

1 RICHARD CERVANTES: Good evening. I'm
2 Richard Cervantes. [I'm the supervisor for the Fifth 1
3 District. The Fifth District is the district that is
4 contiguous to the Yucca Mountain repository. The
5 repository lies approximately 16 miles from the
6 border of Inyo County. Inyo County has followed the
7 issue of Yucca Mountain for a long, long time and
8 we've been involved with it from the get-go.

9 Issues that Inyo County has brought up to
10 our elected officials, both in Sacramento and in
11 Washington, D.C., it's quite a long list of issues
12 that we have brought up to them. And we've been
13 working through those issues with DOE and with the
14 Nuclear Regulatory Commission on our trips to
15 Washington.

16 Some of the issues that we have brought up
17 to our elected officials were governor's office of
18 emergency services, one; described the current
19 political status of Yucca Mountain, discuss the
20 potential for participation in the NRC licensing
21 process, describe the county's impact assessment
22 program addressing the county's concerns on
23 transportation and groundwater risks.

24 Issues that we brought up to the California
25 Highway Patrol in a recent trip to Sacramento:
1 Describe the current political status of Yucca
2 Mountain, describe potential participation in the
3 licensing process, describe the county impact

4 assessment program in assessing the concerns and
5 transportation risks, identify county concerns and
6 the use of SR 127 as an alternate route to Yucca
7 Mountain, ask for CHP guidelines and designation,
8 whether NEPA or CEQA environmental studies would be
9 needed prior to shipment of nuclear waste to a
10 federal repository, request for 127 not to be a
11 designated route.

12 Issues that we brought up to California
13 Department of Water Resources: Describe the
14 political status, discuss political participation for
15 the process, describe the county's impact assessment
16 program, encourage DWR to participate in water
17 resources working group, offer to share data with the
18 county hydrologist consultant.

19 Issues that we have brought up to Caltrans:
20 Again the current political status, describe the
21 county's impact assessment program, summarize the
22 final findings on the transportation risk study,
23 emphasize county concerns regarding current condition
24 of highway and adequacy to transport high-level
25 waste.

1 Issues that we have brought up to Cal EPA,
2 Environmental Protection Agency: Discuss potential
3 participation in the licensing process and describe
4 the county's impact assessment program and encourage
5 Cal EPA to participate in reconstituted water
6 resources working group.

7 So we have been actively involved. As you

8 can imagine, we've made several trips to Sacramento,
9 supervisor Cash and myself, and our Yucca Mountain
10 program. We've been to Washington, D.C. These
11 things have all been brought up, these and a whole
12 lot more. So the county has been fully engaged and
13 involved in this issue from the beginning, and we
14 continue and I believe we will, you know, really be
15 involved in it all the way through the licensing
16 process.] So that's all I have to say.