

19 LEONARD KRIESLER: Hard act to follow, isn't it?
20 I'm a doctor, physician, been in Nevada since 1973. I had
21 to try to figure out -- I'm independent by the way. Nobody
22 owns me. I don't work for anybody except myself at this
23 time. And I do some freebie work less and less as I get
24 older.

25 I was trying to put together things for five
1 minutes, but sitting and listening here, I changed my
2 whole philosophy, my whole tact. I tell you, it's a
3 struggle to listen to some of this stuff because of two
4 reasons, and that's what I'll focus on.

5 [One is I really take offense at the
6 politicians getting first billing. They should get last
7 billing so they would be here more than just to get a
8 photo op. I think it's insulting, and I don't think
9 it's by accident that they got that.

10 I know Oscar and I've heard him a thousand
11 times. If he offered to lie down in front of the train,
12 be my guest. But he should also lie down in front of
13 the hydrofluoric acid that comes through, volatile fuels
14 that comes, perchlorate that comes through. Nobody
15 seems to be upset about that.]

16 Obviously they don't understand the science,
17 which is my first big complaint. The DOE and the NEI, I
18 don't think they work together, number one, just like
19 Homeland Security has trouble with the National Security
20 Agency, the FBI, and all the rest. You can't get these
21 people to share or do things and go off their common

22 goal.

23 So my big complaint is that they ought to get
24 their heads out of the sand and build a visitor center
25 here like the Epcot Center in Florida. I told the DOE
1 this in 1980. What did they do? They opened a visitor
2 center in Beatty. That's great, going to get a lot of
3 people to stop, or they built an atomic museum.

4 What does that do? That reinforced the
5 vision. Anytime you mention nuclear to anybody, what do
6 they see? A mushroom cloud, death, and destruction.
7 There is a lot more to atoms and nuclear, and anytime
8 you need a CAT scan or you need some medical therapy,
9 you know, you don't think twice about it because you
10 accept the risk/benefit of people that are trained to
11 use that stuff.

12 So as far as I'm concerned, I've worked with
13 the people, I accept the science. I'm not an engineer
14 but I understand it. When it comes to medicine, I am
15 the authority in the state of Nevada, the only living
16 guy left that knows exactly what the hell went on at the
17 Test Site for 18 years and knows the previous data and
18 the data after I left.

19 And I can tell you in my 18 years, we had one
20 minor incident involving radioactive material in which
21 nobody was injured or any kind of medical consequence.
22 It was that safe. We drank the water every day from
23 wells that were dug down right next to where bombs were
24 exploding.

25 We know the migration of water through the

1 alluvial tufts and all that. I won't bore you with the
2 science. It is there. It is understood. [If you're
3 going to build a railroad, I would say include, make
4 them include parallel beds so that we could get some
5 commercial and passenger traffic north and south and
6 east and west.

7 Because, after all, it was a railroad that
8 helped settle the West. It brings commerce. Nowadays
9 it would be saving lives so you don't have to drive the
10 damn roads up and down. It would be saving fuel and
11 would also be bringing the economy as people talked to
12 you.]

13 Let me get specific. The mayor said that
14 there's no one in this room. Evidently he didn't see
15 me, because he knows me or he forgot I'm the expert.
16 I'm board certified in occupational environmental
17 medicine. I have 50 years. That includes old-fashioned
18 general practice. I delivered them and buried them. I
19 did military. I did industrial. I did private
20 practice. I taught. I did cancer research. And if you
21 don't believe me, look it up on Google. It's all there.

22 When people like Gary Reese start telling me
23 about allegations, and these are allegations because
24 nobody has proof medically, scientifically, and I've
25 looked at the data that their people died of
1 above-ground testing, I take -- I take -- I get very
2 emotional about it, because I took the Hippocratic oath
3 and I live by the Golden Rule.

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4 But I don't like people making strategic
5 omissions or specific misinformation. To me that is
6 criminal and it should not happen. I want the DOE and
7 NEI to get off their butt and start teaching the kids
8 what they should know about it and, also, the adults.
9 Thank you.