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1:33 P.M.

MS. LOPAS: Good afternoon everybody, and welcome to the Waste Confidence Directorate's monthly status teleconference for August.

My name is Sarah Lopas and I'm the NEPA Communications Project Manager for the Directorate. I'm going to be facilitating today's call.

You might want to have a pen and paper on hand because we'll be providing information that you might want to write down.

In the room with me here at the NRC is Keith McConnell, who is the Director of the Waste Confidence Directorate; Carrie Safford, our Deputy Director; Andy Imboden, Branch Chief of the Communications Branch; Sheldon Clark from our Office of General Counsel; and Dave Brown, who is sitting in today for Paul Michalak. Dave is a member of our Environmental Impact Statement Branch.

Our operator today is Julie and when we get to the question and answer period, Julie will be unmuting individual call lines. Note that unless you're asking a question, your call line will be muted.

We're going to begin by going over the format of today's call and some basic ground rules.

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1 There aren't any slides or any other materials associated  
2 with today's call. However, we will adhere to this short  
3 agenda. We'll begin with an introduction by Carrie  
4 Safford. And then Andy Imboden will discuss the status  
5 of the Waste Confidence environmental review and  
6 rulemaking. After Andy finishes up, we'll then go to the  
7 phone lines and one by one we'll unmute lines for  
8 questions. When we get to the question and answer  
9 period, as Julie said, you'll just press \*1 on your phone  
10 and that will indicate that she'll unmute your line.

11 If you've participated in any of our past  
12 teleconferences, the ground rules are the same. First,  
13 note that our call is scheduled to end promptly at 2:30  
14 Eastern Time and we're obligated to keep that schedule.

15 Please try to limit yourself initially to  
16 one question and then if there's time and everybody has  
17 gotten to ask one question, we'll go back for additional  
18 questions.

19 If we run out of time, and we don't get to  
20 your question I really encourage you to give me a call.  
21 My direct line is 301/287-0675.

22 Secondly, the teleconference is being  
23 transcribed by a court reporter. This is so folks who  
24 weren't on the call can review the transcript and see what  
25 was discussed.

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1           When your line is open to ask a question,  
2 please start by introducing yourself and stating your  
3 affiliation, if you have one. And please speak slowly  
4 and clearly so the court reporter can get an accurate and  
5 clean transcript of what was said today.

6           Although this call is being transcribed,  
7 any comments or statements you make today will not be  
8 considered as formal comments on the Waste Confidence  
9 Generic Environmental Impact Statement or proposed  
10 rule.

11           The transcript of today's teleconference  
12 will be publicly available in ADAMS and a link will be  
13 posted on our Waste Confidence website within three weeks  
14 of today's call. We will also be publishing a meeting  
15 summary within 30 days of the call.

16           Back on July 17th, we sent an email from  
17 WCO outreach@nrc.gov that provided ADAMS accession  
18 numbers and links to the June 19th teleconference Meeting  
19 Summary and transcripts. In case you missed that  
20 information, here are the ADAMS numbers for those  
21 documents. The Meeting Summary for the June 19th call  
22 can be found under ML, that's M as in Mary, L as in Lynn,  
23 13177A as in Apple, 353 and the meeting transcript can  
24 be found under ML13175A as in Apple, 350.

25           Links to these documents are also on the

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1 Public Involvement page of the NRC's Waste Confidence  
2 website.

3 Note that we did not host a  
4 teleconference during the month of July.

5 If you would like to be on our WCO outreach  
6 email list, please send an email with that request to  
7 WCO outreach@nrc.gov.

8 And if you have any questions about access  
9 to information or questions about Waste Confidence in  
10 general, please call me, Sarah Lopas, again at  
11 301/287-0675.

12 And now we're going to get the call started  
13 and we're going to go to Carrie Safford who is the Deputy  
14 Director of the Waste Confidence Directorate.

15 MS. SAFFORD: Thank you, Sarah. Good  
16 afternoon, everyone. As Sarah mentioned, my name is  
17 Carrie Safford and I'm the Deputy Director of the Waste  
18 Confidence Directorate. Before I get started, I want to  
19 thank you all for participating today and for showing an  
20 interest in the Agency's activities regarding Waste  
21 Confidence. We appreciate your participation and  
22 input, the continued participation for those of you who  
23 have been on these calls before, and a welcome to anyone  
24 who is new today.

25 The purpose of today's call is to maintain

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1 an open line of communication with the public by  
2 providing you with a status update on staff's progress  
3 in developing the draft Generic Environmental Impact  
4 Statement and proposed rule. The undertaking before us  
5 will benefit from and depends on public involvement and  
6 we strive to provide an open and transparent process  
7 throughout this effort.

8 The Directorate's mission is to develop a  
9 Generic Environmental Impact Statement and proposed  
10 rule. In the June call, we discussed the status of this  
11 development and discussed when and how comments would be  
12 accepted on the draft documents. Andy Imboden will  
13 provide you with some more information in a minute on the  
14 next steps in our process.

15 We are looking forward to your input on the  
16 draft Environmental Impact Statement and proposed rule  
17 during the public comment period and hope that many of  
18 you are able to participate in one of the upcoming public  
19 meetings in whatever manner you are able. The comments  
20 and information that you provide to us during the comment  
21 period will assist us in the preparation of the final  
22 documents.

23 I'll now turn it over to Andy Imboden, our  
24 Communications branch chief.

25 MR. IMBODEN: Thank you, Carrie. My name

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1 is Andy Imboden. I'm the chief of the Communications  
2 Planning and Rulemaking Branch and I want to talk a bit  
3 about where we are in the process of updating the Waste  
4 Confidence rule and what our next steps are going to be.  
5 Then I will share some information about the upcoming  
6 public meetings we will be having around the country.  
7 Finally, I will conclude with an announcement about our  
8 teleconference next month.

9 I'll first start with a brief review of what  
10 has happened since our last status teleconference on June  
11 19th because we have continued to make a great deal of  
12 progress throughout the summer. Following the NRC's  
13 established rulemaking process, the Agency staff  
14 developed draft documents and provided those draft  
15 documents to the Commission for their review. The NRC  
16 is committed to having openness and transparency in our  
17 process and therefore, these Commission review draft  
18 documents were made publicly available while the NRC  
19 Commissioners were reviewing them. They have been  
20 available to the public since June 24th.

21 On Monday, August 5th, the Commission  
22 completed their review. The Commission unanimously  
23 approved the Waste Confidence proposed rule and draft  
24 Generic Environmental Impact Statement for publication  
25 and for public comment. In addition to approving the

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1 publication, the Commission has directed the staff to  
2 make certain modifications to the proposed rule and draft  
3 Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

4           Following the Agency's well-established  
5 procedures, the Commission's directions to the NRC staff  
6 have been made public and you can review the Commission's  
7 directions yourself. We have provided a link to the  
8 Commission's directions from our website and if you are  
9 a subscriber to the WCO outreach email service, you should  
10 have received a link directly to the documents and an  
11 email we sent on August 5th.

12           Currently, we are very busy making the  
13 changes the Commission has directed. When the staff  
14 publishes the proposed rule and draft Generic  
15 Environmental Impact Statement with changes as directed  
16 by the Commission, we will post the documents to the Waste  
17 Confidence webpage. We will also post versions of the  
18 documents that identify the changes the NRC staff made  
19 in response to the Commission's directions.  
20 Additionally, we will work to make sure the technical  
21 references we are using continue to be organized and  
22 easily accessible through our website.

23           I would like to point out that we have made  
24 available to you a service called GovDelivery.  
25 GovDelivery allows you to subscribe to our website and

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1 you can register to receive notification by email  
2 whenever the NRC makes changes to the website. Again,  
3 we're doing this because of our commitment to making the  
4 Waste Confidence activities open and accessible as  
5 possible.

6 We are also very busy making preparations  
7 for the upcoming public comment period. The public  
8 comment period will begin on schedule in September and  
9 the public comment period will be for 75 days. I'm  
10 looking forward to the comment period because it is an  
11 opportunity for interested people and organizations to  
12 comment on what we have done and to tell us what you think  
13 about the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement  
14 and proposed rule.

15 You can submit comments in writing  
16 throughout the 75 day comment period. Once the comment  
17 period begins, you can submit your written comments in  
18 many ways such as by fax, by mail, email, and through  
19 [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). We will officially begin the  
20 comment period by a notice in the Federal Register on a  
21 Friday this September. And we'll be sure to make that  
22 information available on our website and we will announce  
23 that by email to subscribers of the WCO outreach email  
24 service as well.

25 In addition to written comments, we'll be

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1 holding a series of public meetings around the country  
2 beginning in October. These meetings will be held so  
3 that the NRC can hear what you have to say about the  
4 documents. While there will be ample opportunity and  
5 various methods to submit comments in writing, many  
6 people prefer speaking at an open meeting on the record.  
7 Every one of our meetings we hold will be transcribed.  
8 Regardless of how comments are submitted, either spoken  
9 at a meeting or in writing, the NRC will consider them  
10 all in the preparation of the final Generic Environmental  
11 Impact Statement and final rule.

12           Earlier in the project, the NRC asked for  
13 comments on where the public meetings might be held. In  
14 return, we received many responses about the number of  
15 meetings and their locations. Our current plan is to  
16 hold a total of 11 meetings and they will begin in  
17 October. The first and last meeting will be held in the  
18 Washington, D.C. metro area at NRC Headquarters. These  
19 meetings will be nationally webcast. These two NRC  
20 Headquarters meetings will also be accessible by a  
21 moderated teleconference line for members of the public  
22 who cannot attend one of the nine regional meetings. If  
23 you aren't familiar with the meeting locations already,  
24 you may want to grab a pen so you can jot this list down.  
25 It's also available on our webpage.

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1 So in addition to the meetings we are having  
2 in Washington, D.C. at NRC Headquarters, the specific  
3 locations have not yet been chosen, but we are looking  
4 at venues in the following areas: one meeting in Boston,  
5 Massachusetts area; one meeting in the vicinity of New  
6 York City; Denver, Colorado; Minneapolis, Minnesota; San  
7 Luis Obispo, California; Southern California in the  
8 vicinity of San Clemente and Orange County; in the  
9 Toledo, Ohio area; in Charlotte, North Carolina; and in  
10 the vicinity of Orlando, Florida.

11 The public meetings will begin in October  
12 and continue through early November. When the specific  
13 meeting dates, times, and locations have been chosen, we  
14 will provide notice in the Federal Register and we will  
15 also update our website and notify subscribers to  
16 WCO outreach@nrc.gov.

17 Finally, I would like to announce our next  
18 monthly status teleconference. This will be held on  
19 Thursday, September 12, 2013. The September 12th  
20 meeting will be at the same time this one is, 1:30 to 2:30  
21 Eastern. And to participate, you will use the same  
22 number you used to participate in this meeting. At the  
23 September 12th meeting, we will discuss the status and  
24 process of Waste Confidence and also I will be able to  
25 share details about the upcoming public meetings. Thank

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1 you for your attention.

2 Sarah?

3 MS. LOPAS: Okay, thank you, Andy, and  
4 thank you, Carrie.

5 At this point, we are going to open up the  
6 phone lines one by one, and go to you all for questions.  
7 To ask a question, we ask that you press \*1 on your phone  
8 with a reminder that when we unmute your phone line, you  
9 start off by introducing yourself and your affiliation  
10 if you have one. And I will just remind NRC folks when  
11 you answer a question, start off by introducing  
12 yourselves as well.

13 So the phone lines are open and we will get  
14 started with Kevin Kamps.

15 Julie, can we hear from Kevin Kamps, please?

16 MR. KAMPS: Hello, can you hear me?

17 MS. LOPAS: We can.

18 MR. KAMPS: Yes, hello. Thank you. My  
19 question is I had urged NRC to consider Chicago, Illinois  
20 as a hearing location way back last fall at that first  
21 scoping meeting at NRC Headquarters. And the reason I  
22 gave is Illinois has more commercial atomic reactors than  
23 any other state. There's more commercial high-level  
24 radioactive waste there than any other state, some 8,000  
25 tons.

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1           And I just happened to be in Chicago this  
2 past weekend at a gathering, an environmental gathering,  
3 and actually folks on the ground there were fairly  
4 convinced that they were going to get a hearing. I don't  
5 know what their source of information was, but they  
6 seemed to have some kind of indication from NRC itself  
7 that a hearing would be held in Chicago. So I'm confused  
8 by its absence on your list.

9           MS. LOPAS:     Okay, Kevin, so you're  
10 wondering are we having a meeting in Chicago and if we  
11 are, maybe you can explain why we aren't, Andy?

12           MR. KAMPS:    Thank you, Sarah. This is Andy  
13 Imboden.

14           Kevin, yes. Let me reiterate how we came  
15 to the list of meeting locations that we did. And as  
16 you're aware, we asked for input during the scoping phase  
17 where the meeting locations might be. Chicago  
18 absolutely was on that list. We heard from you and from  
19 others. We also considered other factors. We  
20 considered where the commenters that we had during  
21 scoping, there were about 700 people who commented during  
22 scoping, where those people were located. We also took  
23 into account past experience NRC has had at public  
24 meetings and various locations. And when we came to the  
25 conclusion our Midwest choices for the public meetings

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1 were in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Toledo, Ohio area.  
2 So that's how we came to the list we came to for the  
3 Midwest.

4 It's important for everyone to know if they  
5 can't make it to any of the in-person meetings, that their  
6 written comments will be considered and those can be  
7 submitted in various ways and also the two meetings from  
8 NRC Headquarters are available to anyone anywhere  
9 through the moderated teleconference line and you can  
10 view those by a national webcast that we will have for  
11 the Headquarters meetings. Thank you.

12 MS. LOPAS: Okay, thank you, Andy. Thank  
13 you, Kevin.

14 Next can we hear from Dean Baker, please?

15 MR. BAKER: Yes, Sarah.

16 MS. LOPAS: Hi, Dean, are you there?

17 MR. BAKER: Yes, I am. Dean Baker,  
18 Tennessee Valley Authority. I've looked at some of the  
19 comments that were provided by the Commissioners  
20 especially Ms. Macfarlane and some of them are quite  
21 significant. And my only question is will you really be  
22 able to incorporate them by September?

23 MS. LOPAS: So you're asking about some of  
24 the comments that were contained in the staff  
25 requirements memo by Chairman Macfarlane?

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1 MR. BAKER: Correct, and whether you can  
2 finish, really finish by September 2013.

3 MS. SAFFORD: Dean, this is Carrie Safford.  
4 Just to bring everybody else on the line up to speed, the  
5 Staff Requirements Memo is from the Commission and to the  
6 NRC staff and it contains instructions for the staff to  
7 respond to and to implement certain comments and changes  
8 into the draft documents before they're made available  
9 for public comment. Staff is working diligently, as we  
10 speak, to incorporate those changes and get those back  
11 up to the Commission for the three-day review and then  
12 out for publication for public comment. And we fully  
13 anticipate that we will be able to do that and publish  
14 those documents and start the public comment period in  
15 September.

16 MR. BAKER: Thank you.

17 MS. LOPAS: All right, thank you, Dean.

18 Next, Julie, can we go to Martha Sullivan,  
19 please?

20 Hi, Martha.

21 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes, hello. I'm with the  
22 Coalition to Decommission San Onofre here in Orange and  
23 San Diego Counties in California. And I wanted to just  
24 ask a logistical favor, as you look to schedule that  
25 meeting. We are also having a public hearing by the

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1 State Public Utilities Commission in San Diego on October  
2 1st which we've been waiting for several months on the  
3 rate treatment for the defective San Onofre plant when  
4 it was out for 18 months. So I would urge the NRC not  
5 to conflict with that date and schedule the Waste  
6 Confidence meeting either on the date or on either side  
7 of it.

8 MS. LOPAS: Okay, that sounds good. We  
9 will definitely take that into consideration when we plan  
10 this meeting. Thank you, Martha.

11 MS. SULLIVAN: Thank you.

12 MS. LOPAS: Okay, Julie, can we go to  
13 Beverly Kerr, please?

14 MS. KERR: Hello, this is Beverly Kerr with  
15 Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League.

16 MS. LOPAS: Hi, Beverly.

17 MS. KERR: Hi. I'm wanting to ask about  
18 the time limits that people are allowed to speak during  
19 the hearing. And I'd like for you to consider the time  
20 and effort that people do put into traveling to the  
21 hearing and because of that ask you to allow unlimited  
22 time for comments for those people who often travel so  
23 far to get there.

24 MS. LOPAS: Okay, so you're concerned about  
25 having enough time for everybody to speak at our public

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1 meetings. I think Andy Imboden is going to discuss this.

2 MR. IMBODEN: Hi, Beverly. My name is Andy  
3 Imboden, Communications and Rulemaking Branch Chief.

4 One thing I'd just like to point out is you  
5 know the NRC, these are public meetings that we'll be  
6 having. They're not hearings. What we are going to do  
7 is we're going to be asking for people to pre-register  
8 and based on how many people want to put in a comment,  
9 that will help us decide whether and what the time limits  
10 might be. So we'll have to see when we get there, you  
11 know, kind of how many other people want to make a comment  
12 on the record. We want to be fair to everybody. But I  
13 completely also want to emphasize the point of these  
14 meetings is to get public comment, so we're going to be  
15 doing everything we can to maximize the amount of time  
16 people having to present their comment on the record. So  
17 thank you for that.

18 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Beverly.

19 Can we hear from Ace Hoffman?

20 MR. HOFFMAN: Yes, thank you. This is Ace.  
21 I'm wondering about the electronic communications for  
22 the regional meetings. We have about 25 percent of the  
23 nuclear waste in America here in California and it's a  
24 very big state. You did not say anything about having  
25 a meeting in San Diego, only in San Clemente and Orange

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1 County and San Luis Obispo, so we would like to be able  
2 to attend the meeting in full attitude with comments and  
3 voice and be able to submit comments and speak without  
4 actually being there. Is that going to be possible or  
5 only at the two Maryland meetings?

6 MS. LOPAS: Okay, so you are asking whether  
7 or not folks will be able to present comments remotely  
8 at the California meetings?

9 Andy, can you clarify that?

10 MR. IMBODEN: Yes. This is Andy Imboden.  
11 If you can't make it in person to any one of our meetings,  
12 we are making a teleconference line available and also  
13 it will be nationally webcast. It's two Headquarters  
14 meetings. You have that right. We're not able to  
15 provide that kind of service to any of our regional  
16 meetings.

17 MR. HOFFMAN: Why not?

18 MR. IMBODEN: Also, written comments will  
19 be accepted at any time during the comment period so  
20 there's many ways for people who can't get there in person  
21 to get their comment on the record.

22 MS. LOPAS: Thanks, Ace.

23 Can we go to Rod McCullum, please?

24 MR. McCULLUM: Yes, thank you. I just have  
25 one simple question on the schedule. You indicated that

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1 you're going to open the public comment period on a Friday  
2 in September and then you also indicated you're going to  
3 be providing some details about some things going on  
4 during that comment period on September 12th which is a  
5 Thursday, and there's only one Friday before that. So  
6 am I safe to assume that the public comment period will  
7 not start before the September 12th call?

8 MS. LOPAS: Okay, we're going to go to Andy  
9 to answer that question.

10 MR. IMBODEN: Thank you for that, Rod.  
11 Astute observation. Yes, to begin the comment period,  
12 the NRC has to coordinate with the Environmental  
13 Protection Agency and as a result of that, the comment  
14 periods always start on a Friday. Right now, we can't  
15 say exactly which Friday that's going to be. So that's  
16 kind of why stay tuned and it's very likely a Friday in  
17 September, but I can't tell you if it's the 13th or the  
18 20th or whatever it is right now.

19 MS. LOPAS: Okay, great. Can we go to  
20 Julius Aubrey, please?

21 Hi, Julius, are you there?

22 MR. AUBREY: Yes, ma'am. I'm here. Can  
23 you hear me?

24 MS. LOPAS: We can.

25 MR. AUBREY: I would like to ask for an

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1 unlimited time also because as a disabled American  
2 Veteran, I'm going to be traveling a long ways to reach  
3 these public meetings and it would be, I think, very  
4 interesting for you to provide a capability for public  
5 comment in an unlimited way so that we can express our  
6 freedom of speech as American citizens, especially since  
7 we've had to stand up for our country and we believe in  
8 standing up for our country and participating in these  
9 discussions. Thank you for your consideration.

10 MS. LOPAS: Okay, thank you, Julius. We  
11 will most certainly take that into consideration and our  
12 goal is for ample participation at these meetings, so  
13 we're going to do our best to make sure everybody there  
14 gets a chance to speak.

15 Let's go to Don Safer, please.

16 MR. SAFER: Hi, can you hear me?

17 MS. LOPAS: We can.

18 MR. SAFER: Thank you. I am with the  
19 Tennessee Environmental Council in Nashville,  
20 Tennessee. And as such I have to make a significant trip  
21 to get to any of these meetings. I find that a little  
22 -- it puts me out a little bit because TVA is one of the  
23 biggest generators of radioactive waste in the country.  
24 I think the Southeast in itself is -- I appreciate you  
25 adding Orlando, but that doesn't really help me in

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1 Tennessee. I know that decision has been made a while  
2 ago, but the comment that I have right now and the request  
3 is that this issue is really huge. I think you all at  
4 the NRC recognize how important it is that this  
5 radioactive waste be properly disposed of and it's been  
6 too long in coming to really address the issue in a  
7 serious manner which I hope this exercise is going to do.

8 And I feel that you all are rushing this  
9 whole process to an extent that compromises the quality  
10 of the decision that you're going to end up with and in  
11 the context of what's going on right now, you've said  
12 today that the phone call on September 12th is going to  
13 be when you announce these meetings. So that's less than  
14 two weeks if you start early in October or maybe two and  
15 a half to three weeks. That's not a lot of time for those  
16 of us that have to travel to make our arrangements and  
17 it's also not a lot of time for the host communities to  
18 communicate to citizens in their area that these meeting  
19 are going to be happening. And for those of us who are  
20 going to have to travel to arrange any travel plans for  
21 groups that might be interested in attending, I find it  
22 kind of -- the skeptical part of me thinks that that's  
23 not an accident and that you are purposely making this  
24 comment period announcement of the meetings very short  
25 to when the meetings actually are going to be held.

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1 MS. LOPAS: Don, I'm going to gently  
2 interrupt you because we are going to announce the  
3 meetings well in advance of September 12th. I'm going  
4 to go over to Andy to talk about what we're going to talk  
5 about during that call.

6 MR. IMBODEN: Hi, this is Andy Imboden. I  
7 understand your concern. In my presentation, I maybe  
8 should have emphasized this more, but when the specific  
9 meetings, dates, times, and locations have been chosen,  
10 we'll provide separate notice in the Federal Register  
11 right then and there. And we'll update our website and  
12 we'll have an email from WCO Outreach, if you're registered  
13 for that, those are all very good places to hear about  
14 the meeting locations as soon as the details are known.  
15 That will be well in advance of the meetings, at least  
16 30 days in advance of the meetings.

17 My point about September 12 is I'll also be  
18 repeating that information at the next monthly status  
19 teleconference, but that won't be when the news will  
20 break. We'll let you know as soon as possible. Thank  
21 you.

22 MS. LOPAS: Thank you for that  
23 clarification, Andy.

24 And thank you for that question, Don. That  
25 was a good clarification.

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1 Can we go to Tony Roisman, please, next.  
2 Tony?

3 MR. ROISMAN: Hi, thank you. I am retained  
4 counsel for the Department of Public Service for the  
5 State of Vermont. I had a couple of questions about the  
6 meetings. If you would bear with me, I'll just ask them  
7 quickly and you can answer them.

8 I want to know whether you'll consider the  
9 time frame for the meetings to start at 8 a.m. and run  
10 until 9 p.m. so that people who work will be able to come  
11 to the meetings after say 5 o'clock or 6 o'clock.

12 Secondly, will you consider extending the  
13 meeting when you get a substantial number of people who  
14 want to participate more than you could fit into  
15 whatever time you're allotting and extending the meeting  
16 for a second day?

17 Third, will NRC be responding to comments  
18 that are made during these meetings or will all the  
19 speaking time except for a brief introduction at the  
20 beginning be for the participants and NRC will not be  
21 providing responses?

22 And lastly, will there be a facility  
23 available so that speakers who want to use slides or  
24 PowerPoint or that kind of thing will be able to do that  
25 during the meeting?

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1 MS. LOPAS: Tony, that was a long list of  
2 suggestions. We're still planning these meetings and I  
3 think everybody was furiously writing these suggestions  
4 and we'll take them into consideration. At next month's  
5 call, Andy will be able to tell you more specifically  
6 about how the meetings are going to be. Thank you.

7 Can we go to Janice Dean, please.

8 MS. DEAN: Yes, thank you. Just a quick  
9 question. Do I understand correctly that the revised  
10 documents that incorporate the Commission's questions  
11 will go back to the Commission for another vote before  
12 they're publicly released?

13 MS. SAFFORD: Hi, Janice, it's Carrie  
14 Safford. The Staff Requirements Memo indicated that it  
15 would go back to the Commission for a three-day review.

16 MS. DEAN: Okay, thank you.

17 MS. LOPAS: Julie, can we go to Steven  
18 Sondheim, please?

19 MR. SONDEHEIM: Hi, this is Steven Sondheim  
20 from the Nuclear Free Sierra Club Campaign. Can you hear  
21 me?

22 MS. LOPAS: We can.

23 MR. SONDEHEIM: Three quick things. I want  
24 to emphasize the Chicago meeting. I was also in Chicago  
25 and there is something like 30 to 40 nuclear facilities

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1 in and around the Great Lakes centered in Illinois and  
2 the other Great Lakes. And it's also an area where if  
3 there's going to be consolidated interim storage, there  
4 will be barges across the lake and trains in and out and  
5 it's just such a crucial area. And I want you all to  
6 reconsider Chicago, if possible. That's one thing.

7 The other thing is I agree with the person  
8 from California, particularly California, who mentioned  
9 that since your hearings are in important areas around  
10 San Onofre and around Diablo, but in small towns, that  
11 would be a wonderful place to allow for phone calls or  
12 internet activity and I don't understand why you can't  
13 do that. California is a huge state.

14 And then the last thing I want to say is I  
15 guess everybody is wondering with the court decision on  
16 Yucca how in the world is that going to affect this? If  
17 that's still in flux, that's got to be considered. I  
18 mean it's a place to put it if it happens. If not, it  
19 doesn't. Okay. Thank you.

20 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, you Steven, we will  
21 take all those suggestions down.

22 Can we next go to Nikohl Vandel?

23 MR. VANDEL: Hi, can you hear me?

24 MS. LOPAS: We can.

25 MR. VANDEL: Good. I didn't know if this

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1 would work. I was actually also going to ask about  
2 Yucca. I'm in Palm Springs and just real curious how  
3 that was going to play a role, but my initial question  
4 was consider them all. Somebody said that we are going  
5 to consider all of the comments and I was just curious  
6 as to what -- I'm a newbie, so excuse my ignorance. What  
7 level of filtering is staff doing and how much is the  
8 Commission actually receiving or is everything being  
9 filtered through staff?

10 MS. LOPAS: Okay, so you're wondering the  
11 process of getting these comments on the GEIS and rule  
12 then, who looks at them and how do they get through  
13 processes then?

14 MR. VANDEL: Right. Mostly on written  
15 comments.

16 MS. LOPAS: Sure, okay. Andy, do you want  
17 to?

18 MR. IMBODEN: Yes, this is Andy Imboden.  
19 All comments that we receive either in writing like you  
20 mentioned or if the -- if you speak at a public meeting,  
21 the transcript from that meeting, all of those comments  
22 are then considered as a group. We summarize the  
23 comments that we have on various issues and the NRC will  
24 respond to all those comments in writing and when the  
25 Commission reviews and approves the final Environmental

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1 Impact Statement or the final rule, the Commission  
2 reviews the comments that were received and the staff's  
3 response to those comments.

4 Public comments are very important to the  
5 process.

6 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Andy. Thank you,  
7 Nikohl.

8 Next can we go to Laura Sorensen, please?

9 Hi, Laura.

10 MS. SORENSEN: Hi, this is Laura. I wanted  
11 to get a more solid response about the meeting time. If  
12 somebody is coming from Tennessee to Charlotte,  
13 traditionally the NRC gives you three minutes to talk.  
14 Are you going to expand that timing? In other words, you  
15 usually start cutting off people's talks and make it  
16 shorter than three minutes to accommodate a whole crowd.  
17 I need to know today are you willing to not do that and  
18 expand it into the evening or like another gentleman said  
19 are you willing to do another day? How are you going to  
20 accommodate us?

21 MR. IMBODEN: Hi, Laura. This is Andy  
22 Imboden again. We're considering how exactly the time  
23 limits will be, how long they will be, if they are. One  
24 thing that's very important to us will be  
25 pre-registration because we want to see how many people

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1 are signing up to speak and will that mean that there has  
2 to be a limit or not. So we've not set up our mind yet  
3 if there's a limit, if it's three minutes or anything else  
4 like that. That will depend on how many people want to  
5 make a comment because it's very important to us that we  
6 get everyone's comments in on the record that we can.

7 MS. SORENSEN: And is pre-registration,  
8 when do you start pre-registering? When you make the  
9 announcement for the meeting?

10 MR. IMBODEN: That's right. Once we have  
11 the meeting time, date, and locations nailed down, we'll  
12 let you know how you could register to make sure that you  
13 get a chance to make your comment on the record.

14 MS. SORENSEN: Thank you.

15 MS. LOPAS: Laura, this is Carrie Safford.  
16 I just wanted to add one quick follow-up to what Andy  
17 said. I think it's also important for everyone to keep  
18 in mind that while there might need to be based on  
19 logistics, number of participants, some sort of time  
20 limit on the amount of time that people can come and speak  
21 at the microphone, it doesn't preclude anyone from also  
22 submitting more extensive or their full comments in  
23 writing through regulations.gov or through any of the  
24 other avenues. You do have other opportunities to get  
25 more expanded comments in if you don't have enough time

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1 to speak them during the public meeting.

2 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Carrie.

3 Just a reminder to press \*1 if you want to  
4 ask a question. We don't have anybody in line right now  
5 to ask a question, so we are going to just hang out just  
6 for a few more minutes, but please pop on the line, please  
7 press \*1 if you want to get a question in. If we sit for  
8 a while and nobody goes in queue, then we'll call the call  
9 early. But looks like we do have one person on the line  
10 and it's Tom Rielly. Can we go to Tom, please?

11 MR. RIELLY: Yes, this is Tom Rielly. I'm  
12 in Chicago. I'm with Vista 360. And my question is, is  
13 there a universal register of attendees or a contact base  
14 of parties that have participated in the Waste Confidence  
15 process since there's been teleconferencing and where  
16 would we access such a list?

17 MS. LOPAS: So you're wondering is there a  
18 universal list of attendees.

19 MR. RIELLY: Or interested parties.

20 MR. IMBODEN: Hi, this is Andy Imboden. We  
21 don't maintain a list of any -- a comprehensive list of  
22 attendees. You know, the transcripts from our  
23 teleconferences have people, but -- and in the back of  
24 the Summary Scoping Report that we had has a list of  
25 people who participated in the scoping period.

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1 MR. RIELLY: How about WC Watch then in that  
2 case?

3 MS. LOPAS: What was that?

4 MR. RIELLY: People that are on  
5 distribution for the WC Watch, I guess.

6 MS. LOPAS: You mean WCO outreach. That's  
7 an email list that we maintain but we are not able to share  
8 that email distribution list.

9 MR. RIELLY: What I'm wondering about is I  
10 hear a lot of -- I've been on numerous calls, our members  
11 have, and what we're wondering is how might we talk to  
12 our peers? In other words, we're a public interest group  
13 here in Chicago. We're leadership based. And what we  
14 would like to know is how might we communicate with peers  
15 that have an interest such as us throughout the country?

16 So I guess what I would say is what would  
17 you suggest if I said next Thursday at 1 o'clock I would  
18 like everybody on this call to contact me, contact our  
19 organization and I'd like to do the same thing on every  
20 previous call. How would you suggest we could go about  
21 that?

22 MS. LOPAS: Okay, Tom, you know what? I'm  
23 going to ask you to call me because we've got a whole line  
24 of people in line that want to ask questions and maybe  
25 that's something that you and I can talk individually

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1 offline, but I don't think the NRC traditionally does not  
2 offer any personally identifiable information out to  
3 folks. But you just call me. I know you have my number.  
4 This is Sarah Lopas, so if you want to take it offline,  
5 that would be helpful.

6 MR. RIELLY: Surely, happy to.

7 MS. LOPAS: Thank you. Let's hear from  
8 Phil Klevorick, please, Julie.

9 Hi, Phil, are you there?

10 MR. KLEVORICK: Can you hear me?

11 MS. LOPAS: Yes, we can.

12 MR. KLEVORICK: Thank you. Phil Klevorick  
13 from Clark County Nuclear Waste Division, Las Vegas.

14 In light of the Yucca Mountain order that  
15 was published yesterday and I'm sure everybody on line  
16 is well aware of it, will the NRC entertain some kind of  
17 a regional meeting and maybe as part of this Waste  
18 Confidence ruling that will basically potentially  
19 entertain the local interest regarding the Waste  
20 Confidence and the citing of Yucca Mountain through the  
21 D.C. Court of Appeals decision?

22 I want to reiterate what my colleague from  
23 the Tennessee Valley Authority said and I think he did  
24 it very eloquently. The reality is that the sooner that  
25 we all know where and when the meetings will be held, the

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1 better it is going to be for us who have limited resources  
2 to try to get the better deals and I'm going to use that,  
3 we all know what transportation costs in trying to  
4 schedule, if we're not going to have something local that  
5 we need to try to figure out something how we're going  
6 to do this from a cost benefit analysis.

7 And in light of that, I'd like to know why  
8 the NRC is not able to broadcast these other meetings that  
9 are going to be held in the regions because it would seem  
10 that if the NRC is worried about the costs hosting a  
11 meeting that it would certainly be beneficial for others  
12 who are not able to show up for meetings in the region,  
13 as an example, that we would try to make it all available.  
14 So I would like to have some kind of an explanation as  
15 to why the NRC is not able to provide logistic support  
16 for teleconferences. I apologize. That was a  
17 long-winded comment.

18 MS. LOPAS: We're going to Keith McConnell.

19 MR. KLEVORICK: Thank you.

20 MR. McCONNELL: Hi, my name is Keith  
21 McConnell. I just wanted to touch on a couple of your  
22 questions. One is to clarify that the Waste Confidence  
23 Generic Environmental Impact Statement and proposed rule  
24 don't relate to a geologic repository. It relates to the  
25 storage of spent fuel from the end of operating life of

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1 a reactor to when it is disposed of in a geologic  
2 repository. So it's unlikely that we would visit Las  
3 Vegas or the State of Nevada because of that particular  
4 circumstance.

5 Second was the phone line issue on the  
6 regional meetings. What we found in our experience is  
7 that the logistics of having either internet access or  
8 conference call at these regional meetings is very  
9 difficult and it is many times frustrating both to us and  
10 to the people who want to participate via the phone lines  
11 and that's why we've tried to schedule the two meetings  
12 here at Headquarters where we have a very stable  
13 information technology system such that we're able to  
14 ensure that the public that wants to call in can call in.  
15 So that's the reason why we're not going to pursue a  
16 conference line at the regional meeting.

17 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Keith. Thank you,  
18 Phil.

19 Next can we hear from Donna Gilmore, please?

20 MS. GILMORE: This is Donna. Can you hear  
21 me okay?

22 MS. LOPAS: We can.

23 MS. GILMORE: Okay, great. There was a  
24 conference in March of storage transportation of high  
25 burnup fuel conference and NRC's Dr. Robert Einziger made

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1 a statement in there and it was part of his slides that  
2 there's insufficient data to support a licensing  
3 position on dry casks for high burnup. So is there  
4 anything internally going on the NRC to reevaluate if  
5 they even want to move forward with this whole process  
6 given that they don't even have a way to short term  
7 storage high burnup let alone transport it?

8 MR. BROWN: Hi, this is Dave Brown. We do,  
9 in fact, continue research on high burnup fuel. We also  
10 address high burnup fuel in the draft Generic  
11 Environmental Impact Statement and we certainly would  
12 appreciate your comments on how well that's addressed.

13 MS. GILMORE: Well, saying that there's  
14 going to be a demonstration project sounds like we're  
15 still in the R&D stage, so it would seem premature to go  
16 forward with any decision making on temporary storage for  
17 high burnup for 40 years or whatever. So I don't  
18 understand the logic there. Could you explain that to  
19 me?

20 MR. BROWN: Thank you for your comment.  
21 That's exactly the kind of comment we hope to hear during  
22 the public comment period on our Environmental Impact  
23 Statement.

24 MS. LOPAS: Excellent. Thank you,  
25 everybody. Thank you, Donna. And thank you, Dave.

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1                   Next can we hear from Steve Frishman,  
2 please?

3                   MR. FRISHMAN: Yes, this is Steve Frishman  
4 in Las Vegas. One of the Commissioners on his vote  
5 record suggested you consider meeting in Chicago or St.  
6 Louis. Are you going to explain to him your rationale  
7 for rejecting that suggestion and if so, what are you  
8 going to tell him?

9                   MS. LOPAS: Okay, Keith?

10                  MR. McCONNELL: Hey, Steve. This is Keith  
11 McConnell. We knew each other back in earlier days in  
12 our career.

13                  MR. FRISHMAN: I've been watching your  
14 career.

15                  (Laughter.)

16                  MR. McCONNELL: We're still getting input  
17 from you all and others, obviously, the Commission. We  
18 did make one change in what we had previously proposed  
19 which is to visit Orlando and we are taking the comments  
20 we get here today into consideration. And when we have  
21 the status call on September 12th, we'll have a final kind  
22 of decision on terms of where we're going to be. So thank  
23 you for your comment.

24                  MR. FRISHMAN: But that will be inside your  
25 --

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1 MS. LOPAS: Well, Steve got cut off. You  
2 can hop back on Steve if you want to finish that comment.  
3 In the meantime, can we go to -- we've got a long list  
4 of people, can we go to Kevin Kamps again, please?

5 MR. KAMPS: Hello. My question is I'm not  
6 understanding completely the relationship between the  
7 draft pool fire risk study which the NRC called for  
8 comments on by August 1 and I read the comment submitted  
9 by Dr. Gordon Thompson. In fact, Beyond Nuclear is one  
10 of the dozens of environmental groups who is a part of  
11 that coalition and Dr. Gordon Thompson is our expert  
12 witness in that regard. And he and our attorney, Diane  
13 Curran, called for NRC to withdraw that study because of  
14 its poor quality. So I'm wondering what is the  
15 relationship between that study and this nuclear Waste  
16 Confidence Environmental Impact Statement proceeding  
17 and if NRC has made the decision to withdraw that study  
18 yet or not?

19 MS. LOPAS: Okay, Kevin, thank you for that  
20 question. Dave Brown is going to try to address that.

21 MR. BROWN: Kevin, thank you for the  
22 question. Let me first emphasize that the Spent Fuel  
23 Study and the draft Generic Environmental Impact  
24 Statement are separate efforts. The draft Generic  
25 Environmental Impact Statement made use of information

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1 that was available at the time we began to write the EIS.  
2 The Spent Fuel Pool Study is an example of NRC's  
3 continuing research and continuing studies, so we  
4 certainly would appreciate your comments on how you think  
5 the Spent Fuel Pool Study which came out very recently  
6 should be considered in our EIS.

7 We are here not prepared to talk about what  
8 decisions have been made on comments on the Spent Fuel  
9 Pool Study in a different office.

10 MS. LOPAS: Okay. Thank you, Dave. And I  
11 think we're going to go back to Keith McConnell for some  
12 clarification about our meetings.

13 MR. McCONNELL: Yes. This is Keith  
14 McConnell. I wanted to clarify. I think Steve made a  
15 good point. I said that we would let people know on  
16 September 12th what the final decision is, but we'll  
17 actually do it when we issue the Federal Register notice  
18 30 days in advance of the public meeting so that people  
19 do have enough time to prepare. So thank you.

20 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Keith. Okay,  
21 everybody it's 2:22, so we have about 8 minutes more or  
22 less left in the call. We have about eight people on the  
23 line, so let's try to get through as many folks as we can.  
24 So next we're going to go to Beverly Kerr again.  
25 Beverly?

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1 MS. KERR: Yes, this is Beverly Kerr with  
2 Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League. And I'd like  
3 to speak again and ask about the time limits that will  
4 probably be imposed. I want to know if the staff and the  
5 Commission will also be held to time limits so that a lot  
6 of the time isn't taken up in going over things we've  
7 already said.

8 And I'd also like to say you mentioned that  
9 it would be frustrating and an unstable process to use  
10 the phones, but it's much more frustrating to those of  
11 us who won't be able to speak at all and I think you should  
12 reconsider that and I'm concerned that since so many of  
13 the questions here are not really answered or at least  
14 given a "we'll consider it" but not an answer. That is  
15 frustrating.

16 MR. IMBODEN: This is Andy Imboden. The  
17 time limits will be what we'll have as practical to make  
18 sure everyone has a fair amount of time to speak. The  
19 NRC staff presentation -- the point of the meeting is so  
20 we can get your comments on the record. So the NRC staff  
21 presentation will be quite brief, very small part of the  
22 overall meeting. So we hear that. Thank you.

23 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Beverly. Next  
24 we're going to go again to Laura. Thank you.

25 Hi, Laura.

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1 MS. SORENSEN: Hi, this is Laura. I just  
2 wanted to respond. I was also talking about the time  
3 that we have to speak at the hearings. When you all  
4 respond to us and say well, you know, you can send in your  
5 written comments. I'm wondering if you understand why  
6 the public feels the need to speak. It's more for us --  
7 of course, we want it documented, but when you're a  
8 concerned citizen and you're very frustrated about this  
9 situation, it's therapeutic to speak about it. It's a  
10 place where you feel heard, not just from the NRC, but  
11 from your fellow comrades. So when you say you can just  
12 mail it in, I hope you understand and I think you  
13 understand why we feel the need to actually have a one  
14 on one and explain how we feel about this and also the  
15 technical responses.

16 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Laura. We do  
17 understand. We hear you guys. We know you guys want to  
18 get out there and be heard, amongst your peers. That's  
19 why we're going to do our best to take into consideration  
20 all these comments we're hearing today. So we  
21 appreciate that.

22 We have about five minutes left and about  
23 five people online so very quickly let's go to Ace  
24 Hoffman.

25 Ace?

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1 MR. HOFFMAN: Hi, this is Ace again. Thank  
2 you for taking my call again. Speaking of time limits,  
3 yesterday, or earlier this week I was listening at  
4 Senator Padilla's conference with -- it had Michael  
5 Weber, the Deputy Executive Director for Operations for  
6 Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal, and  
7 Compliance Programs for the Nuclear Regulatory  
8 Commission. He wasted an awful lot of time telling us  
9 over and over again that dry cask storage is safe and  
10 secure. I wonder if that phrase could get a scientific  
11 definition or be banned from use in the interest of saving  
12 time, of course. Thank you.

13 MS. LOPAS: Okay, we will take that into  
14 consideration. Thanks, Ace.

15 Next can we go to Nikohl Vandel, please?

16 MR. VANDEL: Hi. I just wanted to follow  
17 up with Keith on Yucca. He said that it's not a part of  
18 it. I was curious if this is also going to encompass any  
19 transport from site to geological storage.

20 MR. BROWN: This is Dave Brown. We, in our  
21 draft Environmental Impact Statement, we did address in  
22 the cumulative effects section of the EIS,  
23 transportation of spent fuel. We look forward to your  
24 comments on how well we address that. That's in Chapter  
25 6 of the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

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1 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Nikohl. Next can we  
2 go to Erica Gray, please?

3 MS. GRAY: Can you hear me?

4 MS. LOPAS: Yes, we can. Hi, Erica.

5 MS. GRAY: Hi. I'm calling from Richmond,  
6 Virginia. I'm a little disturbed that these national  
7 meetings are only going to be held in a handful of states  
8 across our nation. I mean I'm in Virginia. If I was to  
9 go to D.C. on a Friday, I'm looking at a four-hour travel  
10 time. No one in my area is going to be able to really  
11 make it up there.

12 Personally, I feel like the communities  
13 that have nuclear power plants or those types of  
14 facilities should be somewhat in their distance of the  
15 meetings. I mean I could see an hour travel, but eight  
16 hour travel in a day to go and talk for three minutes?  
17 I mean I just think that's ridiculous. I think the  
18 public deserves more than that.

19 I don't know how you all are coming up with  
20 the basis of deciding to have just a handful of areas.  
21 Are they chosen because you said something earlier about  
22 the interest that's been shown? If that's the case, it's  
23 probably because most people don't even know about it.  
24 I mean everybody I talk to, they're like what are you  
25 talking about, Erica? I mean maybe there needs to be --

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1 Ace or someone mentioned earlier is some kind of  
2 broadcasting. I haven't seen anything in the paper. I  
3 haven't heard anything on the news.

4 We're talking about public involvement here  
5 on something very, very important and I think you all need  
6 to do a better job at that.

7 MS. LOPAS: Okay.

8 MS. GRAY: And I'd like to see something in  
9 my Virginia area. The state capital is within the  
10 50-mile radius of both three nuclear power plants and  
11 North Anna. We never get anything here in the Richmond  
12 area and I just think it's very unfair. So please  
13 consider having something in our area and for that matter  
14 for all the different areas that have nuclear power  
15 plants. Thank you.

16 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Erica. Next -- it's  
17 about 2:28. I think we're going to take two more  
18 questions. So can we go to Don Safer

19 MR. SAFER: Hi, Don Safer in Nashville,  
20 Tennessee again. I just wanted to make sure that in  
21 addition to the pre-registration that walk-ins, walk-ups  
22 will be accommodated. I recognize that it's great for  
23 scheduling to have as much as pre-registration as  
24 possible, but I would hate to see people that do not know  
25 they need to pre-register be closed out from the

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1 opportunity to speak.

2 MS. LOPAS: Thank you, Don. Yes, we  
3 certainly do take people that walk in and want to speak.  
4 We put them on the list. Thank you for that.

5 Let's go and have one last question and then  
6 we're going to close it out. Can we go to Tony Roisman,  
7 please? I would just like to ask that for the folks that  
8 are still on the line, please give me a call. My number  
9 is 301/287-0675 since we are not getting to your  
10 questions.

11 Okay. Tony.

12 MR. ROISMAN: Hi, I was just wondering  
13 whether or not NRC realizes that this list of  
14 participants that you have indicated you're not going to  
15 give to anyone is subject to FOIA and anyone can FOIA it  
16 and require you to turn it over. Why don't you just do  
17 it voluntarily?

18 MS. LOPAS: So Tony, this is Sarah Lopas,  
19 the facilitator and the NEPA Communications Project  
20 Manager. I will say that all of the participants in all  
21 of our public meetings they are publicly available in  
22 ADAMs. They are attached to our meeting summaries that  
23 we do for every single teleconference and every single  
24 meeting. So no need to FOIA. They're out there  
25 already.

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1 MR. ROISMAN: I meant their addresses.  
2 Their email addresses that you use to facilitate  
3 communication among the participants.

4 MR. McCONNELL: This is Keith McConnell.  
5 Our concerns are various, but one of the principal  
6 concerns is that a lot of the information like home  
7 addresses and telephone numbers and internet addresses  
8 is what's called personally identifiable information  
9 that we are not in a position to release and so that, among  
10 other reasons, is why we don't keep a list.

11 MS. LOPAS: And we don't take that  
12 information when the folks are indeed registering for  
13 meetings. That's not the kind of information we're  
14 interested in. But thank you for that comment and I  
15 think with that we are going to close out the question  
16 period and I'm going to send it back to Carrie Safford  
17 to close out the call.

18 MS. SAFFORD: Thanks, Sarah. Thank you to  
19 everyone for your participation today. I just want to  
20 wrap up real quick what we heard earlier from Andy  
21 Imboden. The draft documents for public comment are  
22 going to be issued in September, so please keep your eyes  
23 peeled for those. The information is going to be issued  
24 in a variety of ways. There will be a Federal Register  
25 notice and an email announcement through

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1 WCO outreach@nrc.gov and there will also be an  
2 announcement on the Waste Confidence section of the NRC  
3 website.

4 Again, as Andy mentioned, our next public  
5 status call will be held on September 12th and just so  
6 you know it's a Thursday, not a Wednesday, but it will  
7 be at the same time, 1:30 to 2:30. Information about how  
8 to participate in that meeting will be available on the  
9 Waste Confidence section of the NRC's website soon and  
10 it will also be circulated via WCO outreach@nrc.gov.

11 And then finally, as we discussed earlier,  
12 the public meeting schedule will be announced in the  
13 coming weeks and it will provide the detailed information  
14 on exact dates, exact times, and the exact locations for  
15 each meeting.

16 So again, thank you all for participating.  
17 We hope you find these status updates useful. We  
18 certainly find it useful to hear from you and we look  
19 forward to your continued future participation in this  
20 proceeding. Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, at 2:33 p.m., the monthly  
22 status update teleconference was concluded.)  
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