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18 MR. REESE: My name is Charles Reese,
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20 In general, I'm in favor of the Yucca
21 Mountain Repository for a variety of reasons, and one
22 of those is the -- I think it's safer in the mountain
23 than it is in a swimming pool in California or wherever
24 the nuclear plant happens to be.

25 As far as the criticism to Nevadans, being

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1 that we're going to have to have the nuclear waste
2 stored here, I would be in favor of seeing some sort of
3 monetary remuneration for Nevadans, similar to what the
4 Alaskans get for the pipeline. And whatever that
5 happens to be, I don't know, that would be something
6 that would be negotiated between state and federal
7 government, powers that be, whoever that is.

8 I visited the test site. It's already a
9 nuclear wasteland, so to speak. Yucca Mountain is
10 right next door. I think the nuclear waste is safer in
11 the casks that you guys have developed, as opposed to
12 the down-hole shots and the tunnel shots that are
13 already out there. As far as I know, there's what,

14 700-plus nuclear tests in the test site already, so I
15 don't know how much that translates into waste, but I
16 know it's fairly radioactive out there, because I've
17 been out there, and they're like, "Don't pick up any
18 rocks."

19 So, at any rate, that's all I have to say, I
20 guess.