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6 MS. WESTERLUND: My name is Lisa Westerlund,
7 and I work for Esmeralda County and have lived in
8 Central Nevada for five years. Goldfield lies in the
9 main highway between Reno and Las Vegas.
10 We understand full well the fact, the
11 dangers, dangerous cargo often travels on that highway.
12 Certainly we are concerned about these dangerous
13 cargoes, and as nuclear waste is added to the list of
14 cargoes, we expect DOE to regulate those shipments to
15 the same high safety standards that are used to
16 regulate nuclear power plants around the country. We
17 already have low-level nuclear waste traveling through
18 rural Nevada and right to the Nevada test site, and we
19 are happy that DOE has recognized its responsibility to
20 help us to be prepared in case of an accident. The
21 Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory
22 Commission must recognize the concerns we Nevadans have
23 about safety of a high-level waste repository and
24 transportation to get it there. We expect DOE and the
25 NRC to adhere to a rigorous process for both licensing

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1 and construction. We are not afraid of the nuclear

2 waste shipments, or of the repository of Yucca

3 Mountain. But we insist of a rigorous safety program

4 that be put in place, and we want to part of it.

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