

1 PAUL SEIDLER: Thank you. My name's

1 2 Paul Seidler. [ I'm a senior director with the Nuclear Clear  
3 Energy Institute, which is the policy organization, policy  
4 arm of the nuclear industry. My comments will be very  
5 brief. I'm basically here to introduce myself to you, to  
6 express appreciation to the Nye County Commission for the  
7 constructive approach they've taken to protecting the  
8 interests of Nye County residents from both a health and  
9 safety viewpoint and an economic viewpoint.

10 NEI, the organization I work for, has just  
11 recently opened up an office here in Nevada to work on  
12 the licensing process and to work with you all, be here  
13 to communicate with you, share information with you.

14 I can be reached at PES -- that's Paul Eric  
15 Seidler -- PES@NEI.org on the Internet. If you want to  
16 call me, my phone number is 239-4427. And if we can  
17 help you in any way providing you information about  
18 nuclear energy or the Yucca Mountain project, we'd be  
19 more than happy to do that.

20 I've been working on the nuclear waste issue  
21 since the mid-'80s. I've worked on the issue from  
22 the -- both the local level, the state level, and the  
23 federal level.

24 I work for the Illinois Department of Nuclear  
25 Safety where we actually have a state agency that works  
1 very actively on the technical issues and protecting the  
2 public health from both nuclear plants that we have in  
3 Illinois and from transportation of spent nuclear fuel.

4                   The commissioner alluded to the fact that many  
5 Americans live near nuclear power plants. In fact, 150  
6 million Americans live within 75 miles of nuclear plants  
7 in the United States.

8                   As far as transportation of spent nuclear  
9 fuel, we've had 3,000 shipments, very successful  
10 shipments. I personally escorted spent nuclear fuel  
11 shipments through the state of Illinois and feel that it  
12 can be done, has been done very safely.

13                   I believe that the SEIS indicates that the  
14 risks associated with transportation are very small.  
15 I believe that's a correct finding. I'll let  
16 Rod McCullum, who's going to follow me, speak to the  
17 details regarding the safe transport of spent nuclear  
18 fuel and, also, the Repository EIS.] Thank you very  
19 much. I look forward to working with you.