

December 9, 2013

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 12 PUBLIC MEETING IN OAK BROOK,
ILLINOIS, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE WASTE CONFIDENCE
DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND
PROPOSED RULE

On Tuesday, November 12, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public meeting at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook in Oak Brook, Illinois. 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. CST 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. CST and concluded at 10:50 p.m. CST. 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. ML13330C033. 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 147 people attended the meeting and 53 provided comments. Meeting attendees included members of the public, students from a local high school, representatives from state and local emergency management offices, staff members from the offices of Senator Mark Kirk (R – IL) and Representative Adam Kinzinger (IL 16th District), a representative from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, and members of industry and public advocacy groups. A list of meeting attendees is included as Attachment 1.

Questions asked during the question-and-answer period concerned whether all comments on the DGEIS and proposed rule would be made public, and the types of spent fuel covered by Waste Confidence. Topics and concerns raised during the public comment portion of the meeting included: general opposition to nuclear power and support for renewable energy; calls to stop making additional nuclear waste; support for continuing the moratorium on issuance of licenses for facilities that relied on the Waste Confidence Rule; opposition to the Waste Confidence rulemaking and the term "Waste Confidence"; opposition to the generic approach of Waste Confidence and support for site-specific reviews; calls to withdraw the DGEIS; critique of the DGEIS assumption regarding institutional controls; critique of the accidents analysis in the DGEIS, including accidents caused by both natural events and terrorism; how uncertainty was taken into account in the DGEIS; Fukushima, Chernobyl, and Three Mile Island; safety concerns regarding General Electric Mark I boiling water reactors; safety concerns regarding dry cask storage including cask degradation and fuel deterioration; climate change impacts on the safe storage of spent fuel; concern about spent fuel pool density, and pool fires and leaks; support for hardened onsite storage (HOSS); issues specific to local and regional facilities including Braidwood, Calloway, Byron, Dresden, Quad Cities, La Salle, Palisades, and Fermi; the Zion decommissioning; water quality in the Great Lakes; opposition to interim storage of spent fuel in Illinois; NRC oversight; nuclear industry safety culture; transportation; health effects of radiation; the cost of nuclear power and long-term management of spent fuel; natural-gas-fracking-related seismic impacts; publicity for the Waste Confidence public meetings and public participation in the rulemaking; support for nuclear power in light of climate change concerns and local economic factors; support for the continued safe storage of spent fuel; support for a permanent geologic repository (Yucca Mountain); and support for the DGEIS, proposed rule, and the NRC's 24-month timeline.

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List of Attendees
Public Meeting to Receive Comments on the
Waste Confidence DGEIS and Proposed Rule
Oak Brook, IL - November 12, 2013 - 7:00 – 10:50 PM CST

	First Name	Last Name	Organization or Affiliation
1	Grace	Achepohl	York High School Chemistry Class
2	Francisco	Aguilar	Nuclear Energy Information Service
3	Margaret	Aguilar	Nuclear Energy Information Service
4	Reha	Alkan	Exelon Generation - Quad Cities Station
5	Lauren	Aloia	York High School Chemistry Class
6	Sarah	Anderson	Private Citizen
7	Halil	Avci	Argonne National Lab
8	Tina	Balgeman	Exelon
9	Sandra	Benzeer	Nuclear Energy Information Service
10	Joan	Bielsaus	Private Citizen
11	Stephenie	Bilenko	Near West Citizens for Peace and Justice
12	Bruce	Biwer	Private Citizen
13	Bob	Blaus	York High School
14	Bonnie	Blustein	Private Citizen
15	Jan	Boudart	Private Citizen
16	Connie	Brooks	LaSalle County Emergency Management
17	Sandy	Burcenski	Citizens Against Ruining the Environment
18	Liane	Casten	Nuclear Energy Information Service
19	Fran	Cella	League of Women Voters
20	Lora	Chamberlain	Frack Free IL
21	S.Y.	Chen	Illinois Institute of Technology
22	Marlene	Ciavarella	Private Citizen
23	Corey	Conn	Private Citizen
24	Scott	Coren	City of Daria
25	Frank	Costanza	Private Citizen
26	Evan	Craig	Sierra Club
27	Mary	Cray	Riverside
28	Ivy	Czekanski	Private Citizen
29	Harry	Damron	Will County Emergency Management Agency
30	Brandon	de Graaf	Exelon
31	William	Denton	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
32	Lisa	Donovan	Private Citizen
33	Ardis	Doolin	Citizens Against Ruining the Environment
34	Jeff	Dunlap	Exelon
35	Lydia	Faber	York High School Chemistry Class
36	Andrew	Field	Senator Mark Kirk's Office
37	Scott	Fleming	Will County Center for Economic Development
38	Rick	Fox	Global Warming Solutions Group of Cent. IL

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39	Tracy	Fox	Peoria Families Against Toxic Waste
40	Jodie	Futornick	Nuclear Energy Information Service
41	Terry	Gallagher	Public Theologian for Eco-Justice
42	Marian	Gamble	League of Women Voters
43	Doug	Gerleman	Private Citizen
44	Joyce	Good	Nuclear Energy Information Service
45	Karli	Grace	Private Citizen
46	Kristin	Gregory	Exelon
47	Karl	Hachmuth	Exelon
48	Maureen	Headington	Stand Up/Save Lives Campaign
49	Vincent	Headington	Private Citizen
50	Alan	Hernandez	Exelon
51	Kelly	Horn	Illinois Emergency Management Agency
52	Joy	Hunter	Private Citizen
53	Ajay	Jain	York High School Chemistry Class
54	William	Jones	Chicago Nonviolent Activism
55	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
56	Randy	Juris	Homer Glen Environment Committee
57	Paul	Kakuris	IL Dunesland Preservation Society
58	Mike	Kalas	Chicago Independent Media Center
59	Kevin	Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
60	Shari	Katz	Private Citizen
61	Chris	Knudsen	York High School Chemistry Class
62	Stephen	Kohlhase	Exelon
63	Susan	Korn	Exelon Corporation
64	Ashley	Kovacs	Exelon - Win
65	David	Kraft	Nuclear Energy Information Service
66	Carol	Kurz	Private Citizen
67	Dale	Lehman	Nuclear Energy Information Service
68	Linda	Lewison	Nuclear Energy Information Service
69	Krista	Lopykinski	Exelon
70	Kerri	Lydersen	MW Energy News
71	Sandy	McComb	Michigan Safe Energy Future
72	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
73	Debra	Michaud	Business Owner
74	Frank	Montana	Private Citizen
75	Kerry	Mortensen	Private Citizen
76	Sue	Mortensen	Private Citizen
77	Tom	Murray	Will County Emergency Management Agency
78	Ron	Nowicki	Homeowner
79	Doug	O'Brien	Illinois Clean Energy Coalition

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80	Tess	O'Brien	York High School Chemistry Class
81	Kristin	Otterniss	Exelon
82	Douglas	Ower	Private Citizen
83	Jill	Paulus	Frack Free IL
84	Jerry	Peck	Illinois Manufacturers' Association
85	Bette	Pierman	Michigan Safe Energy Future
86	Elizabeth	Poole	U.S. EPA Region 5 - NEPA
87	Cindy	Prokop	Private Citizen
88	Jay	Rendos	Private Citizen
89	Tom	Rielly	Vista 360
90	Tony	Rigor	Private Citizen
91	Charles	Roberson	Exelon
92	Jon	Rogozinski	Exelon
93	Bridgit	Rorem	Private Citizen
94	Christopher	Rosso	North American Young Generation in Nuclear
95	Kathleen	Rude	Private Citizen
96	Maria	Santaella	Private Citizen
97	Jeffrey	Schramek	Nuclear Energy Information Service
98	Samantha	Schussele	Exelon Corporation
99	Robert	Schwartz	Boilermakers Local One
100	Tina	Seastrom	Private Citizen
101	Alwyn	Settles	Illinois Emergency Management Agency
102	Saman	Shafaie	Private Citizen
103	Tom	Shepherd	SE Environment Task Force
104	Marilyn	Shineflug	Private Citizen
105	Adela	Showronski	York High School Chemistry Class
106	Robertta	Siegel	Nuclear Energy Information Service
107	Howard	Siegel	Nuclear Energy Information Service
108	Donna	Skubic	Private Citizen
109	Edward	Smith	Missouri Coalition for the Environment
110	Gail	Snyder	Nuclear Energy Information Service
111	Marshall	Sorkin	Nuclear Energy Information Service
112	Carol	Stark	Citizens Against Ruining the Environment
113	Eric	Stein	Exelon
114	Amanda	Stenson	Exelon Corporation Braidwood NPP
115	Bridgette	Strawbridge	York High School Chemistry Class
116	Tamae	Takarabe	Nuclear Energy Information Service
117	Ray	Termini	Exelon Generation
118	Brittany	Theis	Whitt Law
119	Tammy	Thompson	Private Citizen
120	Clare	Tobin	Nuclear Energy Information Service

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121	Katie	Tochey	York High School Chemistry Class
122	Marian	Tompson	Nuclear Energy Information Service
123	Bruce	Toomire	Private Citizen
124	Tom	Walsh	LaSalle County Board
125	Beverly	Walter	Nuclear Energy Information Service
126	Hannah	Welsh	Private Citizen
127	Reed	Wilson	Office of Congressman Adam Kinzinger
128	Jacob	Wirtala	Exelon
129	Patricia	Withers	Private Citizen
130	Tom	Wolf	Illinois Chamber of Commerce
131	David	Brown	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
132	Chip	Cameron	Facilitator
133	Prema	Chandrathil	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
134	Jennifer	Davis	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
135	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
136	Patrick	LaPlante	Southwest Research Institute
137	Matthew	Learn	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
138	Harral	Logaras	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
139	Lisa	London	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
140	Sarah	Lopas	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
141	Timothy	McCartin	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
142	Keith	McConnell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
143	Paul	Michalak	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
144	TR	Rowe	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
145	Wayne	Slawinski	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
146	Michael	Wentzel	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
147	Susan	Wittick	Nuclear Regulatory Commission