

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hearing on the  
Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
for a Proposed Repository  
at Yucca Mountain, Nevada

Crescent Valley Town Hall  
Crescent Valley, Nevada

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1 CRESCENT VALLEY, NEVADA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1999

2 7:30 P.M.

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5 MR. LAWSON: I have to read a few things into  
6 the record to make it official like. It will only take a  
7 minute or so, and then we'll get started.

8 My name is Barry Lawson, and I am pleased to  
9 serve as facilitator for this public meeting in Crescent  
10 Valley, Nevada, on the Draft Environmental Impact  
11 Statement for a geologic repository for the disposal of  
12 spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste at  
13 Yucca Mountain.

14 I am a neutral facilitator who is neither an  
15 employee of nor an advocate for the Department of Energy,  
16 the State of Nevada, or any other interested party.

17 It is my intent to insure that the public has  
18 an adequate opportunity to provide comments to the  
19 Department of Energy either through oral or written  
20 presentation. I ask for your cooperation in achieving  
21 this goal.

22 The court reporter for this session is Eric  
23 Nelson, who is seated here in the front of the room. I  
24 have asked him to notify me at any time if he needs to  
25 have any of your comments clarified. It will be important

1 that only one person speak at a time, and it is my  
2 responsibility to make sure that everyone who wishes to  
3 make public comments has an opportunity to do so.

4 The Department of Energy will not be  
5 responding to questions raised at this time as the purpose  
6 of the session is to receive your formal comments which  
7 will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact  
8 Statement.

9 I'll call each person in the order that's  
10 been given to me by the registration staff. As I call  
11 each person, I will announce the following two speakers so  
12 that you can be more adequately prepared.

13 It is not my intent to limit anyone's  
14 comments, and as you can see, we have a number of people  
15 here who would like to speak. Therefore, initially each  
16 person will have five minutes for his or her presentation.  
17 If you have additional oral comments, I invite you to  
18 return after everyone else has had his or her initial five  
19 minutes. I will tell you when you have approximately 30  
20 seconds remaining on those five minutes and would ask you  
21 to conclude your initial comments as quickly and as  
22 gracefully as possible.

23 If you do have written copies of your  
24 comments, or you have additional comments beyond those  
25 that you are speaking on, please drop them in the comment

1 box, which I believe is in the back of the room. At least  
2 it was earlier today. Is that right? Right over in that  
3 corner. Thank you.

4 Now if you have supplemental material that  
5 you wish to have included in the official record, please  
6 give them to me so that I can have them recorded as  
7 exhibits to this meeting.

8 I must insist on there being quiet in this  
9 room during the formal comment period so that the court  
10 reporter can make an accurate record of all comments and  
11 the officials in the audience can also understand your  
12 comments. Please hold any conversations that you find  
13 necessary not only in the outer hall but perhaps outside  
14 or down the road -- not down the road -- or down the road,  
15 or outside, so as to not interfere with anybody being able  
16 to hear and understand what is being said.

17 Ken Skipper will be the gentleman from DOE  
18 who will be officially listening to your comments, but as  
19 you can tell, there are several people from the Department  
20 of Energy that are scattered around the room that will  
21 also be taking notes during your presentation.

22 Finally, it's in my discretion to call  
23 recesses as appropriate. I do that primarily to give the  
24 court reporter a break. At a certain time in the meeting  
25 and hopefully -- I think we have 18 or 19 people who have

1 signed up. Somewhere about half way through, we'll call a  
2 10-minute break and let everybody stretch a little bit.

3 I thank you for your cooperation in making  
4 this meeting a respectful one. Are there any questions  
5 before we begin?

6 Okay. Now when I call you to speak, please  
7 come to this area right over here, this table, tell the  
8 court reporter your name and then begin. Please speak  
9 toward the court reporter as it makes it much easier for  
10 him to be able to decipher just what you are saying and  
11 make an accurate record of it. And final reminder, anyone  
12 who would like to speak who has not registered, please see  
13 Ethan at the door so we can make sure that you are added  
14 to the list.

15 Okay. We're ready to go. And the first  
16 person that I have on my list to speak is Bob Halstead,  
17 and he would be followed by Pete, and help me, Pete,  
18 Goicoechea. Not bad?

19 MR. GOICOECHEA: Not bad.

20 MR. LAWSON: And then Ron Rankin.

21 Mr. Halstead.

22 **PUBLIC STATEMENT OF BOB HALSTEAD**  
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24 MR. HALSTEAD: I'm Bob Halstead,  
25 Transportation Adviser for the State of Nevada Agency for