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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 4 PUBLIC MEETING IN MINNETONKA,  
MINNESOTA, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE WASTE  
CONFIDENCE DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT AND PROPOSED RULE

On Wednesday, December 4, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public meeting at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest in Minnetonka, Minnesota. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the Waste Confidence draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS) and proposed rule, and to accept public comments on the documents. Participants also had an opportunity to ask questions about the NRC's environmental review and rulemaking process.

The NRC conducted an open house beginning at 6:00 p.m. CST where members of the public met informally with NRC staff and asked questions related to the DGEIS and proposed rule. The public meeting began at 7:00 p.m. CST and concluded at 9:26 p.m. CST. The meeting began with an introduction of NRC staff and a review of meeting ground rules, followed by a short presentation on the Waste Confidence DGEIS and proposed rule. The majority of the meeting was dedicated to receiving comments from members of the public.

The staff's slide presentation is available in the NRC's Agencywide Document Management and Access System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML13273A339. The transcript for the meeting is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13344B149. NRC handouts available at the meeting can be accessed at ML13319A111, ML13319A108, and ML13319A110. Posters displayed during the open house can be accessed at ML13279A004. The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing documents

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Approximately 45 people attended the meeting and 17 provided comments. Meeting attendees included representatives of the Prairie Island Indian Community, the City of Red Wing, Minnesota, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and members of industry and public advocacy groups. A list of meeting attendees is included as Attachment 1.

Topics and concerns raised during the public comment portion of the meeting included: general opposition to nuclear power and support for renewable energy, energy conservation, and energy efficiency; calls to stop making additional nuclear waste; opposition to the Waste Confidence rulemaking; opposition to the generic approach of Waste Confidence and support for site-specific reviews; critique of the NRC's alternatives analysis; critique of assumptions in the DGEIS including timeframes, institutional controls, and dry transfer systems; implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act; critique of the NRC's accidents analysis; concern about accidents, including those caused by flooding on the Mississippi; climate change impacts on the safe storage of spent fuel; Fukushima; emergency planning; concern about the safety of dry casks; high-burn-up-fuel; support for expedited transfer of spent fuel from pools to hardened onsite storage (HOSS); issues specific to local plants including Prairie Island and Monticello; opposition to onsite storage of spent nuclear fuel at Prairie Island; water quality; health effects of radiation; NRC oversight; the cost of nuclear power and funding for future storage of spent fuel; socioeconomic impacts of spent fuel storage; proposed Canadian low-level waste disposal near Lake Huron; Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations; general support for nuclear power; support for the continued safe storage of spent fuel; support for a permanent geologic repository; and support for the DGEIS and proposed rule.

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**List of Attendees**  
**Public Meeting to Receive Comments on the**  
**Waste Confidence DGEIS and Proposed Rule**  
**Minnetonka, MN - December 4, 2013 - 7:00 – 9:26 PM CST**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization or Affiliation</b>
1	John	Biersdorf	North American Young Generation in Nuclear, Xcel Energy
2	Colleen	Bonniwell	Human Being
3	Michael	Cavlan	Occupy Minnesota
4	Sam	Chesnutt	Hukari Ascendent
5	George	Crocker	North American Water Office
6	Kristopher	Cummings	Nuclear Energy Institute
7	Kristen	Eide-Tollefson	Florence Township, Goodhue County
8	Lea	Foushee	North American Water Office
9	Ben	Gerber	Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
10	Peter	Glass	Xcel Energy, Inc.
11	Marshall	Hallock	City of Red Wing
12	Thomas	Harlan	Madigan, Dahl & Harlan, P.A.
13	Ron	Johnson	Prairie Island Indian Community
14	Scott	Johnson	Xcel Energy, Inc.
15	Greg	Klave	NUKEWATCH
16	John	LaForge	NUKEWATCH
17	Davis	Leslie	Earth Protector
18	Doug	Loon	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
19	David	Luce	Citizen
20	Phil	Mahowald	Prairie Island Indian Community
21	Alan	Muller	Energy & Environmental Consulting
22	Oley	Nelson	Xcel Energy, Inc.
23	Carol	Overland	Legalelectric.org
24	Terry	Pickens	Xcel Energy, Inc.
25	Ralph	Rauterkus	City of Red Wing
26	Lee	Samson	Xcel Energy, Inc.
27	Wally	Taylor	Sierra Club
28	Pam	Taylor	Sierra Club
29	Lucy	Vilankula	NUKEWATCH
30	Sam	Wagner	Private Citizen
31	Mike	Washum	Private Citizen
32	Heather	Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
33	Allan	Barker	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
34	Chip	Cameron	Co-Facilitator
35	Tison	Campbell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
36	Prema	Chandrathil	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
37	Jennifer	Davis	Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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38	Miriam	Juckett	Facilitator
39	Sarah	Lopas	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
40	Timothy	McCartin	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
41	Keith	McConnell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
42	Paul	Michalak	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
43	TR	Rowe	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
44	Michael	Wentzel	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
45	Susan	Wittick	Nuclear Regulatory Commission