

25 MARJORIE SILL: Good evening. My name is
1 Marjorie Sill, and I do not represent any group, I'm
2 merely a concerned citizen.

3 [I have been following the issue of Yucca 1
4 Mountain probably since it was first proposed in
5 Congress, and I was very concerned at that time. We
6 started with I think nine sites. We went down to
7 three and then we picked one, and all of the
8 research, all of the testing has been done only on
9 this one site.

10 Unfortunately no one has considered what
11 might happen at the site in, and the one gentleman
12 mentioned, a million years. I just saw a video of
13 wild Nevada about when Nevada was covered with water
14 and we had the big fish swimming around in the
15 desert, and that was less than a million years ago.
16 So I am not convinced that this is the perfect
17 solution to our nuclear waste problem.

18 I am also concerned about the timing. I
19 understand that the final EIS will be released in
20 June of 2008. As you all know, we have a very
21 important election coming up in 2008. I feel that
22 the proponents of Yucca Mountain and the nuclear
23 energy are perhaps using this to make a statement.
24 In other words, they have a limited amount of time,
25 and that worries me.]

1 [What I mostly want to talk about though are 2
2 the rail corridors proposed. I don't believe that

3 Mina should even be considered because the Walker
4 Lake tribe has definitely rejected it, and it would
5 have to go through there. There are other good
6 reasons why the Mina corridor is not a good idea.]

7 [Let me talk a little bit about the Caliente 3
8 corridor. I don't know how many of you have spent
9 time between Caliente and the area close to
10 California, but it's a wild area. I know when they
11 had the last hearing on the first hearing I think on
12 the transportation corridor, which was only the
13 Caliente one, they had run the corridor through three
14 wilderness study areas. Those have been eliminated
15 now, but they now run through riparian areas.] 4

16 [There is a big problem in constructing a
17 rail corridor that is in such a remote area. I quote
18 from the summary, it says that during the operation
19 phase along the Caliente rail alignment there would
20 be eight vehicular related fatalities, there would be
21 seven -- the model says there would be 16 rail
22 related accidents and approximately one rail related
23 fatality. That's from the DOE. And there are no
24 hospitals there. There is no way of taking care of
25 people.]

1 [I also am concerned about the national map, 5
2 because I look at the map, we have three nuclear
3 facilities in California, we have none in Nevada, we
4 have none in Utah, we have none in Colorado. I think
5 we have one in Arizona, we have none in New Mexico,
6 we have none in Montana, we have none in North and

7 South Dakota. These are the areas that are close.
8 Where are the nuclear facilities? They're all or
9 almost all, some in the Midwest but mostly on the
10 East Coast coming from the north to the south.

11 You're going to have a huge transportation
12 problem moving that nuclear waste. I agree with the
13 speaker who said it would be much better to leave it
14 where it is for 50 years and see what kind of a
15 solution could be developed with the best science.]

16 Thank you.