

**INTERIM SUMMARY OF THE
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION/U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT MEETING
IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
DECEMBER 7, 2005**

Introduction

The staff from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) held a quarterly management meeting open to the public on December 7, 2005. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the progress of the project regarding the proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The meeting was held at NRC's Hearing Facility in Las Vegas, Nevada, with video and audio connections to the NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses in San Antonio, Texas, and DOE offices in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Margaret Federline (NRC) welcomed DOE managers, members of the public, and all other stakeholders. Then she and Elmo Collins (NRC) presented the NRC program update of the proposed regulations and rulemaking activities, licensing support network, the potential falsification by of information by U.S. Geological Survey employees, key technical issue agreement status, and preclosure and postclosure activities. Both expressed an interest in understanding the potential changes and impacts to DOE's fuel handling system and any potential impacts to the estimates of repository performance and preclosure safety.

During the DOE program update, Erik Knox (DOE) presented an outline of DOE's new path forward, which focuses on safety, reliability, and reduced complexity of the potential Yucca Mountain fuel handling facilities. John Arthur (DOE) then gave a Yucca Mountain Project update on the new proposed fuel handling and canister systems, the Licensing Support Network activities, license application preparations, quality assurance and safety culture, and the U.S. Geological Survey email issue.

Paul Harrington (DOE) presented a design and engineering update. He discussed the initial review of the preliminary Critical Decision-1 Report, the overall design impact, and the preclosure safety analysis impact. Michael Ulshafer (DOE) presented a quality assurance overview.

The status of open action items was discussed. There were public comments by Steve Frishman and Judy Treichel. Margaret Federline, Erik Knox, John Arthur, and Ted Feigenbaum provided closing remarks. A more detailed summary will be issued within 30 days of the meeting.

Enclosures:

1. Agenda
2. Attendees
3. Presentations