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21 In the EIS they have several rail
22 routes that they have contemplated. Those
23 rail routes were contemplated ten years
24 ago. They have changed with those rail
25 routes. There are other rail routes that

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1 are coming available that would keep the
2 nuclear waste out of the small cities of
3 rural Nevada, and they have to be added and
4 looked at.

5 The EIS has to be a document that's
6 flexible enough to change with the times.
7 As was brought up from the Ely Daily Times,
8 terrorist activities has just put a whole
9 new life on everything, and that needs to
10 be addressed in the EIS, and I'm not sure
11 it's adequately addressed.

12 As far as the City of Ely is
13 concerned, any transportation of nuclear
14 waste through White Pine County, any
15 accident will probably be addressed by the
16 City of Ely Fire Department. There has to
17 be a multitude of dollars invested in
18 training and equipping the Ely Volunteer
19 Fire Department should any kind of spill or
20 transportation problem occur.

21 The City of Ely's water shed is
22 directly on the route. It is -- there's a
23 fence less than 30 feet from the highway
24 that will be used to transport nuclear
25 waste. That wasn't even addressed in the

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1 EIS. The City of Ely water shed was not
2 addressed in the EIS.

3 Let's see. I am at this time going
4 to stop these comments. My name is Bob
5 Miller. I'll the mayor of the City of Ely.
6 At this time I'll relinquish the floor. I
7 would like to have the floor again and read
8 into the record some comments from Governor
9 Kenny Guinn.

[Other commentators spoke, then Robert Miller spoke again.]

ROBERT MILLER: Again, I'm Bob
24 Miller. I'm doing this at the direct

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25 request of Governor Kenny C. Guinn,
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1 governor of the State of Nevada.
2 "Good afternoon. On behalf of
3 the citizens of the State of Nevada I
4 would like to welcome you here this
5 afternoon and hope my remarks and the
6 remarks of many concerned Nevadans
7 who will speak later will be taken in
8 the spirit of which they are
9 intended; that is, honest,
10 constructive, and impassioned public
11 input on an issue that is paramount
12 to the health and safety of every
13 Nevadan and every American whose
14 home, school, or place of business
15 sits along the proposed paths that
16 the deadliest substance on earth, if
17 the DOE has its way, will take
18 through Nevada.

19 "This debate is not new. As many
20 of you know, Nevada's fight to keep
21 the nuclear waste repository from
22 coming to Yucca Mountain has raged on
23 for nearly 20 years. Unlike many of
24 the policy battles that grip
25 Washington, however, this fight

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1 transcends party affiliations,
2 socio-economic classes, race or
3 gender, and galvanizes Nevadans from
4 every corner of this state in
5 opposition.

6 "Though the debate is not new, I
7 must say that recent developments,
8 those that bring us here this
9 afternoon, are quite alarming and
10 raise a number of new concerns. The
11 very purpose for this meeting is in
12 question. You have invited me and
13 many good people here this afternoon
14 so you and the Department of Energy
15 can gather public comment on
16 scientific evidence that is not
17 complete and has not been made
18 public.

19 "Public comment in the absence of
 20 this all-important evidence is
 21 premature and grossly irresponsible.
 22 Ladies and gentlemen, this is not the
 23 way we do business in Nevada, and
 24 certainly this is not the way
 25 government should handle its affairs.

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1 "I'm very disappointed that you
 2 have chosen to disregard essentially
 3 all of my office's recommendations
 4 and decided to hold these meetings
 5 prematurely and over our reasonable
 6 objections. We in Nevada will not
 7 stand for it.

8 "Therefore, I would strongly
 9 advise and today formally request you
 10 schedule additional hearings over the
 11 course of the coming months across
 12 Nevada to give our citizens and our
 13 elected leaders the fair and
 14 appropriate chance to respond to your
 15 completed findings. And I assure
 16 you, my outrage at the lack of
 17 protocol that has permeated this
 18 process will be detailed in letters
 19 directly to Secretary Abraham and the
 20 President.

21 "It is my sincerest hope that you
 22 recognize this error and your duty to
 23 correct it. I don't have to remind
 24 anyone here today that it was not
 25 long ago that Nevadans and all

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1 Americans were assured that nuclear
 2 testing was safe. It was less than
 3 fifty years ago.

4 "Since that time, the DOE has
 5 admitted that the aftermath of
 6 testing of the hydrogen bomb at Yucca
 7 Flats caused innocent Americans to
 8 die and that cancer benefits should
 9 be paid to the families of the dozens
 10 of men and women who were
 11 contaminated from the fallout from
 12 nuclear testing.

13 "I'm not talking about casualties
 14 of war in some distant country. I am
 15 talking about the small farmers in
 16 neighboring Utah who tragically
 17 suffered from contaminated nuclear
 18 air. I'm talking about the Nevada
 19 workers and their families who took
 20 the government at their word and
 21 trudged to and from the test site
 22 every day with assurances that they
 23 were not in harm's way. And I'm
 24 talking about generations of
 25 patriotic American families

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1 financially wiped out fighting cancer
 2 while they awaited some word of
 3 admission or assistance from their
 4 government.

5 "The DOE pathetically only made
 6 that admission just a few years ago,
 7 and it came only after years of
 8 denial and government red tape. And
 9 just yesterday we learned for the
 10 first time that germ warfare
 11 testing -- imagine, germ warfare
 12 testing -- was conducted at the same
 13 test site without any knowledge
 14 whatsoever by our other Congressional
 15 delegation or my office, that would
 16 be the Government's office.

17 "With a track record like this,
 18 it is no wonder the Department of
 19 Energy lacks credibility not only in
 20 Nevada but also in our neighboring
 21 states. Given the history, I trust
 22 you can understand why I view this
 23 proceeding as morally illegal, if not
 24 technically so.

25 "It violates everything that we

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1 believe in as Americans. It
 2 duplicates all that was wrong in the
 3 past and gives credence to the
 4 mistrust and cynicism harbored by so
 5 many of our people.

6 "Our concerns are clear. This

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7 wonderful state has been ignored for
 8 far too long. We demand fairness and
 9 we demand accountability in this
 10 process. We will not sit idly by and
 11 let the Department of Energy run
 12 roughshod over our citizens with
 13 empty promises and bad science. We
 14 did it once in good faith as proud
 15 and loyal Americans, but sadly we did
 16 not get back what we gave and so have
 17 learned from past, and we are not
 18 about to repeat it."

19 And those are the comments from the
 20 Governor of the State of Nevada.

[Other commentors spoke, then Robert Miller spoke again.]

ROBERT MILLER: Probably the last
 19 comment I'd like to make is as Mayor of the
 20 City is of Ely, EIS stands for
 21 Environmental Impact Statement. When you
 22 look at the EIS, probably the -- the least
 23 amount of pages are dedicated to economic
 24 impact.

25 As somebody whose -- the economy of
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1 this area is near and dear to my heart and
 2 everybody that is in this room from here.
 3 And the devastating effect that the
 4 transporting of nuclear waste allows our
 5 county, our city, and our long-term
 6 repository at Yucca Mountain, the economic
 7 implications, they're not even coming close
 8 to addressing it. They're not even coming
 9 close to any kind of mitigations.

10 And I think if anything is
 11 understated totally inadequate, it is the
 12 economic impact of -- mitigation of
 13 economic impact that's in the Environmental
 14 Impact Statement. The Economic Impact
 15 Statement is just totally inadequate. And
 16 I'll let it go at that.

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