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23 MR. MEYERS: Good evening. Or morning, or

24 whatever time it is. I'm appalled at what goes on

25 tonight. It's a disgrace.

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1 (APPLAUSE)

2 And I am glad every one of you guys were here

3 to see it. I am a member of the Moapa Band of Paiutes,

4 and I am the Chairman of the Tribal Council, the head

5 of a government. I've been treated with disrespect,

6 and pushed out the door, and when I came to sign up,

7 they never even told me I had to take a ticket. They

8 waited until a couple of hours later when I came back.

9 Where's your ticket? They didn't tell me. They didn't

10 tell me we could call in and get on the speaker's list

11 earlier. They never said that to us. DOE -- oh, yes,

12 before I go on, any further, I'm going to take more

13 than 5 minutes, and you're not going to stop me.

14 (APPLAUSE)

15 MR. MEYERS: DOE does not believe in

16 government-to-government which is their own laws that

17 they wrote, not us. They don't want to abide by them.

18 They don't abide by the executive order that says

19 you're supposed to take down impairments for
20 government-to-government. They put more up. They do
21 this all the time.
22 I was told by one DOE official outside, you
23 guys are lucky you guys have your own meeting. That's
24 a bunch of bull. That's not government-to-government.
25 Government-to-government is you come to my tribe, you

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1 come to talk to my council. You don't talk to somebody
2 off the street. It's another black eye for you. If it
3 was me, I wouldn't even be able to walk around.
4 Before you go any further too, I had said
5 some things in the way I shouldn't have, and I
6 apologize, but I'm man enough to do that. I'm man
7 enough to say I messed up and I am sorry, but DOE, they
8 just keep on walking. And they walk over us more and
9 more. DOE has no concept of what a tribal government
10 is. Yet they do. But they ignore it. They ignore the
11 fact that we don't have hundreds of people to read one
12 document that they sent out a week ahead. I got it
13 last -- I think two days ago. And I'm supposed to look
14 at this thing and make an intelligent comment to -- how
15 do you make intelligent comments to things you know

16 nothing about? That you don't even have the chance to
17 find out about. Because DOE is so damn arrogant in
18 their ways that they don't even give us the chance.
19 They don't fund us. We have not received one penny
20 from DOE in all these years that they've been studying
21 Yucca Mountain. Now isn't that a shame? The State of
22 Nevada has plenty of money. Clark County does too. We
23 have nothing. Yet the tribes are supposed to have a
24 government-to-government relationship with these
25 people. It's not there. It never will be there, until

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1 they recognize that they have to follow their own laws,
2 laws that they wrote, not us. Laws that they wrote to
3 protect themselves.
4 And they come up to me and say, well, we're
5 new people here. I was told many years ago -- I have
6 been doing this for at least ten years, so I know what
7 I'm talking about from experience. They told me one
8 time, well we don't know who to contact because you
9 guys change so much. Well, I tell you what, Russ Dyer,
10 you're one of many that I have seen as a manager here.
11 And one of many that I will see leave here. And many
12 that I will see that will not be here when, if that

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13 stuff ever comes down the road. Because I had, I had a
14 nice conversation with one of the managers, and he got
15 up and he -- this was in of the AULG meetings. He got
16 up and said, "I have had 11 driver's license. This is
17 my Nevada driver's license, last one I'm going to have,
18 my last license, I'm here for good." I got up later
19 on, said, "Here's my Nevada driver's license, the only
20 one I've ever had, the only one I ever will. Who's
21 going to be here?" Now he's gone, many years ago, he's
22 gone.
23 Just to comment on your document, and I said
24 this before, will take us at least 15 years or so,
25 maybe even more. Because we would have to put somebody

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1 through college to learn your science. And then, on
2 top of that, we would have to teach them the Paiute way
3 of looking at things. So that they don't forget what
4 you guys, how you try to corrupt their minds in looking
5 at things your way. Because we do not look at things
6 scientifically. Science is not correct. If science
7 was so correct, how come they keep changing the law so
8 that they can change it? If Yucca Mountain was so
9 great, how come they keep changing those laws? How

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10 come they keep changing the way things are supposed to
11 be? And every time I ask them, I ask DOE people, why
12 do you do that? Why is Yucca Mountain really good?
13 And I tell them, no, it isn't. But then they always
14 tell me, hey, we'll engineer around it. If you can
15 engineer around it, leave it where it's at, because you
16 can engineer around that. You don't have to
17 contaminate this whole country.
18 (APPLAUSE)
19 You have the great potential of wiping out
20 government in one swoop. Very easily. Because my
21 tribe, my government sometimes travels together. All
22 it would take is one accident to wipe out a government.
23 My bylaws, my constitution has no way of restarting
24 that government. So essentially you've done what you
25 have set out to do 500 years ago, when you first came

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1 to this land, and that's to wipe us out. And I've
2 talked to the county. I have been to plenty of county
3 meetings.
4 We belong to the steering committee for Clark
5 County. The only reason I go, because I am interested.
6 I need to know what's going on. I have great respect

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7 for those people, because they do allow us to be there
8 with them. They even help fund us a little bit.
9 That's more than DOE has ever done in the years that
10 they've been here around here. When -- if one of our
11 tribal people was to die because of the radiation, or
12 even if it, one of your trucks was to hit one of us, or
13 if one of your trains was to run off the track, that's
14 a devastation to a tribe. The city of Las Vegas,
15 that's not even a drop in the bucket. When you take
16 transportation, you take all this bad stuff and we see
17 what it does, we know what it does, you know, we're not
18 stupid. We may not be the smartest people, but we're
19 not stupid. We know what nature does. We know how it
20 reacts to things.
21 What happens to my religion, my way of life,
22 my essence of being a Paiute, and those people coming
23 behind me? Will they be able to be Paiute when you
24 guys send this down the land, down our land? What
25 happens when you, when it was stated earlier about
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1 people's perceptions of a place that has had an
2 accident there? You can wipe out our whole economic
3 development in one little accident. And that's all it

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4 would take. Are you willing to pay us all that money?

5 Are you willing to trade your life for one of ours?

6 Now if you're willing to do that, you can go ahead and

7 build it, but I have to have that guarantee that you're

8 willing to stand there, and say yes, sacrifice me.

9 Because that's what you're doing to the tribes all

10 across the country. Thank you.