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

On Thursday, September 12, 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, noting that Waste Confidence status teleconferences would not be held during the months of October and November, and then continued with a status of the Waste Confidence proceeding. Staff reported that the Waste Confidence draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS) was made publicly available on September 6, 2013, and that on September 13, 2013, the proposed rule would be publicly available and the 75-day public comment period would begin. Staff reported that the comment period ends on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. The presentation continued with a discussion of the upcoming public meetings that the NRC is holding this fall to receive comments on the proposed rule and DGEIS. Staff announced the addition of Chicago to the meeting locations, with a meeting planned for Thursday, October 24, 2013, at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook, in Oak Brook, IL.

There were 78 participants in the teleconference, including members of the public, state governments, industry, public advocacy and environmental interest groups, and the NRC and its contractors. A list of meeting attendees is attached.

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Questions and issues discussed during the teleconference primarily concerned the upcoming public meetings, including: the format of the open house portion of the meetings; whether discussions with NRC staff during the open houses would be transcribed or otherwise made public; access to the Chelmsford meeting from Cape Cod, MA; details of the Oakbrook, IL, meeting and whether a *Federal Register* notice would be published announcing that meeting; whether all the regional meetings would be webcast; how the NRC determined meeting room capacity; how the NRC advertises public meetings and a suggestion to place ads in local papers and notify the local government; whether meeting pre-registration lists would be publicly available; and the importance of members of the public hearing one another so as to share their questions and comments. Other questions and concerns included whether the NRC would consider smaller, informal meetings with interested stakeholders after the close of the comment period; the definition of Waste Confidence; changing the title of the Waste Confidence rule; how the staff implemented the changes specified in the August 5, 2013, Staff Requirements Memorandum (SECY-13-0061; ML13217A358); and the safety of spent nuclear fuel stored in dry casks.

The transcript for this meeting is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13261A124. 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. A direct link to the transcript is also available on the Waste Confidence Directorate's website at <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1326/ML13261A124.pdf>.

There are no Waste Confidence status update teleconferences scheduled for the upcoming months. To stay informed of the Waste Confidence Directorate's activities, please consider signing up for e-mail updates from WCO Outreach@nrc.gov. To subscribe, send an e-mail with the word "Subscribe" in the subject line to WCO Outreach@nrc.gov.

The NRC staff will also periodically post updates to the Waste Confidence website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd.html>. You can sign up for automatic e-mail alerts whenever the Waste Confidence website is updated using GovDelivery: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNRC/subscriber/new>. Under Subscriber Preferences you can choose the Waste Confidence Decision (WCD) pages for which you would like to receive updates.

You can also monitor the Waste Confidence rulemaking docket on the Federal rulemaking website, www.Regulations.gov, by searching on Docket ID NRC-2012-0246. In addition, the Federal rulemaking website allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: 1) navigate to docket folder NRC-2012-0246; 2) click the "E-mail Alert" link; and 3) enter your e-mail address and select how frequently you would like to receive e-mails (daily, weekly, or monthly).

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NRC Teleconference Attendees
Status of Waste Confidence Draft GEIS and Proposed Rule
September 12, 2013 1:30 – 2:30 PM EDT

	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Andrew	Burgess	Ameren Missouri
2	Walter	Clements	Florida Public Service Commission
3	Jim	Colleli	Ohio Department of Health
4	Kristopher	Cummins	Nuclear Energy Institute
5	Janice	Dean	State of New York
6	Patrick	Dostie	State of Maine
7	Sherrie	Flaherty	Minnesota Dept. of Health
8	Steve	Frischman	Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force
9	Donna	Gilmore	San Onofre Safety.org
10	Ellen	Ginsberg	Nuclear Energy Institute
11	Erica	Gray	Private Citizen
12	Carlyn	Greene	UX Consulting
13	Doug	Guarino	National Journal Group
14	Mandy	Hancock	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
15	Moe	Headington	Stand Up Save Lives Campaign
16	Thomas	Higinbotham	Michigan State Police Emergency Mgt & Homeland Security
17	Elaine	Hiruo	Platts
18	Ace	Hoffman	Nuke Free North County
19	Ruth	Horton	Tennessee Valley Authority
20	Eric	Howes	Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
21	Tom	Iaccarino	Spectrum Environmental Services
22	Tony	Jackson	Duke Energy
23	Chad	Jackson	Neal Gross Company
24	Lisa	Janairo	Council of State Government
25	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
26	Kevin	Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
27	Michael	Keegan	Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes
28	Mary	Lampert	Pilgrim Watch
29	Kyle	Landis-Marinello	Vermont Attorney General
30	Kathy	Lewis	Florida Public Service Commission
31	Marvin	Lewis	Private Citizen
32	Linda	Lewison	Illinois Nuclear Information Service
33	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
34	Chuck	McCune	Prizm.org
35	Prasaad	Nair	Department of Energy
36	Connie	Nakahara	State of Utah
37	Steve	Nesbit	Duke Energy
38	Virginia	Noriega	Congresswoman Nita Lowey's Office

39	Kerry	O'Brien	Congressman Bill Keating's Office
40	Mary	Olson	Nuclear Information Resource Service
41	Jim	Peschel	Centrec
42	Bette	Pierman	Michigan Safe Energy Future
43	David	Repka	Winston & Strawn
44	Tom	Rielly	VISTA 360
45	Anthony	Roisman	Retained Council State of VT
46	Linda	Seeley	San Luis Obispo Mothers For Peace
47	Cecil	Settles	Illinois Emergency Management Agency
48	Susan	Shapiro	Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition
49	Geri	Shapiro	Senator Gillibrand's Office
50	John	Sipos	State of New York
51	Andrew	Smith	Private Citizen
52	David	Snellings	Arkansas Department of Health
53	Gail	Snyder	Nuclear Energy Information Service
54	Steven	Sondheim	Sierra Club
55	Ellen	Thomas	Safe Carolinas
56	Joan	Walter	California Energy Commission
57	David	Weisman	Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility
58	Duke	Wheeler	Private Citizen
59	Tom	Zimmer	Private Citizen
60	Tison	Campbell	NRC/OGC
61	Yen	Chen	NRC/OEDO
62	David	Cylkowski	NRC/OGC
63	Merri	Horn	NRC/WCD
64	Andy	Imboden	NRC/WCD
65	Sarah	Lopas	NRC/WCD
66	William	Maier	NRC/RIV
67	Keith	McConnell	NRC/WCD
68	David	McIntyre	NRC/OPA
69	Paul	Michalak	NRC/WCD
70	Alicia	Mullins	NRC/WCD
71	John	Pelchat	NRC/RII
72	Christine	Pineda	NRC/WCD
73	Sarah	Price	NRC/OGC
74	TR	Rowe	NRC/WCD
75	Harold	Scott	NRC/RES
76	Neil	Sheehan	NRC/RI
77	Andrew	Stuyvenberg	NRC/WCD
78	Susan	Wittick	NRC/WCD