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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE TO DISCUSS STATUS
OF WASTE CONFIDENCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND RULEMAKING

On Wednesday, January 16, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public teleconference at the NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The teleconference was the first in a planned series of monthly public teleconferences to provide an update on the activities related to the Waste Confidence rulemaking and preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) that will support the revised Waste Confidence rule. The purpose of the meeting was for the NRC staff to share information with the public and to allow participants to ask questions about the process for the activities underway.

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. EST and concluded at 2:30 p.m. EST. The meeting opened with a brief overview of the recently completed public scoping period followed by a status update on the draft EIS. Staff then discussed future public participation opportunities before opening the teleconference lines for questions.

There were 101 participants in the meeting representing members of the public, tribal and state governments, industry, public advocacy groups and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and its contractors. Of the 76 members of the public who participated, 9 asked questions during the teleconference. A list of meeting participants is included as Attachment 1.

Concerns, questions, and issues discussed during the teleconference included: how the scoping comments that have been received are being organized and when all comments will be available for public review; the locations, format, and number of future public meetings to discuss the draft EIS; clarification of Commission involvement in this process; notification that the Scoping Summary Report is scheduled to be available in early March to address scoping comments and clarify the scope of the EIS; concern that there aren't enough public meetings planned in communities that could be affected by issues such as transportation and centralized interim storage; how non-power reactor license renewals will be affected by the Waste Confidence rule; consideration of Department of Energy documents (such as Yucca Mountain-

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related documents, Blue Ribbon Commission documents, and the recently released “Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Waste”) as part of the development of the scope of the EIS; inclusion of a no-action alternative as part of this process; concern for the financial implications of the Waste Confidence decision; and the justification for the plan to complete the Waste Confidence environmental review in two years.

The transcript for this meeting is available in the NRC’s Agencywide Document Management and Access System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML13029A238. 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 located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC’s Public Document Room reference staff at 1-800-397-4737, or via email at pdr@nrc.gov. For convenience, the transcript is also available on the Waste Confidence Directorate’s website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

The next public teleconference to discuss the status of the Waste Confidence EIS and Rulemaking is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013. The Meeting Notice is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13031A063. Meeting details are also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

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NRC Teleconference Attendees
Status of Waste Confidence EIS and Rulemaking
January 16, 2013 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. EST

	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Leslie	Allen	Balch & Bingham
2	Jeff	Beattie	The Energy Daily
3	Gary	Becker	NuScale Power
4	Jane	Beetem	MO Department of Natural Resources
5	Andrew	Burgess	Ameren Missouri
6	Daniel	Chalk	Department of Energy
7	Christopher	Charles	Nuclear Energy Institute
8	Tom	Clements	Alliance for Nuclear Accountability
9	Daniel	Cronin	University of Florida
10	Diane	Curran	Harmon Curran Spielberg
11	Terry	Curtiss	Stars Regulatory Affairs
12	Paul	DiCristino	Private Citizen
13	Nick	Dinunzio	Dept of Energy
14	Patrick	Dostie	State of Maine
15	Dagmar	Fabian	Crabshell Alliance
16	Edwin	Floyd	Enercon Services
17	Daniel	Gibbons	Pacific Gas & Electric
18	Pete	Glass	Excel Energy
19	Patrick	Gorman	Dept. of Energy
20	Tim	Gregoire	American Nuclear Society
21	Doug	Guarino	National Journal Group
22	Tim	Hall	South Texas Nuclear Project
23	Steven	Hamrick	Next Era Energy
24	Mandy	Hancock	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
25	Johanna	Hariharan	Morgan Lewis & Brokius
26	Deanna	Homer	Private Citizen
27	Eric	Howes	Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
28	Tom	Iaccarino	Spectrum Environmental
29	Lisa	Janairo	Council of State Government
30	Rich	Janati	PA DEPT of Environmental Protection
31	Lisa	Jones	Alta
32	Jay	Jones	Department of Energy
33	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
34	Kevin	Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
35	Beverly	Kerr	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
36	Russell	Kiesling	Nuclear Innovation North America

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37	Lingard	Knutson	The Environmental Protection Agency
38	Justin	Kolber	VT Attorney General's Office
39	Marvin	Lewis	Private Citizen
40	Deborah	Luchsinger	Enercon Services
41	Jennifer	Mansh	Hogan Lovells
42	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
43	Steve	McInall	Jacksonville Electric Authority
44	Steve	Nesbit	Duke Energy
45	Hannah	Northey	E and E Publishing
46	Paul	Plante	Maine Inc
47	Elizabeth	Poole	US Environmental Protection Agency
48	Nancy	Ranek	Exelon Generation
49	Milton	Rejcek	Nuclear Innovation North America
50	Michael	Risinit	Journal News Newspaper
51	David	Robillard	Public Service Electric and Gas Company
52	Tony	Roisman	VT Dept. of Public Service
53	Harold	Rothstein	URS
54	Jon	Rund	Morgan Lewis & Brokuis
55	Kendra	Ryan	Enercon Services
56	Carlos	Sisco	Winston & Strawn
57	Rhonda	Smith	Environmental Protection Agency
58	David	Snellings	AR Dept of Health
59	Robert	Snook	CT Attorney General Office
60	Jane	Swanson	San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace
61	Ken	Taplett	South Texas Nuclear Project
62	Brittany	Theis	Witt Law
63	Ruth	Thomas	Environmental Inc.
64	Tom	Tramm	Tererec
65	Judy	Treichel	NV Nuclear Waste Task Force
66	Uldis	Vanags	VT Dept of Public Service
67	Michael	Voegel	Private Citizen
68	Toby	Walter	Neal R Gross & Company
69	Pat	Ware	Bloomberg BNA
70	Konnie	Wescott	Argonne National Laboratory
71	Randal	Westmoreland	TTE Electric Company
72	Heather	Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
73	Greg	White	MI Public Service Commission
74	Wray	Woong	AZ Public Service
75	Nancy	Wrenn	Mass Peace Action
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78	Joe	Ziegler	Nye County NV
79	Margaret	Bupp	NRC
80	Tison	Campbell	NRC
81	Russell	Chazell	NRC
82	Cathy	Haney	NRC
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85	Andy	Imboden	NRC/WCD
86	Janelle	Jessie	NRC
87	Sarah	Lopas	NRC/WCD
88	Timothy	McCartin	NRC/WCD
89	Keith	McConnell	NRC/WCD
90	Dave	McIntyre	NRC Public Affairs
91	Paul	Michalak	NRC/WCD
92	Alicia	Mullins	NRC/WCD
93	Monica	Orendi	NRC Region 1
94	TR	Rowe	NRC/WCD
95	Carrie	Safford	NRC/WCD
96	Diane	Screnci	NRC
97	Neil	Sheehan	NRC
98	Andrew	Stuyvenberg	NRC/WCD
99	Aaron	Szabo	NRC
100	Rebecca	Tadesse	NRC
101	Susan	Wittick	NRC/WCD