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4 HARRIETT EALEY: Of particular concern to me
5 and to many other people in Esmeralda County is the need
6 for the DOE to work with the County to develop
7 mitigation and compensation policy to offset the impacts
8 associated with transportation to Yucca Mountain.

9 I would like to see health and safety issues
10 mitigated through a comprehensive transportation plan
11 and, just as importantly, I feel that the citizens of
12 Esmeralda need to be compensated for taking on the
13 tremendous responsibility in serving as a corridor for
14 high level waste to Yucca Mountain.

15 There are a number of public health and safety
16 issues that the comprehensive transportation plan should
17 address, but of utmost importance is the very relevant
18 issue that our emergency responders are not adequately
19 prepared to take responsibility for the safety of our
20 community should a radioactive material incident occur.

21 Mitigation from the transportation plan should
22 include a specialized emergency response team, a
23 countywide communications assessment and necessary
24 communications upgrades based on that assessment,
25 emergency response and decontamination equipment and

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1 extensive training for all emergency responders.

2 As the vice-chairman of the Esmeralda County

3 Commission and the Chairperson for the Esmeralda County

4 Citizens Advisory Council, which is responsible for the

5 oversight of the Yucca Mountain project and advises the

6 County on policy matters relating to Yucca Mountain and

7 the transportation of radioactive material, I have had

8 the opportunity to learn a great deal about this

9 national environmental issue and see firsthand how the

10 DOE is compensating other communities affected by

11 nuclear waste disposal sites.

12 Esmeralda County is one of the most affected

13 counties in the state and it so happens that we are also

14 the most economically depressed. I would like to see

15 the Department of Energy fund the construction and

16 operation of a technology training center in the county

17 to provide the counties and other Central Nevada

18 community residents an opportunity to compete in the

19 fast-paced global economy.

20 I also think it would be a good idea for the

21 DOE to pour money into and revamp the public education

22 system in Nevada. Because Esmeralda School District is

23 so small (less than 100 students) it would be relatively
24 easy to use our educational system to test cutting edge
25 educational programs. Esmeralda County school system

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1 could later serve as a model for other communities.

2 To help the DOE meet its obligation to NEPA I
3 think it would be a good idea for the Department to
4 construct an emergency response training and medical
5 facilities in Esmeralda County. Because our county is
6 centrally located, these facilities could serve
7 communities throughout the area.

8 The training center could also serve as a base
9 of operations in Central Nevada for state and federal
10 emergency response programs. This would help to boost
11 the economy in an area where economic diversification is
12 greatly needed.

13 Thank you. My address is P.O. Box 12,
14 Goldfield, Nevada 89013.