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12 CHARLES LAWS: Thank you. And I direct my
13 comments to Mr. Secretary and request that you please
14 adjust procedures that would allow the development of
15 public comprehension of the consequences that would
16 result from radioactive waste storage in Nevada.

17 As for your considerations, recognize the
18 abuses this region already endures. For instance, Nevada
19 and adjacent populations experience at this time
20 radiation-related health risks far above the national
21 average, what the Yucca Mountain radiation standards
22 would additionally allow.

23 Based on background radiation studies
24 conducted in 1987 and reported in the current DOE
25 documents, the people of Beatty already experience an

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1 annual dose equivalent above the U.S. average exposure by
2 at least three and a half times the new limit stipulated
3 by Subpart A of 40 CFR Part 191. The folks in Amargosa
4 Valley experience two and a half times or more. At Yucca
5 Mountain already there's four times the amount stipulated
6 in the CDE, the Committed Effective Dose Equivalent
7 limits above the national average.

8 DOE and government procedures that prevent
9 full public comprehension of the consequences of proposed
10 actions violate principles of informed consent by the
11 citizens. This is the fundamental principle of our
12 Constitution.

13 The historical changes and radiation exposure

14 have not been publicly available. The public has little
15 general understanding that this region already
16 experiences exposures several times in excess of the
17 purported new limits.

18 Mr. Secretary, will you please recommend to
19 the President that he not approve nor that -- you do not
20 recommend it or that he dare to increase the health risks
21 to the people of Nevada. Thank you.