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9 MR. HADDER: I'm going to -- my name is John
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11 I'm the Northern Nevada Coordinator for
12 Citizen Alert. Citizen Alert's a 26-year-old nonprofit
13 here in Nevada that's been dealing with this issue
14 since its inception. We have submitted oral comments
15 already. I just want to wrap up a little bit for the
16 record.

17 The hearing process is premature, as we have
18 stated earlier. Not all of the information that forms
19 the basis of the recommendation has been made available
20 to the public. The key missing element here is the
21 final analysis on the Environmental Impact Statement,
22 as there were numerous comments regarding revisions in
23 the analysis, particularly related to transportation,
24 and so that, any new analysis on that is not available,
25 has not been made available.

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1 The additional hearings that the Department
2 of Energy held, while that's good, that there is more
3 opportunity for the public, they were done hastily and
4 don't really address our central concerns around the
5 timing of the hearing in relation to what information

6 is not available to the public.

7 We shouldn't actually be in this place at
8 this time. The site should have been disqualified long
9 ago, when it became clear that carbon-14 emissions
10 would be too high, and instead of, instead of accepting
11 that fact and realizing that the site had problems
12 because it's an oxidizing environment, a political
13 solution was motivated to change the EPA regulations to
14 get around that.

15 Also, the intrusion of water into the site,
16 which the Department of Energy originally thought was
17 not a problem, and which the state had told the
18 Department of Energy since at least 1989 that it would
19 be a problem, arose in the discovery of chlorine 36 in
20 the exploratory tunnel, and this required -- this
21 caused the Department of Energy to modify its water
22 models and, therefore, found out that Yucca Mountain
23 should be disqualified because the condition of
24 transport of the water from the repository block to the
25 accessible environment would be within 1,000 years.

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1 Again, instead of realizing that the site has
2 serious problems technically, this time it was the

3 Department of Energy that motivated a change in its
4 guidelines that would eliminate the problem with the
5 water by eliminating disqualifying conditions. So here
6 we sit. The site should have been disqualified, and
7 yet it still moves forward.

8 Citizen Alert is, and its members are
9 outraged by the way that the hearings were conducted.
10 In particular was the fact that in the metropolitan
11 area of over 1 million people, there was only one
12 evening for taking oral comments, and laughingly only
13 scheduled three hours for those comments initially. I
14 was one of the people that was there to the bitter end.
15 It was the 2:30 in the morning. This is no way to
16 conduct a hearing. It's ridiculous that people would
17 have to stay up that late. It's, it bewilders -- it
18 bewilders our organization and myself personally that
19 an agency of the federal government with the kind of
20 budget that it has, couldn't possibly have done more
21 than one hearing in Las Vegas and provided reasonable
22 window of time for comment, such as, a two-, three-hour
23 block for three nights, at least three, three
24 consecutive nights, from 6:00 to 9:00, something like
25 that.

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1 The additional hearings, as I mentioned
2 earlier, did not really address the central concern of
3 the timing of these hearings, but they were announced
4 only days before the actual hearing happened. And
5 again, this is a common theme of notification,
6 insufficient notification time for people to really be
7 available.

8 If it weren't for the nongovernmental
9 entities -- well, let me back step. If it were not for
10 the nonprofit entities to get the word out, and some of
11 the state and county governments, people probably
12 wouldn't have known about it. We feel that the
13 Department of Energy has been negligent in its
14 notification procedures. Again, with the kind of
15 budget the Department of Energy has, it doesn't make
16 any sense that it couldn't spend a little more money on
17 notification.

18 So, in summary, the, as I said earlier, you
19 know, the site is certainly not suitable. Everybody
20 knows it. And this recommendation is way too premature
21 and shouldn't even be happening.

22 Thank you very much.