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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 14 PUBLIC MEETING IN ROCKVILLE,  
MARYLAND, TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE WASTE  
CONFIDENCE DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT AND PROPOSED RULE

On Tuesday, November 14, 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 also 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. EST 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 2:00 p.m. EST and concluded at 4:43 p.m. EST. 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. ML13330B840. 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](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). Video archive of the meeting can be found on the NRC's website at <http://video.nrc.gov>, is dated November 14, 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, an audio file of the meeting, 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 107 people participated in the meeting, both in-person and remotely using the teleconference line, and 32 provided comments. Meeting attendees included members of the public, representatives of the Prairie Island Indian Community and the City of Red Wing, Minnesota, a representative from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, a representative from the National Conference of State Legislatures, and members of industry and public advocacy groups. Commenters called in from Virginia, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Tennessee, North Carolina, and New York. A list of meeting attendees is included as Attachment 1.

Topics and concerns raised during the public comment portion of the meeting included: general opposition to nuclear power; 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"; calls to withdraw the DGEIS; critique of the DGEIS assumption regarding institutional controls; concern about the general safety of dry cask storage and spent fuel pools; climate change impacts on the safe storage of spent fuel; accidents caused by natural events such as earthquakes and flooding; Fukushima; spent fuel pool fires; support for expedited transfer of spent fuel from pools to hardened onsite storage (HOSS); high-burn-up-fuel; issues specific to facilities including North Anna, Surry, Calvert Cliffs, Peach Bottom, Limerick, Palisades, and San Onofre; the decommissioning of Zion; health effects of radiation; the transportation of spent fuel; boraflex; financial qualifications for decommissioning; future costs of storing and handling spent fuel; support for nuclear power in light of climate change concerns; support for the continued safe storage of spent fuel; support for centralized interim storage and a permanent geologic repository; 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**  
**Rockville, MD - November 14, 2013 - 2:00 – 4:43 PM EST**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization or Affiliation</b>
1	Ein	Alexander	Hogan Lovells
2	Paul	Arveson	USC
3	Ayesha	Athar	AREVA
4	Savannah	Bailey	CASEnergy Coalition
5	Nathan D	Bennett	North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN)
6	Jerry	Bonanno	Nuclear Energy Institute
7	Jan	Boudart	Private Citizen
8	Rick	Buckley	Entergy Nuclear
9	Michael	Callahan	Decommissioning Plant Coalition
10	Nancy	Carpenter	Private Citizen
11	Christopher	Charles	Nuclear Energy Institute
12	Jeremy	Cohn	Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems
13	Diane	D'Arrigo	Nuclear Information Resource Service
14	Somenath	Dasgupta	Jesmin Agricom
15	Jeremy	Dillon	Exchange Monitor
16	Gwen	DuBois	Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility
17	Jane Swift	Dugdale	Private Citizen
18	Charles	Ellis	Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality
19	Jonas	England	MPR Associates
20	Dagmar	Fabihn	Private Citizen
21	Allison	Fisher	Public Citizen
22	Jennifer	Gaegler	Public
23	Diego	Garcia	AREVA & NAYGN
24	Doug	Gerleman	Private Citizen
25	Ellen	Ginsberg	Nuclear Energy Institute
26	Richard	Goffi	Booz Allen
27	Erica	Gray	Private Citizen
28	Greg	Greer	Public Citizen
29	Paul	Gunter	Beyond Nuclear
30	Marshall	Hallock	City of Red Wing, Minnesota, official
31	Ace	Hoffman	Nuke Free North County
32	Ben	Husch	National Conference of State Legislatures
33	Bruce	Johnson	Prairie Island Indian Community
34	Kevin	Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
35	Bradley	Karbowsky	United Association
36	Stephen	Klementowicz	Private Citizen
37	Melinda	Krasting	Private Citizen
38	Evan	Lapiska	Clean and Safe Energy Coalition

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39	Marvin	Lewis	Private Citizen
40	Linda	Lewison	Nuclear Energy Information Service
41	Mark	Leyse	Private Citizen
42	Steven C.	Loftus	Booz Allen Hamilton
43	David	Martin	Martin Images News
44	Glenn	Mathues	AREVA
45	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
46	Chuck	McCune	Prizm Foundation
47	Katrina	McMurrian	Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition
48	Susan	Michetti	Sierra Club
49	Regina	Minniss	Private Citizen
50	Jennifer	Musgrave	AREVA
51	M. (Sami)	Nalluswami	Private Citizen
52	Max	Obuszewski	Crabshell Alliance
53	Rie	Okumura	Harvard University
54	David	O'Leary	Sierra Club - Maryland Chapter
55	Mary	Olson	Nuclear Information Resource Service
56	Elizabeth M.T.	O'Nan	Private Citizen
57	Darani	Reddick	Winston & Strawn LLP
58	David	Repka	Winston & Strawn LLP
59	John	Richter	Private Citizen
60	Lorraine	Ruppe	Alliance For A Clean Environment
61	Janice	Sevre- Duszynska	Crabshell Alliance
62	Susan	Shapiro	Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition
63	Beverly	Silverberg	Bev R. Silverberg Communications
64	Gail	Snyder	Nuclear Energy Information Service
65	Steven	Sondheim	Sierra Club
66	Gene	Soult	Office Regulatory Staff
67	Jutta	Splettstoesser	Private Citizen
68	Mary Brooke	Sunderland	Concerned Citizen
69	Diane	Szczesuil	Coalition Against Nukes
70	Ruth	Thomas	Environmentalists Inc.
71	Alex	Thrower	US Nuclear Infrastructure Council
72	Jenny	Vince	Clean and Safe Energy Coalition
73	Heather	Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
74	Tamara	Bloomer	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
75	David	Brown	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
76	Francis	Cameron	Facilitator
77	Tison	Campbell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
78	Sheldon	Clark	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
79	David	Cylkowski	Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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81	Kevin	Folk	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
82	Greg	Greer	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
83	Robert	Hoffman	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
84	Andy	Imboden	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
85	Rolonda	Jackson	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
86	Christian	Jacobs	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
87	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
88	Kathy	Kanatas	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
89	Meena	Khanna	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
90	Steve	Klementowicz	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
91	Pat	LaPlante	Southwest Research Institute
92	Lisa	London	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
93	Sarah	Lopas	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
94	Jim	Maltese	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
95	Timothy	McCartin	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
96	Keith	McConnell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
97	Dave	McIntyre	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
98	Paul	Michalak	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
99	Jessie	Muir-Quintero	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
100	Alicia	Mullins	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
101	Christine	Pineda	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
102	TR	Rowe	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
103	Carrie	Safford	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
104	Alexa	Sieracki	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
105	Andrew	Stuyvenberg	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
106	Mike	Wentzel	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
107	Susan	Wittick	Nuclear Regulatory Commission