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12 MR. FRISHMAN: My name is Steve Frishman.  
13 I'm a resident of Nevada, and many of you know me as  
14 the Technical Policy Coordinator for the Nevada Agency  
15 for Nuclear Projects.

16 I'm going to do something very  
17 uncharacteristic today, and I'm here speaking for  
18 myself on a particular topic. And I think this is  
19 something that needs to be aired, because maybe not  
20 everyone fully understands what's happened here. But  
21 I'll start out with the bottom line, and that's that  
22 I'm going to ask that Abe Van Luik's statement be  
23 removed from the record. And I'm going to ask that,  
24 not because I have a problem with free speech, not  
25 because I have a problem with where he works. It's

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1 because I have a problem with what I believe was a  
2 failure both in judgment and ethics.

3 Abe is a DOE manager, whose job it is to  
4 objectively develop the information that the Secretary  
5 of Energy is to use to support his decision on whether  
6 to recommend the site or not. Abe then turns his hat  
7 around, and reviews his own work, and makes a

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8 recommendation to the Secretary that the site should be  
9 recommended. This is a conflict of interest. It's an  
10 abuse of position. And I believe that he should not  
11 get two bites at the apple in a public process.  
12 Please, remove his statement from the record.