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

On Wednesday, August 14, 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 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 with an introduction to the meeting and a message of appreciation to callers for their involvement and input. The NRC presentation continued with an overview of what occurred since June's monthly status teleconference: Commission review draft documents were made publicly available on June 24, 2013, and on August 5, 2013, the Commission completed their review, and pending certain modifications to the documents, unanimously approved the Waste Confidence proposed rule and draft GEIS for publication and public comment. NRC staff discussed the upcoming availability of the draft GEIS and proposed rule, and availability of versions of the documents that will identify the changes the NRC staff made in response to the Commission's directions.

The presentation continued with a discussion of the upcoming 75-day public comment period, the addition of Orlando, Florida, to the list of regional public meetings that the NRC will hold this fall to receive public comments, and how the NRC plans to announce the public meeting details when they are finalized. The NRC presentation closed with an announcement for the September monthly status teleconference, which will occur on Thursday, September 12, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT.

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There were 92 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.

Questions and issues discussed during the teleconference primarily concerned the upcoming public meetings, including: the schedule and locations of the regional meetings; requests for a meeting in Chicago, Illinois; the ability to access the regional meetings remotely by phone and webcast; the duration, format, and agenda of the meetings; time limits on individual public comments and whether members of the public can use presentation materials; when the NRC will be announcing additional meeting details; and how to register for the public meetings. Other questions included whether the NRC made Waste Confidence participants' contact information publicly available and how interested citizens could network with each other; the relation of the Spent Fuel Pool Study to Waste Confidence; whether the recent D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals decision on the Yucca Mountain application impacts the Waste Confidence rulemaking; and concerns about storing high-burn-up fuel.

The transcript for this meeting is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13231A172. 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 pub.resource@nrc.gov. A direct link to the transcript is also available on the Waste Confidence Directorate's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

The next public teleconference to discuss the status of the Waste Confidence draft GEIS and proposed rule is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2013, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EDT. To participate, call 1-800-857-2553 and provide the operator with passcode 3682386. Meeting details will be available at least 10 days in advance on the NRC Public Meeting website at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm> and on the Waste Confidence Directorate's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

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NRC Teleconference Attendees
Status of Waste Confidence Draft GEIS and Proposed Rule
August 14, 2013 1:30 – 2:30 PM EDT

	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Julius	Aubrey	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
2	Dean	Baker	TN Valley Authority
3	Jerry	Bonanno	Nuclear Energy Institute
4	Matt	Brock	MA Attorney General's Office
5	Jeffrey	Brown	Private Citizen
6	Andrew	Burgess	Ameren Missouri
7	Mike	Carberry	Sierra Club
8	Tom	Clements	Friends of the Earth
9	Janice	Dean	State of NY
10	Darius	Dixon	Politico
11	Bettina	Fest	Union of Concerned Scientists
12	Geoff	Fettus	Natural Resources Defense Council
13	Steve	Frishman	NV Nuclear Waste Task Force
14	Lloyd	Generette	Environmental Protection Agency
15	Daniel	Gibbons	Pacific Gas & Electric
16	Donna	Gilmore	San Onofre Safety
17	Paula	Gotsch	GRAMMES
18	Erica	Gray	Private Citizen
19	Douglas	Guarino	National Journal Group
20	Steven	Hamrick	NextEra
21	Thomas	Harlan	City of Red Wing MN
22	Gary	Headrick	San Clemente Green
23	Matthew	Higdon	TN Valley Authority
24	Elaine	Hiruo	Platts
25	Ace	Hoffman	Nuke Free North County
26	Rose M	Horton	TN Valley Authority
27	Tom	Iaccarino	Spectrum Environmental
28	Rich	Janati	Pennsylvania DEP
29	Janet	Jodlowski	Private Citizen
30	Miriam	Juckett	SW Research Institute
31	Kevin	Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
32	Beverly	Kerr	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
33	Phil	Klevorick	Clark County Nuclear Waste Division
34	Kathy	Lewis	Florida Public Service Commission
35	Marvin	Lewis	Private Citizen
36	Ray	Lutz	Citizens Oversight
37	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
38	Katrina	McMurrian	The Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition
39	Divya	Moolchandani	Court Reporter

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40	Richard	Orthen	FL Power and Light Company
41	Matt	Pacenza	Heal Utah
42	Brian	Paddock	Sierra Club
43	James	Ramsay	National Assoc. of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
44	Darani	Reddick	Winston and Strawn LLC
45	Tom	Rielly	Vista 360
46	David	Robillard	PSEG
47	Rhonda	Roff	Private Citizen
48	Tony	Roisman	VT Department of Public Service
49	Millie	Ronnlund	Balch & Bingham
50	Jonathan	Rund	Morgan Lewis
51	Don	Safer	TN Environmental Council
52	Dan	Schuliheisz	Environmental Protection Agency
53	Beverly	Silverberg	Vantage
54	John	Sipos	NY State
55	Carlos	Sisco	Winston & Strawn LLC
56	Andrew	Smith	Private Citizen
57	David	Snellings	AR Department of Health
58	Steven	Sondheim	Sierra Club
59	Laura	Sorensen	Safe Carolinas
60	Gene	Stone	Residents Organized for a Safe Environment
61	Martha	Sullivan	Coalition to Decommission San Onofre
62	Jane	Swanson	San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace
63	Ken	Taplett	STP Nuclear Operating Company
64	Wally	Taylor	IA Sierra Club
65	Tom	Tramm	Centrec
66	Nikohl	Vandel	Private Citizen
67	Joan	Walter	California Energy Commission
68	Heather	Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
69	Duke	Wheeler	Private Citizen
70	Dale	Wuokko	Toshiba America Nuclear Energy
71	Ken	Yale	Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality
72	Ron	Zak	NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
73	Tamara	Bloomer	NRC/COMM
74	David	Brown	NRC/WCD
75	Tison	Campbell	NRC/OGC
76	Sheldon	Clark	NRC/OGC
77	Merri	Horn	NRC/WCD
78	Andy	Imboden	NRC/WCD
79	Harral	Logaras	NRC/RIII
80	Lisa	London	NRC/OGC
81	Sarah	Lopas	NRC/WCD

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82	Timothy	McCartin	NRC/WCD
83	Keith	McConnell	NRC/WCD
84	Alicia	Mullins	NRC/WCD
85	Kevin	O'Sullivan	NRC/FSME
86	Christine	Pineda	NRC/WCD
87	Sarah	Price	NRC/OGC
88	TR	Rowe	NRC/WCD
89	Carrie	Safford	NRC/WCD
90	Andrew	Stuyvenberg	NRC/WCD
91	Jean	Trefethen	NRC/FSME
92	Susan	Wittick	NRC/WCD