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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 3 PUBLIC MEETING IN DENVER,
COLORADO, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE WASTE
CONFIDENCE DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT AND PROPOSED RULE

On Thursday, October 3, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public meeting at the Crowne Plaza Denver International Airport Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. 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 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. MDT 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. MDT and concluded at 9:15 p.m. MDT. 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 the presentation of 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. ML13282A605. NRC handouts and posters displayed during the open house can be accessed at ML13279A003 and ML13279A004, respectively. 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

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reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or via e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov. For convenience, web links to the staff's presentation materials and the meeting transcript are also available on the Waste Confidence Directorate's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

Approximately 57 people attended the meeting. Meeting participants included members of the public, representatives from Colorado and Nevada local governments, local trade unions, the Western Interstate Energy Board, students from the Colorado School of Mines, and members of industry and public advocacy groups. A list of meeting participants is included as Attachment 1.

Questions asked following the staff's presentation included whether the GEIS and rule needed to be approved by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals; whether the meeting was being videotaped; and how the government shutdown would impact the remaining Waste Confidence public meetings. Topics and concerns raised during the public comment portion of the meeting included: the NRC's assumptions regarding the timing of repository availability; support for continuing the NRC's current halt on licensing and relicensing; support for phasing out nuclear power and replacing that generation with renewable energy and energy efficiency; general opposition to nuclear power; support for expedited transfer of spent fuel from fuel pools to hardened onsite storage (HOSS); opposition to the term "Waste Confidence"; concerns about accidents similar to Fukushima; general concerns about the safety of storing spent nuclear fuel; critique of the NRC's transportation analysis in the DGEIS; support for a permanent geologic repository; successful foreign experience with deep geologic repositories; cumulative impacts of the entire nuclear cycle, including impacts from uranium mining; the financial cost of nuclear power; critique of the NRC's analysis of risks from terrorism and spent fuel pool fires; and support for the timely completion of the Waste Confidence rulemaking.

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List of Attendees
Public Meeting to Receive Comments on the
Waste Confidence DGEIS and Proposed Rule
Denver, CO - October 3, 2013 - 7:00 – 9:15 PM MDT

	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Dave	Adams	SENES Consultants
2	Rick	Allen	United Association
3	Ghadeer	Alquadeeri	Colorado School of Mines
4	Richard	Andrews	Self
5	Carl	Andrews	Pipefitters Local 208
6	Michael	Apted	INTERA Incorporated
7	Tammera	Baker	Arizona Public Service
8	Daniel	Baker	Colorado School of Mines
9	Bill	Bartlett	Green Party of Colorado
10	Russell	Benson	Colorado School of Mines
11	Jason	Brookman	Colorado School of Mines
12	Thomas	Cannon	Arizona Public Service
13	Ryan	Collette	Colorado School of Mines
14	Jeff	Cotton	Pipefitters Local 208
15	Rebecca	English	Sierra Club and CO Renewable Energy Society
16	Daryl	Estes	Pipefitters Local 208
17	Savannah	Fitzwater	Colorado School of Mines
18	Chris	Frankland	ConverDyn Corp.
19	Peter	Glass	Xcel Energy, Inc.
20	Michael	Green	Arizona Public Service
21	Bern	Haggerty	Private Citizen
22	Jay C.	Hornel	Rocky Mountain Peace & Justice Center
23	Janet	Johnson	Grand Valley Peace & Justice
24	Bob	Kinsey	CO Coalition for the Prevention of Nuclear War
25	Phil	Klevorik	Clark County, NV
26	Jim	Kumar	Pipefitters Local 208
27	Darrell	Liles	SENES Consultants
28	Shawn	Martini	Consumer Energy Alliance
29	Richard	McAllister	Western Interstate Energy Board
30	James	McDonald	Pipefitters Local 208
31	Kandice	McKeon	CO Building & Construction Trades Council
32	Mark	Miller	Pipefitters Local 208
33	Timothy	Moore	Colorado School of Mines
34	Rachel	Morneau	Colorado School of Mines
35	Alisa	Navrkal	350 Colorado
36	Jim	Neubecker	Pipefitters Local 208
37	Brooke	Oleen	National Conference of State Legislatures
38	Jennifer	Opela	Colorado School of Mines

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39	Theann	Sandos	ConverDyn Corp.
40	Eamonn	Smith	Colorado School of Mines
41	Kelsey	Stevenson	Colorado School of Mines
42	Yeen Gard	Tam	Colorado School of Mines
43	Jim	Williams	Western Interstate Energy Board
44	Clinton	Wilson	Colorado School of Mines
45	Chip	Cameron	Facilitator
46	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
47	John	Stamatakos	Southwest Research Institute
48	Scott	Burnell	NRC
49	Jennifer	Davis	NRC
50	Sarah	Lopas	NRC
51	Timothy	McCartin	NRC
52	Keith	McConnell	NRC
53	Paul	Michalak	NRC
54	Sarah	Price	NRC
55	TR	Rowe	NRC
56	Carrie	Safford	NRC
57	Michael	Wentzel	NRC