

October 19, 2005

Dear Stakeholder:

As you may know, last year the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2005 (NDAA) gave the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) new responsibilities with respect to non-high-level-waste (HLW) determinations made by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in the States of South Carolina and Idaho. These responsibilities include consulting with DOE on its waste determinations and monitoring DOE's disposal actions to assess compliance with the performance objectives contained in NRC regulations at 10 CFR 61, Subpart C. These performance objectives contain provisions for protecting the public, workers, and potential future intruders at the site, as well as provisions for ensuring stability of the disposal site.

In order to enhance consistency across its reviews, the NRC is developing a guidance document called a Standard Review Plan (SRP). The SRP will contain information about the types of information NRC will assess during its technical consultation and monitoring activities. For example, it will describe the approach for assessing whether there is reasonable assurance that DOE can meet the limits for radiation doses to the public for particular waste determinations. Although the NDAA is applicable only to South Carolina and Idaho, the NRC may perform similar activities at Hanford and West Valley. Therefore, the SRP will include approaches for reviews for all four sites.

The NRC staff is interested in obtaining input from stakeholders on the type of information that the NRC should assess during its consultation and monitoring activities and thus, by extension, should include in its SRP. Therefore, the NRC staff is holding a scoping meeting on November 10, 2005, at the Hilton Hotel located at 620 Perry Pkwy, in Gaithersburg, MD. The agenda for this meeting is attached. Registration will begin at 12:30 pm, followed by a presentation by the NRC staff that will describe NRC's new responsibilities, historical involvement in waste determinations, and the general outline of the SRP. The rest of the meeting will be used to allow stakeholders to provide their input to the NRC staff on what should be included in the SRP.

For planning purposes, please register if you plan to attend the scoping meeting by calling Michele O'Shaughnessy, project manager, at 301-415-6659. Information about the meeting, including any future changes made to the agenda, can be found on our website at www.nrc.gov under Public Meetings. If you have any questions about the SRP, the scoping meeting, or NRC's responsibilities under the NDAA, please contact Anna Bradford, senior project manager, at 301-415-5228.

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I hope you can attend the SRP scoping meeting and look forward to obtaining your input.

Sincerely,

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Agenda

**Waste Determination Standard Review Plan Scoping Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2005
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

12:30 p.m.	Registration	All
1:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	Larry Camper, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection (DWMEP) Director
1:15 p.m.	NRC Roles and Responsibilities	Anna Bradford, DWMEP Staff
1:45 p.m.	Standard Review Plan Overview	Anna Bradford, DWMEP Staff
2:15 p.m.	Questions	All
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Comments on the Scope of the SRP	All
4:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Larry W. Camper, DWMEP Director
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

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