questions or attempted to answer the questions. I want to point out that many times he didn't have the opportunity to answer the question because another one was shot at him before he had that Senator Dierks mentions that the situation has opportunity. been traumatic and Senator Schmit mentions that it has been traumatic. This whole area of low-level radioactive waste has been one that has been very disappointing to me in that, you know, we've had the nuclear power since World War II. We have a number of plants, that is nuclear plants, and never once have we had a person killed. Of course, there was the one in Russia, but that is something that we look at from the standpoint of their inadequacy and their method of handling it. This has been handled very, very safely. We have never had an accident, a person killed, from the low-level radioactive waste. Low-level radioactive materials are not unusual. point out that to my right is Senator Labedz and if she were measured, she would have some radioactivity. At my left normally sits Senator Robak, she also has radioactivity. can't tell you which would have the greatest. But do I run out of this place screaming that I can't sit there because of their radioactivity? This is the situation with which we are dealing fundamentally, technologically. We have been emotionalized, tremendously emotionalized by people who work upon the ignorance that we all seem to have with regards to radioactivity. unfortunate circumstance that happened in our nation was that we were, along with Britain, about the only ones who really had the knowledge as to putting a bomb together and, therefore, we kept the secrecy from our lower grades of teaching. Unfortunately, it is a natural phenomenon. Radioactivity is a natural phenomenon. It should have been in our classrooms. We wouldn't have all this scare, we would take the necessary precaution, as we do in our daily life. Somehow we think nothing of the fact that we have 1,000 to 2,000 people killed each year by train accidents, trains killing people through cars and trucks getting onto the tracks, and those trains carry coal to give us the energy. We get to looking back as to why have we gotten to where we are. Can it be handled? The site, which has been selected, the plant...or that is the disposal site is one that is very carefully engineered, extremely well engineered. And it's common that we may be liable for hundreds of millions of dollars. How can an explosion occur? Those materials are It is true that some of them have a long life, degrading. carbon 14, probably 5,000 years. Is it not within our nature? It is. Do you know, at the hearing, one of the individuals from the university brought a Geiger counter and some common material