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NRC Extends Public Involvement Opportunities for Waste Control Specialists' Spent Fuel Storage Application

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is providing additional opportunities for the public to comment on Waste Control Specialists' application for an interim spent nuclear fuel storage facility proposed for Andrews County, Texas.

WCS is seeking to store spent fuel received from commercial nuclear power reactors across the United States. The NRC is reviewing the WCS application along two parallel tracks – one on safety issues, the other on environmental issues. Both the safety and environmental reviews must be completed before the NRC makes a final licensing decision on the application.

The NRC will now take comments on the scope of its Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed facility through April 28. The staff will host an additional public meeting April 6 at NRC headquarters so members of the public can ask questions of NRC staff and present oral comments. The meeting will be webcast. The meeting will be held from 7-10 p.m., in the Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Details on the webinar, including the call in number, are being finalized. This information will be posted on the NRC <u>public meeting schedule.</u>

Written comments on the EIS scope should refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0231. Comments will be made publicly available and should not include identifying or personal information you do not wish to be disclosed. Comments can be filed via the <u>federal rulemaking website</u>; by email to <u>WCS_CISF_EIS@nrc.gov</u>; or by mail to Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN-12 H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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