

AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL POLICY ISSUES RELATED TO GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters
Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room O1F16/O1G16)
11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland

9:00 - 9:20 Welcome, Ground Rules, Meeting Purpose and Agenda Review

Topic 1: Reassess NRC's Regulatory Framework for Groundwater Protection

Should NRC's programs be modified to ensure harmonization of the approaches we have taken to groundwater protection that are applied to different licensees under NRC regulations?

Moderator: Charles Miller, Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs

Panel participants:

Stuart Walker	Environmental Protection Agency (Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response)
Edward Regnier	Department of Energy (Office of Environmental Policy)
Bill Buscher	State of Illinois, Environmental Protection Agency
Ralph Andersen	Nuclear Energy Institute
David Lochbaum	Union of Concerned Scientists

9:20 - 10:10 Panel Participant Presentations

10:10 - 10:45 Facilitated Open Discussion

10:45 – 10:55 Break

Topic 2: Maintain Barriers as Designed to Confine Licensed Material

Should NRC's programs be modified to ensure that systems and components better contain radioactive liquids and gases?

Moderator: Mark Satorius, Regional Administrator, Region III

Panel participants:

Kathy Yhip	Nuclear Energy Institute
David Scott	Radiation Safety & Control Services
Ernest Shaw	Southern Nuclear Company
Katie Sweeney	National Mining Association
Maria Korsnik	Constellation Energy

10:55-11:45 Panel Participant Presentations
11:45 - 12:20 Facilitated Open Discussion

12:20 - 1:30 Break

Topic 3: Create More Reliable NRC Response

Should NRC's programs be modified to ensure greater consistency when addressing low risk, high public interest/confidence issues?

Moderator: Michael Johnson, Director, Office of New Reactors

Panel participants:

Phil Musegaas Riverkeeper
Patrick Mulligan Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (State of NJ)
Scott Morie Nuclear Fuel Services
Michael Rinker Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Env. Risk Assessment Division
John Williams U.S. Geological Survey

1:30 – 2:20 Panel Participant Presentations
2:20 - 2:55 Facilitated Open Discussion

2:55 - 3:05 Break

Topic 4: Strengthen Trust

How can the NRC increase confidence in its actions and communications related to groundwater protection?

Moderator: Eric Leeds, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Panel participants:

Dr. John Till Health Physics Society
Linda Cataldo Modica Erwin Citizens Awareness Network
Dr. John E. Abraham Unicore Health
Heather Westra Prairie Island Indian Community
Dr. Ann Bisconti Bisconti Research, Inc.

3:05 – 3:55 Panel Participant Presentations
3:55 - 4:30 Facilitated Open Discussion

4:30 – 4:50 Additional Discussion, if necessary

4:50 - 5:00 Closing