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

On Wednesday, October 30, 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 (DGEIS) 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 2:20 p.m. EDT. The NRC staff began with an introduction to the meeting, and then continued with a status of the Waste Confidence proceeding. Staff reported that due to the lapse in Federal appropriations and the subsequent government shutdown, the comment period on the Waste Confidence DGEIS and proposed rule is extended to Friday, December 20, 2013. Furthermore, meetings in California, Ohio, Minnesota, and Illinois that were postponed due to the shutdown have been rescheduled. New dates for these meetings are: Oak Brook, Illinois, on Tuesday, November 12; Carlsbad, California, on Monday, November 18; San Luis Obispo, California, on Wednesday, November 20; Perrysburg, Ohio, on Monday, December 2; and Minnetonka, Minnesota, on Wednesday, December 4. Open house and meeting times remain the same—6:00 p.m. local time for open houses and 7:00 p.m. local time to begin the meetings. NRC staff also announced the addition of another public meeting on Monday, December 9. This meeting will be a facilitated teleconference to accept comments on the documents.

There were 46 participants in the teleconference, including members of the public, state and Federal governments, industry, public advocacy and environmental interest groups, and the NRC. A list of meeting attendees is attached.

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NRC Teleconference Attendees
Status of Waste Confidence DGEIS and Proposed Rule
October 30, 2013 1:30 – 2:20 PM EDT

	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Leslie	Allen	Balch & Bingham
2	Dean	Baker	TVA
3	Jeff	Baran	US House of Representatives
4	Jana	Bergman	Scientech
5	Mike	Carberry	Sierra Club
6	Barton	Cowan	West Virginia University College of Law
7	Patrick	Gorman	Department of Energy
8	Erica	Gray	Citizen
9	Steven	Hamrick	Nextera
10	Eric	Howes	Main Yankee Atomic Power Co
11	Rich	Janati	PA DEP
12	Jay	Jones	Department of Energy
13	Carol	Kurz	NEIS
14	Kyle	Landis-Marinello	VT Attorney General Office
15	Stephanie	Lee	Court Reporter with Neal Gross
16	Marvin	Lewis	Citizen
17	Kathryn	Liberatore	NY State
18	Brandi	Lowell	Duke Energy
19	Rod	McCullum	NEI
20	Katrina	McMurrian	Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition
21	Michael	O'Keefe	Certrec Corp
22	Mary	Olson	NIRS
23	Richard	Orthen	Florida Power & Light Company
24	Brad	Ramsay	NARUC
25	Darani	Reddick	Winston and Strawn
26	Myla	Reson	Citizen
27	Tom	Rielly	VISTA360
28	Tony	Roisman	Citizen
29	Dennis	Sewell	NWSC
30	John	Sipos	State of NY
31	Andrew	Smith	Andrew Smith
32	David	Snellings	AR Department of Health
33	Gail	Snyder	Nuclear Energy Information Service
34	Steven	Sondheim	Sierra Club
35	Susan	Spear	US Senator Gillibrand
36	Laura	Swett	Morgan Lewis
37	Judy	Treichel	NV Nuclear Waste Taskforce
38	Jeff	Wood	US Senate
39	Ron	Zak	NJ EPA

	First Name	Last Name	Organization
40	Louis	Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
41	Tison	Campbell	NRC/WCD
42	Merri	Horn	NRC/WCD
43	Sarah	Lopas	NRC/WCD
44	Keith	McConnell	NRC/WCD
45	Christine	Pineda	NRC/WCD
46	Susan	Wittick	NRC/WCD