

1 MR. MEYER: Good afternoon, my name
2 is Alfred Meyer. [I'm the program director for
3 the Alliance For Nuclear Accountability.
4 We're a network organization that represents
5 thirty-five groups around the country who are
6 impacted by Yucca Mountain in many different
7 ways. I wish to make brief comments today,
8 and we will submit written comments for the
9 record before the closing period in January.
10 We feel that the Yucca Mountain questions very
11 much boil down to scientific issues, which
12 we've heard discussed here today very much,
13 and that it's not a political question.

14 We need to really promote
15 radiation safety and adequate barriers that
16 will last for the amount of time that the
17 radiation will be dangerous. As was noted,
18 this is a much greater length of time than the
19 10,000 years. It's more in the 300,000 year
20 reference.] The communities that we represent
21 are impacted by transportation issues. The
22 numerous train and truck transportation trips

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1 that would take place. [Also, the issue that's
2 been discussed by several people earlier, the
3 TAD canisters and the issue of their being
4 loaded at the locations of the reactor sites
5 themselves.

6 This we feel imperils many
7 different communities.] [Also I'd like to bring
8 up the issue of the reference man, which is
9 the current radiation standard that's used in
10 determining health impacts. We feel that it's
11 important that the reference family should be
12 used, which would emphasize not a middle aged
13 male worker, but rather a woman and a fetus,
14 which are the most at risk part of the human
15 species.]

16 [So we believe that Yucca Mountain
17 itself is a geologically flawed site. It's
18 important, as was mentioned earlier, that the
19 transportation casks need full scale physical
20 testing, that the radiation health standards
21 need to address the peak radiation, which will
22 occur in about 300,000 years, and we feel that

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1 the standards that were just mentioned are
2 really not adequate, as was detailed by the
3 cancer rates that have been projected. And
4 these thousands of rail and truck shipments
5 would put tens of millions of Americans at
6 risk of radiation exposure, due to either
7 accident or terrorist attack.

8 Given these challenges and
9 dangers, our organization, the Alliance For
10 Nuclear Accountability, supports the
11 principles for safeguarding nuclear waste at
12 reactors. And this calls for an alternative
13 of hardened onsite storage. So we would
14 recommend that this be pursued fully by the
15 DOE.] Thank you very much.

16 MR. BROWN: Thanks Alfred. That
17 concludes the list of folks who signed up to
18 speak ahead of time. So let me ask if there's
19 anyone in the audience who would like to make
20 any further formal comments at this point. If
21 so, please raise your hand and come forward.
22 Yes, we have someone in the back. Again, if

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you can identify yourself at that podium, that would be great.

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