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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO SUPPORT THE  
WASTE CONFIDENCE RULEMAKING

On Wednesday, November 14, 2012, members of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held two public scoping meetings at the NRC's headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, for the environmental impact statement (EIS) to support the update to the Waste Confidence Rule. The purpose of the meetings was to allow meeting participants to ask questions of the staff and present oral comments on the scope of the EIS.

The meetings were conducted at 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. EST and both were viewable online via live webcast at <http://video.nrc.gov/>. A moderated teleconference line was available for remote participants to ask questions and present comments. Both meetings began with a slide presentation by NRC staff, followed by a brief question-and-answer period, with the remainder of time dedicated to listening to and transcribing public comments for inclusion in the Waste Confidence environmental review docket. The staff's slide presentation is available in the NRC's Agencywide Document Management and Access System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML12314A352. 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 1-800-397-4737, or via e-mail at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Approximately 80 people attended the afternoon meeting in-person and 25 people participated remotely using the teleconference line. Approximately 12 members of the public called in to the teleconference for the evening meeting. Meeting participants included members of the public, representatives of the NRC and its contractors, representatives of tribal and state governments, and industry and public advocacy groups. A list of meeting participants is included as Attachment 1.

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The official transcripts for both meetings are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML12331A347 for the afternoon meeting and ML12331A353 for the evening meeting. Written comments handed to NRC staff at the afternoon meeting have been appended to the afternoon transcript. Video archive of both the afternoon and evening meetings can be found on the NRC's website at <http://video.nrc.gov/> and are titled, *Waste Confidence Scoping Meeting for the Environmental Impact Statement (Part 1)* (afternoon session) and *(Part 2)* (evening session). For convenience, the staff's presentations, the video recordings, and the transcripts are also made available on the Waste Confidence Directorate's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

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**List of Attendees for the Waste Confidence  
Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Meetings  
November 14, 2012  
Afternoon and Evening Sessions**

**Waste Confidence Scoping Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Dean Baker	Tennessee Valley Authority	In Person
Sara Barczak	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy	Teleconference
David Blee	U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council	In Person
Rick Buckley	Entergy	In Person
Bruce Burton	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	In Person
Michael Callahan	Decommissioning Plant Coalition	In Person
Agnès Casenave	French Embassy	In Person
Chris Charles	Nuclear Energy Institute	In Person
Dominique French	Nuclear Information and Resource Service	In Person
Katherine Fuchs	Alliance for Nuclear Accountability	In Person
Ellen Ginsberg	Nuclear Energy Institute	In Person
Patrick Gorman	U.S. Department of Energy	In Person
Susan Gray	Maryland Powerplant Research Program	Teleconference
Doug Guarino	L.A.N. Facebook Page Group	In Person
Steven Hamrick	Florida Power and Light	In Person
Johanna Hariharan	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	In Person
Jack Heyer	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	In Person
Judith Holm	NorthWind Services, LLC	In Person
Stewart Horn	Bellefonte Efficiency and Sustainability Team	Teleconference
Ronald Johnson	Prairie Island Tribal Council	In Person
Jay Jones	U.S. Department of Energy	In Person
Miriam Juckett	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses	In Person
Kevin Kamps	Beyond Nuclear	In Person
John Keeley	Nuclear Energy Institute	In Person
Marvin Lewis	Private citizen	Teleconference
Arjun Makhijani	Institute for Energy and Environmental Research	In Person
David Mullen	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	In Person
William Murphy	Duke Energy	Teleconference
(Sami) Nalluswami	Private citizen	In Person

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Dennis Nelson	Support and Education for Radiation Victims	In Person
Lara Nichols	Duke Energy	In Person
Mary Olson	Nuclear Information and Resource Service	Teleconference
Tara O'Neil	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	In Person
Terry Pickens	Xcel Energy	In Person
Scott Portszline	Three Mile Island Alert	Teleconference
Rob Pauline	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses	In Person
Darani Reddick	Winston & Strawn LLP	In Person
Everett Redmond	Nuclear Energy Institute	In Person
David Repka	Winston & Strawn LLP	In Person
Jonathan Rund	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	In Person
Susan Hito Shapiro	Clearwater	Teleconference
Margaret Sheehan	EcoLaw	Teleconference
Jay Silberg	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	In Person
Beverly Silverberg	BRS Communications, Inc.	In Person
Donald Silverman	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	In Person
John Sipos	Attorney General's Office, New York	In Person
Adam Solomon	Attorney General's Office, New York	In Person
Eileen Supko	Energy Resources International	In Person
Ruth Thomas	Environmentalist, Inc.	Teleconference
Judy Treichel	Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force	Teleconference
Timothy Volz Walsh	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	In Person
Caleb Ward	U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council	In Person
David Weisman	Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility	Teleconference
Randall Westmoreland	DTE Energy	In Person
Heather Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community	In Person
Pat Wire	ISNA	In Person
Lih Young	Private citizen	In Person
Louis Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League	Teleconference
Laurel Bauer	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	In Person
James Biggins	NRC	In Person
Alan Bjornsen	NRC	In Person
David Brown	NRC	In Person
Larry Camper	NRC	In Person
Russell Chazell	NRC	In Person
Kevin Folk	NRC	In Person
John Fringer	NRC	In Person

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Amy Hardin	NRC	In Person
Merri Horn	NRC	In Person
A.H. Hsia	NRC	In Person
Kevin Hsueh	NRC	In Person
Christian Jacobs	NRC	In Person
Andrea Kock	NRC	In Person
Lisa London	NRC	In Person
Sarah Lopas	NRC	In Person
Timothy McCartin	NRC	In Person
David McIntyre	NRC	In Person
Alicia Mullins	NRC	In Person
Bruce Olson	NRC	In Person
TR Rowe	NRC	In Person
James Rubenstone	NRC	In Person
Kimberly Sexton	NRC	In Person
Andrew Stuyvenberg	NRC	In Person
Sandy Talley	NRC	In Person
Jean Trefethen	NRC	In Person
Sherwin Turk	NRC	In Person
Susan Wittick	NRC	In Person
Rob Woodward	NRC	In Person
David Wrona	NRC	In Person

**Waste Confidence Scoping Meeting - 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. EST**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Erica Gray	Alliance for Progressive Values	Teleconference
Libbe HaLevy	Nuclear Hot Seat	Teleconference
Cathy Iwane	Coalition Against Nukes	Teleconference
Michael Jochum	Private Citizen	Teleconference
Miriam Juckett	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses	Teleconference
Kevin Kamps	Beyond Nuclear	Teleconference
Eve Laramee	Private Citizen	Teleconference
Michael Leonardi	Toledo Coalition	Teleconference
Andrea Lieberman	Coalition Against Nukes	Teleconference
Norman Meadow	Maryland Conservation Council	Teleconference
Pamela Shoop	Hope Island One Plateau Foundation	Teleconference
Priscilla Star	Coalition Against Nukes	Teleconference
Christine Strickland	Coalition Against Nukes	Teleconference

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Cathy Haney	NRC	Teleconference
Christian Jacobs	NRC	Teleconference
Lisa London	NRC	Teleconference
Sarah Lopas	NRC	Teleconference
Timothy McCartin	NRC	Teleconference
TR Rowe	NRC	Teleconference
Kimberly Sexton	NRC	Teleconference
Andrew Stuyvenberg	NRC	Teleconference
Susan Wittick	NRC	Teleconference