloy 22, which is younger than me. All right. I'm one of the youngest people in the room and I'm not going to say how old I am. But, you know, this is like let's take some serious consideration into this Alloy 22, this new metal.

And, you know, I applaud the efforts gone into it. I'm appreciative of the high glossy color photographs and all the great things.

I do have a good question. I know the S&ER was printed on recycled paper, I thank you for doing that. How much of it was post consumer recycled? There's a question.

That's about it. It's late and I know a lot of people are tired. I know one of them, and I have to drive back to Pahrump tonight. So again I just want to thank everybody for being here.

I do want to echo what Willie said about having these meetings in a more community-oriented situation, like the East Flamingo Library has a good auditorium. The library on Lake Mead, on West Lake Mead there has a really good auditorium that's bigger than this and that would work, and it's in the heart of the community.

You notice when you look around not all the community here in Las Vegas is represented here tonight, and that's really unfortunate that the people who live by 95, by I-15 are not here. The people who live right next to the railroad tracks, that disproportionately affected people of color and low income community very rarely have the ability to come and analyze a document like this, first off, because it's tiresome and it's long and you try to read it after you've been working all day and your kids are screaming and the TV is blaring and you just want to throw everything out the window.

You try to look at this document and you try, and it's very hard. And then to try to get to a hearing like this when it's on a Tuesday night, why not do it on like -- why not set it up like a Sunday afternoon picnic and get everybody together and have a barbecue. Where's the cookies? Where's the food? Bring food.

I highly recommend to come up with a solution to this nuclear waste problem in this country if we sat down together, if we sat down our scientists, our government officials, our community members from the reactor communities, the transportation communities, the possible host site communities, we sat down together, we share a meal and then we discuss how we're going to deal with this problem. You know, that brings us all together.

And I think that, you know, there are ways we can deal with this. There are things we can do. We can work together, and we'd very much like to work together and find a safe, sane, publicly acceptable solution to this problem.

And thank you again very much. I, you know, I hope everybody drives home safe and stuff. All right, thanks.