

12 AMBER WRIGHT: I live in Las Vegas. [I am a
13 student at UNLV studying radiochemistry, so I feel
14 that I'm actually studying this issue and nuclear
15 energy in general.

16 And I would just like to say that I
17 absolutely believe in nuclear energy, that there are
18 not that many viable options for our future. Other
19 sources seem a lot safer and better, but you can't
20 actually produce that much electricity from them, and
21 so it's pretty certain that there's going to be
22 expansion of nuclear energy in the future. So with
23 that obviously we definitely need a way to handle
24 this spent nuclear fuel.

25 So I do believe that Yucca Mountain should
1 be part of that, and that we just have to -- it's our
2 job to make sure that it is done in a very safe and
3 effective manner. And I do believe that a lot of
4 people have been working on this for a long time.
5 And I think that it is very feasible and that they
6 will be able to do it.

7 I think that for the Department of Energy
8 they should be focusing a lot more energy in
9 educating the people, especially the people here in
10 Nevada, educating them about what's going on so that
11 the people can make better decisions instead of
12 always thinking with their hearts and being so
13 afraid, that they could actually understand what is
14 happening about all of the safety and regulations

15 that are going into this process.

16 We, as students at UNLV, have -- I
17 personally have gone out and spoke to several
18 citizens of Las Vegas and citizens of Nevada and
19 tried to educate them about nuclear power in general
20 and the need for it, with special emphasis in the
21 reprocessing of spent nuclear waste, which most
22 people are very for that. It's a really good idea.
23 And that we'll also alleviate some of the issues with
24 Yucca Mountain because the waste will then be much
25 lower activity and not high-level waste anymore.

1 But as I said, I think to speak to the DOE I
2 think that I would just like to convey to them how
3 important I think it is that they start to educate
4 people in a way that just a basic citizen can
5 understand so that they are not so afraid of what's
6 going to happen, because it's going to happen.]