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

On Wednesday, May 29, 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 proposed rule. Participants had an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the NRC's process and activities.

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. and concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m. EDT. The NRC staff began the meeting with an overview of the mission of the Waste Confidence Directorate, an update regarding the availability of additional information from the March 14, 2013, Waste Confidence session at the NRC Regulatory Information Conference (RIC), and a brief notification of the next opportunity to comment on the draft GEIS and proposed rule.

The NRC presentation continued with a discussion of the availability of the Commission Review Draft documents expected at the end of June. These documents, which are being sent to the Commission for review, include the Commission Paper (SECY Paper), the preliminary Federal Register Notice regarding the proposed rule, and the preliminary draft GEIS. These documents will be made publicly available in the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS); however, they are subject to change by the Commission and are not for public comment. The official 75-day public comment period on the Commission-approved draft GEIS and proposed rule will begin when they are published in early fall.

The NRC presentation continued with a reminder about the upcoming draft GEIS public meetings and discussion of the process used to determine meeting locations. The first and last

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meetings 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 teleconference for those who cannot attend one of the regional meetings being planned for venues in Massachusetts, New York, Colorado, Minnesota, Central California, Southern California, Ohio and North Carolina.

Parties interested in news and updates regarding Waste Confidence activities can send an email to [WCO Outreach@nrc.gov](mailto:WCO Outreach@nrc.gov) to receive all the latest information.

There were 70 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.

Concerns, questions, and issues discussed during the teleconference included: whether the Waste Confidence activities would be completed within the published schedule; the number and location of the draft GEIS public meetings; concern about how the draft GEIS and proposed rule can be completed at the same time; the relationship of the National Environmental Policy Act and other legislation to the rule; clarification of the schedule for public release of the Commission Review Draft documents; notification of a state petition regarding scoping; questions about the Scoping Summary Report; background information about the staff of the Waste Confidence Directorate; and a question regarding use of information from adjudicatory hearings for the draft GEIS.

The transcript for this meeting is available in the NRC's Agencywide Document Management and Access System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML13154A436. 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>.

The next public teleconference to discuss the status of the Waste Confidence draft GEIS and proposed rule is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 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 Draft GEIS and Proposed Rule**  
**May 29, 2013 1:30 – 2:30 PM EDT**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Leslie	Allen	Balch & Bingham
2	Dean	Baker	Tennessee Valley Authority
3	Jana	Bergman	Sciencetech
4	Jerry	Bonanno	Nuclear Energy Institute
5	Andrew	Burgess	Ameren Missouri
6	Chris	Clements	Motto Films
7	Pamela	Cowan	Exelon
8	Barton	Cowan	Westinghouse
9	Patrick	Dostie	State of Maine
10	Pandora	Epps	Georgia Public Service Commission
11	Patrick	Gorman	Department of Energy
12	Tim	Gregoire	American Nuclear Society
13	Steven	Hamrick	FL Power and Light
14	Ace	Hoffman	Nuke Free North County
15	Tom	Iaccarino	Spectrum Environmental Sciences
16	Lisa	Jones	Alta
17	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
18	Kevin	Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
19	Tom	Kauffman	Nuclear Energy Institute
20	Kyle	Landis Marinello	Vermont Attorney General's Office
21	Bret	Leslie	US Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board
22	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
23	Katrina	McMurrian	NWSC
24	Charles	Morrison	Neal Gross
25	Richard	Orthen	Florida Power and Light Company
26	Brian	Paddock	Sierra Club
27	Tony	Roisman	State of VT
28	Jonathan	Rund	Morgan Lewis
29	Susan	Shapiro	Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition
30	Beverly	Silverberg	Vantage
31	John	Sipos	State of New York
32	Carlos	Sisco	Winston & Strawn
33	Andrew	Smith	Private Citizen
34	Robert	Snook	CT Attorney General's Office
35	James	Spearman	SC Public Service Commission
36	Jane	Swanson	San Luis Obispo Mother's for Peace
37	Ken	Taplett	South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co.
38	Brittany	Theis	Whitt Law
39	Ruth	Thomas	Environmentalist Inc.

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
40	Sharon	Thomas	Department of Energy
41	Tom	Tramm	Certrec
42	Judy	Treichel	NV Nuclear Waste Taskforce
43	Joan	Walter	CA Energy Commission
45	Michael	Wegner	The Kansas Corporation Commission
46	David	Weisman	Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility
47	Konnie	Wescott	Argonne National Lab
48	Heather	Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
49	Robert	Wylie	Duke Energy
50	Ron	Zak	NJ Department of Environmental Protection
51	Louis	Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
52	Tison	Campbell	NRC/OGC
53	Margaret	Cervera	NRC/NSIR
54	Russell	Chazell	NRC/NRO
55	Sheldon	Clark	NRC/OGC
56	Andy	Imboden	NRC/NMSS
57	Andrea	Kock	NRC/COMM
58	Lisa	London	NRC/OGC
59	Sarah	Lopas	NRC/NMSS
60	Timothy	McCartin	NRC/NMSS
61	Keith	McConnell	NRC/NMSS
62	David	McIntyre	NRC/OPA
63	Paul	Michalak	NRC/NMSS
64	Christine	Pineda	NRC/NMSS
65	TR	Rowe	NRC/NMSS
66	Carrie	Safford	NRC/NMSS
67	Neil	Sheehan	NRC/RI
68	Michael	Waters	NRC/COMM
69	Jenny	Weil	NRC/OCA
70	Susan	Wittick	NRC/NMSS