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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 28 PUBLIC MEETING IN CHELMSFORD,
MASSACHUSETTS, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE WASTE
CONFIDENCE DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT AND PROPOSED RULE

On Monday, October 28, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public meeting at the Radisson Hotel and Suites Chelmsford-Lowell in Chelmsford, MA. 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 also had an opportunity to ask questions about the NRC's environmental review and rulemaking process.

The NRC conducted an open house beginning at 6:00 p.m. EDT where members of the public met informally with NRC staff and asked questions related to the DGEIS and proposed rule. The public meeting began at 7:00 p.m. EDT and concluded at 10:30 p.m. EDT. The meeting began with an introduction of NRC staff and a review of meeting ground rules, followed by a short presentation on the Waste Confidence DGEIS and proposed rule. The majority of the meeting was dedicated to receiving 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. ML13310B069. NRC handouts available at the meeting can be accessed at ML13319A111, ML13319A108, and ML13319A110. Posters displayed during the open house can be accessed at ML13279A004. The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing documents

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located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's Public Document Room reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or via e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov. For convenience, web links to the staff's presentation materials 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 79 people attended the meeting and 37 provided comments. Meeting participants included members of the public, representatives of State and local government from Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and New York, and members of industry and public advocacy groups. A list of meeting participants is included as Attachment 1.

Questions asked during the question-and-answer period concerned the three deficiencies identified by U.S. Court of Appeals in the 2010 Waste Confidence rulemaking, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's review of the DGEIS. Topics and concerns raised during the public comment portion of the meeting included: support for the no-action alternative and evaluating Waste Confidence on a site-specific basis; support for continuing the NRC's current halt on licensing and relicensing; support for phasing out nuclear power and replacing that generation with renewable energy; general opposition to nuclear power; opposition to the term "Waste Confidence"; support for expedited transfer of spent fuel from fuel pools to hardened onsite storage (HOSS); concerns regarding spent fuel pool density and spent fuel pool accidents caused by earthquakes and tsunamis, similar to Fukushima; concerns about the safety of storing spent nuclear fuel, including potential impacts from climate change, natural events like flooding, and terrorism; critique of the NRC's analysis of risks from spent fuel pool fires; opposition to transporting spent nuclear fuel; the financial cost of decommissioning; health effects of radiation; concerns about local plants including Pilgrim, Seabrook, and Vermont Yankee; and support for the Waste Confidence rulemaking, the safe storage of spent nuclear fuel, and a permanent geologic repository.

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List of Attendees
Public Meeting to Receive Comments on the
Waste Confidence DGEIS and Proposed Rule
Chelmsford, MA - October 28, 2013 - 7:00 – 10:30 PM EDT

	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	David	Agnew	Cape Downwinders
2	Sara	Altherr	Private Citizen
3	Janet	Azarovitz	Cape Downwinders
4	Thomas	Azarovitz	Cape Downwinders
5	Anna	Baker	Pilgrim Coalition
6	Maya	Barak	Private Citizen
7	Doug	Bogen	Seacoast Anti-Pollution League
8	Jerry	Bonanno	Nuclear Energy Institute
9	Pam	Boyes	Private Citizen
10	Samuel	Brinton	MIT Dept. of Nuclear Science and Engineering
11	Genevieve	Byrne	Concerned Neighbors of Pilgrim
12	Susan	Carpenter	Cape Downwinders
13	Katharine	Cederberg	Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
14	Ben	Chichester	Private Citizen
15	Daniel	Curtis	MIT Dept. of Nuclear Science and Engineering
16	Ann	Darling	Safe and Green Campaign
17	Mihai	Diaconeasa	MIT Dept. of Nuclear Science and Engineering
18	Arthur	Dickinson	Cape Downwinders
19	Elaine	Dickinson	Cape Downwinders
20	Patrick	Dostie	State of Maine
21	Joan	Ecklien	Private Citizen
22	Robert	Fleischer	Private Citizen
23	Nancy	Fleischer	Private Citizen
24	Diego	Garcia	North American Young Generation in Nuclear
25	Elizabeth	Gerlach	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
26	Ellen	Ginsberg	Nuclear Energy Institute
27	Tony	Giunta	City Councilor, City of Franklin, NH
28	Debbie	Grinnell	C-10 Foundation
29	Joanna	Hammond	No More Fukushimas
30	Marsha	Hart	Private Citizen
31	Paul	Haugsjaa	Private Citizen
32	Birgit	Johanson	Private Citizen
33	Patrick	Karalekas	MA Municipal Wholesale Electric Company
34	Peter	Katzen	Private Citizen
35	Stratton	Kirton	CASEnergy Coalition
36	James	Lampert	Attorney
37	Mary	Lampert	Pilgrim Watch
38	William	Maurer	Cape Downwinders

	First Name	Last Name	Affiliation or Organization
39	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
40	Joyce	McMahon	Entergy
41	Dave	McNeish	Terra Vault
42	Kelsi	Morris	CASEnergy Coalition
43	Hattie	Nestel	Nuclear Free Future Coalition of Western MA
44	Chris	Nord	C-10 Foundation
45	Rie	Okamura	Harvard University
46	Sheila	Parks	(on behalf of Planet Earth)
47	Norman	Pierce	Private Citizen
48	Herb	Robinson	Private Citizen
49	Margo	Roman	Women's Actions for New Directions
50	Gary	Sachs	Private Citizen
51	Sally	Shaw	Private Citizen
52	Bruce	Skud	No More Fukushimas
53	Steven	Stamm	Private Citizen
54	Cornelia	Sullivan	Pax Christie USA
55	Leslie	Sullivan Sachs	Safe and Green Campaign
56	Donald	Tilbury	Private Citizen
57	Jeff	Tkacs	Town of Cortlandt Manor, NY
58	Karen	Vale	Cape Cod Bay Watch
59	Mark	Welsh	Areva
60	Sylvia	Westerlind	Private Citizen
61	Chris	Williams	Private Citizen
62	Nancy	Wrenn	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
63	David	Brown	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
64	Chip	Cameron	Facilitator
65	Tison	Campbell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
66	David	Cylkowski	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
67	Andy	Imboden	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
68	Miriam	Juckett	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis
69	Patrick	LaPlante	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis
70	Timothy	McCartin	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
71	Keith	McConnell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
72	Paul	Michalak	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
73	Scott	Moore	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
74	Michelle	Moser	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
75	TR	Rowe	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
76	Neil	Sheehan	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
77	John	Stamatagos	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis
78	Michael	Wentzel	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
79	Susan	Wittick	Nuclear Regulatory Commission