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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 6 PUBLIC MEETING IN ORLANDO,  
FLORIDA, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE WASTE CONFIDENCE  
DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND  
PROPOSED RULE

On Wednesday, November 6, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public meeting at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Florida. 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. EST 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. EST and concluded at 9:30 p.m. EST. 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. ML13323B474. 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 located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's Public Document Room reference staff at

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1-800-397-4209, or via e-mail at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto: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 45 people attended the meeting and 16 provided comments. Meeting participants included members of the public, students from local universities, and members of industry and public advocacy groups. A list of meeting participants is included as Attachment 1.

Questions asked during the question-and-answer period concerned the NRC's options for responding to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit's remand of the 2010 Waste Confidence Decision and Rule; who would regulate spent nuclear fuel during the timeframes covered by Waste Confidence; and where potential offsite independent spent fuel storage installations (ISFSIs) would be located. Topics and concerns raised during the public comment portion of the meeting included: general opposition to nuclear power, including opposition to nuclear weapons; opposition to the Waste Confidence rulemaking and the purpose and need discussed in the DGEIS; opposition to the generic approach of Waste Confidence and support for site-specific reviews; opposition to the term "confidence"; questions concerning the "SMALL" impact level used in the DGEIS; critique of the DGEIS timeframes and assumption regarding institutional controls; concern about accidents caused by natural events such as flooding; Fukushima; climate change impacts on the safe storage of spent fuel; support for expedited transfer of spent fuel from pools to dry cask storage; issues specific to local facilities including Turkey Point, Crystal River, Vogtle, and the Savannah River Site; request for a Waste Confidence meeting in Atlanta, Georgia; environmental justice and the siting of ISFSIs; air quality; health effects of radiation; the cost of nuclear power; the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); support for nuclear power in light of climate change concerns; support for the continued safe storage of spent fuel; support for reprocessing and a permanent geologic repository (Yucca Mountain); and support for the DGEIS, proposed rule, and the NRC's 24-month timeline.

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**List of Attendees**  
**Public Meeting to Receive Comments on the**  
**Waste Confidence DGEIS and Proposed Rule**  
**Orlando, FL - November 6, 2013 - 7:00 – 9:30 PM EST**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Orlando	Alfaro	Awakening/Art & Culture
2	Nelson	Betancourt	Awakening/Art & Culture
3	David	Brier	Quest SIU
4	Chelsea	Collins	University of Florida – American Nuclear Society
5	Mandy	Hancock	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
6	Paul	Hoisington	CASEnergy
7	Cindy	Jurie	Private Citizen
8	Devin	Kelley	University of Florida - American Nuclear Society
9	Mark	Klutho	Private Citizen
10	Berdell	Knowles	American Association of Blacks in Energy – Florida Center
11	Jitesh	Kuntawala	University of Florida - American Nuclear Society
12	Adam	Levin	Private
13	Bill	Maher	Florida Power & Light
14	Allan	Martin	University of Florida - American Nuclear Society
15	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
16	Patrick	Moore	Private Citizen
17	Jerry	Prescott	Private Citizen
18	Steve	Phelan	Private Citizen
19	Lisa Marie	Prescott	Private Citizen
20	Jerry	Paul	Energy Information Center
21	Jim	Ratchford	CASEnergy
22	Peter	Robbins	Florida Power and Light
23	A. David	Rossin	Department of Energy (Retired)
24	Sandra	Rossin	Private Citizen
25	Tim	Steorts	Private Citizen
26	Frank	Tenorio	University of Central Florida – Powershift
27	Jason	Totoiu	Everglades Law Center
28	James	Totten	University of Florida - American Nuclear Society
29	James	Tulenko	University of Florida
30	Greg	Wilson	Windjammer Energy, Inc.
31	Blair	Wunderly	Duke Energy
32	Ana	Zuccarini	University of Central Florida
33	Chip	Cameron	Facilitator
34	Roger	Hannah	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
35	Andy	Imboden	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
36	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
37	Sarah	Lopas	Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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38	Keith	McConnell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
39	Christine	Pineda	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
40	Sarah	Price	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
41	TR	Rowe	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
42	John	Stamatakos	Southwest Research Institute
43	Andrew	Stuyvenberg	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
44	Michael	Wentzel	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
45	Susan	Wittick	Nuclear Regulatory Commission