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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE TO DISCUSS STATUS  
OF WASTE CONFIDENCE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT AND RULEMAKING

On Wednesday, April 17, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public teleconference at the NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the teleconference was to maintain an open line of communication with the public by providing a status update on NRC staff's progress in developing the Waste Confidence draft generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) and Rule. Participants had an opportunity to ask questions and comment about the NRC's process and activities.

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. and concluded at 2:30 p.m. EDT and was assisted by an operator who captured the name and organization of each participant, and moderated the individual phone lines. The NRC staff began the meeting with an overview of the NRC mission, a review of the timeline for Directorate activities, and an update regarding the availability of the speakers' presentations from the March 14, 2013, Waste Confidence session at the NRC Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) on the RIC website.

The NRC presentation continued with a discussion of the locations for 10 public meetings during the comment period for the Waste Confidence draft GEIS and Rule. These 10 public meetings will be held in the vicinity of the following areas: two meetings in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area; one in the Boston, Massachusetts metropolitan area; one in the New York City metropolitan area; one in Denver, Colorado; one in Minneapolis, Minnesota; one near San Luis Obispo, California; one near San Clemente, California; one in Toledo, Ohio; and one in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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The first and last meeting will be held in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. These two meetings will be nationally webcast and accessible by a moderated teleconference line for members of the public who cannot attend one of the eight regional meetings. After discussing the meeting locations, the staff opened the teleconference for questions.

There were 72 participants in the teleconference representing members of the public, tribal and state governments, industry, public advocacy and environmental interest groups, and the NRC and its contractors. A list of meeting attendees is attached.

There were a variety of concerns, questions, and issues discussed by the public and NRC staff during the teleconference that included: when the draft GEIS will be publicly available; the desire for more meeting locations, time, and advance notice; the difference between a public meeting and a hearing; concern over the level of security for public meetings; the level of NRC's evaluation, concurrence, and availability of the March 5, 2013, Scoping Summary Report; the continued licensing of nuclear plants; concern of indefinite storage option and temporary storage rule; what is the life of a nuclear plant; how is the NRC going to address the reactors that are moving to high-burnup with a large amount of fuel and different cladding materials; and concern of hardened on-site storage (HOSS) in dry casks.

The transcript for this meeting is available in the NRC's Agencywide Document Management and Access System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML13122A097. Furthermore, the Scoping Summary Report, which was discussed during this meeting, can be found under Accession No. ML13060A128. 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 1-800-397-4209, or via email at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). For convenience, the transcript is also available on the Waste Confidence Directorate's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/public-involve.html>.

Due to the upcoming move of the Waste Confidence staff to another building in mid-May, the next public teleconference to discuss the status of the Waste Confidence GEIS and Rulemaking is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at the same time, 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. EDT, with the same call-in number. Meeting details are also available on the Waste Confidence Directorate's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

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**NRC Teleconference Attendees**  
**Status of Waste Confidence GEIS and Rulemaking**  
**Apr 17 2013 1:30 – 2:30 PM ET**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Leslie	Allen	Balch & Bingham
2	Dean	Baker	Tennessee Valley Authority
3	Jane	Beetem	MO Dept of Natural Resources
4	Jana	Bergman	Sciencetech
5	Jerry	Bonanno	Nuclear Energy Institute
6	Rita	Bowser	Westinghouse
7	Michael	Brandon	DTE Energy
8	Dan	Breig	ASME Congressional Fellow/Congr. Nunes (CA)
9	Marlena	Brewer	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
10	Matt	Brock	MA Attorney Generals Office
11	Pamela	Cowan	Exelon
12	Tom	Daley	South TX Project Nuclear Operating Co
13	Diane	D'Arrigo	Nuclear Information and Resource Service
14	Janice	Dean	NY State
15	Patrick	Dostie	State of Maine
16	Kayla	Gamin	Court Reporter
17	Ellen	Ginsberg	Nuclear Energy Institute
18	Peter	Glass	Xcel Energy
19	Paula	Gotsch	Grammes
20	Christine	Greene	UX Consulting
21	Steven	Hamrick	Next Era
22	Eric	Howes	Main Yankee Atomic Power Company
23	Tom	Iaccarino	Spectrum Environmental Sciences
24	Lisa	Jones	Alta
25	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
26	Jeff	Keenan	PSEG Nuclear
27	Julius	Kerr	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
28	Sandra	Kurtz	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
29	Kyle	Landis-Marinello	VT Attorney General's Office
30	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
31	Alfred	Meyer	Physicians for Social Responsibility
32	Steven	Nesbit	Duke Energy
33	Mary	Olson	Nuclear Information and Resource Service
34	Tony	Roisman	State of Vermont
35	Don	Safer	TN Environmental Council
36	Larry	Shepard	Environmental Protection Agency in Kansas City
37	Beverly	Silverberg	Consultant
38	John	Sipos	NY State

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
39	Andrew	Smith	Individual
40	David	Snellings	AR Dept of Health
41	Bob	Snook	CT Attorney General's Office
42	Ken	Taplett	STP Nuclear Operating Company
43	Brittany	Thegis	Whittlaw
45	Ruth	Thomas	Environmentalist Inc
46	Tom	Tramm	Certrec
47	Judy	Treichel	Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force
48	Michael	Wegner	Kansas Corporation Commission
49	Konnie	Wescott	Argonne National Lab
50	Heather	Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
51	Ron	Zak	NJ Dept of Environment Development & Engineering
52	Louis	Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
53	Joe	Ziegler	Citizen
54	Tison	Campbell	NRC/OGC
55	Russell	Chazell	NRC/NRO
56	Yen	Chen	NRC/EDO
57	Cathy	Haney	NRC/NMSS
58	Merri	Horn	NRC/NMSS
59	Esther	Houseman	NRC/OGC
60	Andy	Imboden	NRC/NMSS
61	Lisa	London	NRC/OGC
62	Sarah	Lopas	NRC/NMSS
63	Timothy	McCartin	NRC/NMSS
64	Keith	McConnell	NRC/NMSS
65	Paul	Michalak	NRC/NMSS
66	Alicia	Mullins	NRC/NMSS
67	Christine	Pineda	NRC/NMSS
68	TR	Rowe	NRC/NMSS
69	Carrie	Safford	NRC/NMSS
70	Michael	Weber	NRC/EDO
71	Susan	Wittick	NRC/NMSS
72	Thomas	Young	NRC/FSME