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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 1 PUBLIC MEETING IN ROCKVILLE,  
MARYLAND, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE WASTE  
CONFIDENCE DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT AND PROPOSED RULE

On Tuesday, October 1, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public meeting at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the Waste Confidence draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS) and proposed rule, and to accept public comments on the documents. Participants had an opportunity to ask questions about the NRC's environmental review and rulemaking process. The meeting was viewable online via live webcast, and a moderated teleconference line was available for remote participants to ask questions and present comments.

The NRC conducted an open house beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT where members of the public could meet informally with NRC staff and ask questions related to the DGEIS and proposed rule. The public meeting began at 2:00 p.m. EDT and concluded at 5:15 p.m. EDT. The meeting began with an introduction of NRC staff and a review of meeting ground rules, followed by a presentation on the Waste Confidence DGEIS and proposed rule. The majority of the meeting was the presentation of comments from members of the public.

The staff's slide presentation is available in the NRC's Agencywide Document Management and Access System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML13273A339. The transcript for the meeting is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13277A455. NRC handouts and posters displayed during the open house can be accessed at ML13279A003 and ML13279A004, respectively.

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Video archive of the meeting can be found on the NRC's website at <http://video.nrc.gov>, is dated October 1, 2013, and is titled, "Public Meeting to Receive Comments on the Waste Confidence Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Rule." For convenience, web links to the staff's presentation materials, the video archive, and the meeting transcript are also available on the Waste Confidence Directorate's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

Approximately 125 people participated in the meeting, both in-person and remotely using the teleconference line. Meeting participants included members of the public, representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy, representatives of the Prairie Island Indian Community, and industry and public advocacy groups. A list of meeting participants is included as Attachment 1.

Questions asked during the question and answer period included how the NRC calculated the risk of spent fuel pool fires and what types of spent nuclear fuel are considered in the DGEIS. Topics and concerns discussed during the public comment period included: the definition of Waste Confidence; whether the proposed rule and DGEIS take into account the political and social acceptance of siting a permanent geologic repository; the NRC's assumptions regarding the timing of repository availability; support for continuing the NRC's current halt on licensing and relicensing; support for phasing out nuclear power and replacing it with renewable energy and energy efficiency; general opposition to nuclear power; concern that the DGEIS does not fully account for the costs, risks, and impacts of storing spent nuclear fuel; the DGEIS should consider impacts of the entire nuclear cycle; support for expedited transfer of spent fuel from fuel pools to hardened onsite storage (HOSS); concerns about accidents similar to Fukushima; the NRC's assumption in the DGEIS that dry casks would be replaced every 100 years; the cost analysis of alternatives in the DGEIS; a critique of the purpose and need of the DGEIS; concern that the NRC is rushing the environmental review and rulemaking process; concern about cyber attacks on spent fuel storage; opposition to the NRC's generic approach to the rulemaking and support for analyzing Waste Confidence on a site-specific basis; support for analyzing "worst case scenarios," especially in the context of accidents; critique of the spent fuel pool fire analysis in the DGEIS; support for the timely completion of the Waste Confidence rulemaking; and the NRC's process of reviewing comments and finalizing the GEIS.

There were also comments and questions about how the government shutdown would impact the upcoming Waste Confidence public meetings and the public comment period. Due to a lack of an appropriation and the government shutdown, to date, the NRC has postponed the following Waste Confidence public meetings: October 7 in San Luis Obispo, California; October 9 in Carlsbad, California; October 15 in Perrysburg, Ohio; October 17 in Minnetonka, Minnesota, and October 24 in Oak Brook, Illinois. Other meetings scheduled for future dates are subject to postponement if the shutdown continues. The Waste Confidence Directorate will update its Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd.html>, the NRC's Public Meeting Web site at <http://meetings.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>, and will send e-mails from [WCO Outreach@nrc.gov](mailto:WCO Outreach@nrc.gov) or [OPA.Resources@nrc.gov](mailto:OPA.Resources@nrc.gov) regarding the status of the remaining public meetings and new dates for postponed meetings.

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**List of Attendees**  
**Public Meeting to Receive Comments on the**  
**Waste Confidence DGEIS and Proposed Rule**  
**Rockville, MD - October 1, 2013 - 2:00 – 5:15 PM EDT**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Kensaku	Arai	Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization
2	Dean	Baker	Tennessee Valley Authority
3	Sara	Barczak	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
4	Michael	Benjamin	Share New York
5	David	Blee	U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council
6	Jerry	Bonanno	Nuclear Energy Institute
7	Rick	Buckley	Entergy Nuclear, Jackson, MS
8	Andrew	Burgess	Ameren Missouri
9	Michael	Callahan	Governmental Strategies Inc.
10	Chip	Cameron	Facilitator
11	Mike	Carberry	Sierra Club Nuclear Free Campaign
12	Lora	Chamberlain	Nuclear Free Illinois
13	Wei-Wu	Chao	Atomic Energy Council
14	Christopher	Charles	Nuclear Energy Institute
15	Jeremy	Cohn	Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems
16	Christopher	Cummings	Nuclear Energy Institute
17	Diane	D'Arrigo	Nuclear Information Resource Service
18	Ed	Davis	Pegasus Group
19	David	Echel	Private Citizen
20	Richard	Emch	ADSTM
21	Allison	Fisher	Public Citizen
22	Carol	Gantt	Private Citizen
23	Ellen	Ginsberg	Nuclear Energy Institute
24	Joyce	Good	Nuclear Energy Information Service
25	Patrick	Gorman	Department of Energy
26	Erica	Gray	Private Citizen
27	Doug	Guarino	National Journal Group
28	Jeffry	Guido	UA MD Pipe Trades Association
29	Eric	Harvey	ERIN Engineering
30	Maureen	Headington	The Standup/Save Lives Campaign
31	Ace	Hoffman	Nuke Free North County San Diego
32	Ruth	Horton	Tennessee Valley Authority
33	Tom	Iaccarino	Spectrum Environmental
34	Jay	Jones	Department of Energy
35	Miriam	Juckett	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis
36	Timothy	Judson	Nuclear Information Resource Service
37	Kevin	Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
38	Kenneth	Kirton	Clean and Safe Energy Coalition

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40	Evan	Lapiska	Clean and Safe Energy Coalition
41	Patrick	LaPlante	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis
42	Justin	Legrande	Coalition Against Nukes
43	Don	Leichtling	DAB Safety Team
44	Marvin	Lewis	Private Citizen
45	Justino	Lopez	Clean and Safe Energy Coalition
46	Philip	Mahowald	Prairie Island Indian Community
47	Leslie	March	Sierra Club
48	David	Martin	Martin Images News
49	Tim	Matthews	Morgan Lewis & Bockius
50	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
51	Alfred	Meyer	Physicians For Social Responsibility
52	Dennis	Nelson	SERV
53	Tara	O'Neil	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
54	Janet	Phelan Kotra	Private Citizen
55	Darani	Reddick	Winston & Strawn LLP
56	Tom	Rielly	Vista 360
57	David	Robillard	PSEG
58	Don	Safer	Tennessee Environmental Council
59	Beverly	Silverberg	BRS Communications
60	Andrew	Smith	Private Citizen
61	Gail	Snyder	Nuclear Energy Information Service
62	Steven	Sondheim	Sierra Club Nuclear Free
63	Gene	Soult	South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
64	John	Stamatagos	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis
65	Paula	Sunde	Office of Congresswoman McCollum
66	Diane	Szesuil	Coalition Against Nukes
67	Tammy	Thompson	Private Citizen
68	Don	Treeves	Private Citizen
69	Dale	Troll	Maryland Pipe Trades
70	Kendra	Ulrich	Friends Of The Earth
71	Niki	Vandel	Stakeholder
72	Heather	Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
73	Barry	Zalcman	Private Citizen
74	Thomas	Zimmer	Private Citizen
75	Tae	Ahn	NRC
76	Jeannette	Arce	NRC
77	David	Brooks	NRC
78	Dave	Brown	NRC
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84	Diane	Diaz	NRC
85	Robert	Einzigler	NRC
86	Anita	Gray	NRC
87	Catherine	Haney	NRC
88	Robert	Hoffman	NRC
89	Merri	Horn	NRC
90	Andy	Imboden	NRC
91	Rolonda	Jackson	NRC
92	Banad	Jagannath	NRC
93	Yong	Kim	NRC
94	Lawrence	Kokajko	NRC
95	Lisa	London	NRC
96	Sarah	Lopas	NRC
97	James	Maltese	NRC
98	Timothy	McCartin	NRC
99	Keith	McConnell	NRC
100	David	McIntyre	NRC
101	Paul	Michalak	NRC
102	Michelle	Moser	NRC
103	Alicia	Mullins	NRC
104	Christine	Pineda	NRC
105	David	Pstrak	NRC
106	Jessie	Quintero	NRC
107	Wendy	Reed	NRC
108	TR	Rowe	NRC
109	James	Rubenstone	NRC
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112	Jen	Schwartzman	NRC
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