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7 MR. GRUBB: I'm Ken.

8 MODERATOR BROWN: Okay. Why don't you go
9 ahead then? I have called some names previously and
10 some people haven't been here. If you do arrive after
11 your name has been called, maybe tell the folks at the
12 front desk and I'll be glad to call your name.

13 MR. GRUBB: My name is Ken Grubb.

14 I reside in the old mining town site of
15 Johnnie, Nevada, which is approximately 15 miles north
16 of Pahrump. Unfortunately, I am a half breed. I'm a
17 Native American, from the tribe of the Delaware Indian
18 and Cherokee. I feel that you're breaking tribal
19 treaties from the Shoshones by even thinking about
20 putting this hazardous material in their land.

21 I have some experiences to share with you
22 because being exposed in the military to government
23 agents -- and I don't mean people -- I also worked for
24 the DuPont family in the state of Delaware. I also
25 worked for J. Paul Getty on the Delaware River. I

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1 begged them, when I saw leakage close to the Delaware
2 River, knowing that the sturgeon fish spawned in the

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3 Delaware River once a year and it also continued down
4 to the Chesapeake Bay when I went and crabbed and
5 fished where a lot of my family lived on the Chesapeake
6 Bay.

7 When I noticed leakage coming, I went to my
8 supervisors, just like I did in the military when I saw
9 that I need to follow the chain of command. I did
10 that. They ignored me. So I felt like I had to betray
11 them because they wouldn't listen. I knew it was
12 coming.

13 So I called the EPA and explained
14 anonymously, so I didn't lose my job, what was going to
15 happen. I couldn't get a representative from the
16 government from the EPA on a public safety issue to
17 come and look what I saw. After the explosion of the
18 tank, I watched 500,000 gallons of technochlorinated
19 benzene go down the river. It was a little late to
20 stop it. It killed all the sturgeon fish. It
21 continued to blow down to the Chesapeake Bay. It
22 killed all the crabbing and all the fish, all the way
23 down the East Coast. As far as I know, we still have
24 problems.

25 I've been in Nevada 30-some years. Ever

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1 since that spill, I quit my job and I moved to the
2 Johnnie area. Again, I'm going to be exposed again if
3 there is -- and that little word of "if" -- it could
4 happen. It's already happened in New York. It's
5 happened in subways across the world.
6 We can't afford to worry about "if." We must
7 not have that "if." The exposure to these chemicals,
8 nobody helps you when you are exposed. You just hope
9 that some government agency will at least make it
10 livable some way. My livability is -- stay out of
11 stress, keep with God's means with the wild animals and
12 the peace of the Johnnie range and that's the only
13 peace I get. I fight every day to live.

14 All I say to you -- I'm against the Yucca
15 Mountain, mainly because the transportation problems
16 that they don't even know what's going to happen. And
17 for honoring the other tribes, I think we should all
18 pull Tribal Council and stop any trucks that heads
19 their way. They're taking the Native Indian land for
20 profit. And they're looking at Nevada because we have
21 only two million people in the whole state of Nevada.

22 Where I come from, and places I've been,

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23 there are millions and millions of people in the
24 cities. They're looking at us because there is less
25 people to worry about and that's the main thing. There

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1 is less of us to kill. There's no other place that has

2 a place like this, two million for the whole state.

3 Think about it. And you better stand up.

4 That's all I have to say.