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

On Wednesday, December 5, and Thursday, December 6, 2012, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held two public scoping webinars for the environmental impact statement (EIS) to support the update to the Waste Confidence Rule. The purpose of the scoping webinars was to allow participants to ask questions of the staff and present oral comments on the scope of the Waste Confidence EIS.

The webinars were conducted from 1 p.m. through 4 p.m. EST on December 5, 2012, and from 9 p.m. through 12 a.m. EST on December 6, 2012. Both webinars were accessible online using GoToMeeting, a web-based online meeting portal. Participants were asked to pre-register for the webinars and received instructions on accessing the webinars upon registration. A moderated teleconference line provided audio for the webinars, and participants did not need internet access to listen to and participate in the webinars. Similar to the NRC's Waste Confidence scoping meetings on November 14, 2012, both webinars began with a slide presentation by NRC staff, followed by a 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. ML12326A483. 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.

Approximately 62 people participated in the December 5 daytime webinar. Of those 62 participants, 15 asked questions or presented comments. Approximately 21 people participated in the December 6 evening webinar. Of those 21 participants, 14 asked questions or presented

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comments. Webinar participants included members of the public, and representatives of Federal and state agencies, industry, and public advocacy groups. A list of participants for each webinar is included as Attachment 1.

Concerns and comments discussed during the webinars included: the need for mass mailings to reach people without Internet access; the need for increased use of social media (such as Facebook) as a way to reach more people; the timing and thoroughness of the Waste Confidence environmental review; the preference for a longer scoping period; the preference for multiple regional public meetings and potential locations for draft EIS meetings; the preference for evaluating Waste Confidence on a site-specific basis rather than using a generic EIS; health effects of radiation from spent nuclear fuel; safety and security of spent nuclear fuel; impacts of severe accidents on spent fuel storage facilities, including catastrophic natural events and terrorist activities; the risk of spent fuel pool leaks and fires; the costs of storing spent nuclear fuel; spent fuel transportation impacts; the preference of storing spent nuclear fuel in hardened on-site storage systems (HOSS) instead of fuel pools; and a call for the end of licensing and re-licensing nuclear power plants.

The official transcripts for both webinars are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML12355A174 for the December 5 webinar, and ML12355A187 for the December 6 webinar. For convenience, the staff's presentation and the webinar transcripts are also 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 Webinars
December 5 and 6, 2012**

Waste Confidence Public Scoping Webinar
Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

Name	Organization
Jessica Azulay	Alliance for a Green Economy
Jane Beetem	Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Jana Bergman	Curtiss Wright
Jerry Bonanno	Nuclear Energy Institute
Beatrice Brailsford	Snake River Alliance
Patricia Campbell	GE Hitachi Nuclear
Dan Chalk	U.S. Department of Energy
Christopher Charles	Nuclear Energy Institute
Marischka Dopp	Pilgrim Coalition
Patrick Dostie	State of Maine, Dept. of Health and Human Services
Geoffrey Fettus	National Resources Defense Council
Dominique French	Nuclear Information and Resource Service
Ellen Ginsberg	NEI
Alan Goldey	Maryland Dept. of the Environment
Bing Gu	
Tim Gunter	U.S. Department of Energy
Johanna Hariharan	Morgan, Lewis, & Brockius
Elaine Hiruo	Platts
Tom Iaccarino	Spectrum Environmental Sciences, Inc.
Mari Jaworsky	Duke Energy
Michael Kaluzniak	Maine Public Utilities Commission
Kevin Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
Jeff Keenan	PSEG Nuclear LLC
Beverly Kerr	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
Julius Kerr	Volunteer Blue Ridge
Lisa Kindschy	Michigan Public Service Commission
Phil Klevorick	Clark County Nuclear Waste Oversight Program
Mary Lampert	Pilgrim Watch
Adam Levin	Exelon Generation
Gregg Levine	Truth Out
Marvin Lewis	Private Citizen
Jennifer Mansh	Hogan Lovells US LLP

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Zita Martin	Tennessee Valley Authority
Lisa Matis	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Ramona McConney	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Rod McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
Steve McInall	JEA
Katrina McMurrian	Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition
Emily Meredith	
Terry Pickens	Xcel Energy
Darani Reddick	Winston & Strawn LLP
Thomas Reilly	Vista 360
Phil Riley	
Jonathan Rund	Morgan, Lewis & Brokious
Don Safer	Tennessee Environmental Council
Linda Seeley	San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace
Margaret Sheehan	EcoLaw
Larry Shepard	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
Mike Stephens	Florida Bureau of Radiation Control
Jared Thompson	Arkansas Department of Health
James Thornton	Duke Energy
Tom Tramm	Certrec
Barbara Warren	Citizens Environmental Coalition
Heather Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
Robert Wylie	Duke Energy
Christina Yakunich	
Louis Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
Esther Houseman	NRC
Andrea Kock	NRC
Jessie Muir	NRC
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Jenny Weil	NRC
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Carrie Safford	NRC
Chip Cameron	The Zero Gravity Group LLC
Miriam Juckett	Center for Nuclear Regulatory Waste Analyses
Robert Lenhard	Center for Nuclear Regulatory Waste Analyses

Waste Confidence Public Scoping Webinar
Thursday, December 6, 2012, 9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. EST

Name	Organization
David Agnew	Cape Downwinders
Bonnie Bluestein	Nuclear Energy Information Service
Christopher Charles	Nuclear Energy Institute
Diane D'Arrigo	Nuclear Information Resource Service
Elizabeth Fraser	Nuclear Energy Information Service
Johanna Hariharan	Morgan, Lewis & Brockius
Julius Kerr	Volunteer Blue Ridge
David Kraft	Nuclear Energy Information Service
Carol Kurz	Nuclear Energy Information Service
Dale Lehman	
Gregg Levine	Truth Out
Mary Olson	Nuclear Information Resource Service
Norman Meadow	Maryland Conservation Counsel
Terry Pickens	Xcel Energy
Tom Reilly	Vista 360
Alicia Rivers	Sierra Club
Laura Sorensen	Safe Carolinas
Ruth Thomas	Environmentalist Inc.
Lilly Wyrick	
Cathy Haney	NRC
Keith McConnell	NRC
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