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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 9 PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE TO
RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE WASTE CONFIDENCE DRAFT
GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND
PROPOSED RULE

On Monday, December 9, 2013, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 3 public teleconference at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the teleconference was to accept public comments on the Waste Confidence draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS) and proposed rule. The facilitated teleconference began at 1:00 p.m. EST and concluded at 4:00 p.m. EST. NRC staff began the teleconference with a brief introduction, and the rest of the teleconference was dedicated to receiving comments from members of the public.

The transcript for the teleconference is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13345B014. 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 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. Audio archive of the teleconference can be found on the NRC's Waste Confidence public participation website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

Approximately 71 people participated in the teleconference, and 24 participants provided a total of 36 comments. Participants included representatives from the Florida Public Service Commission; Florida Department of Health; Maine Department of Health and Human Services; Nye, Clark, and Churchill Counties, Nevada; the National Conference of State Legislatures; and members of industry and public advocacy groups. Commenters called in from Pennsylvania, Maine, Georgia, California, Michigan, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, and Nevada. A list of meeting attendees is included as Attachment 1.

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Topics and concerns raised during the teleconference included: general opposition to nuclear power; support for continuing the moratorium on issuance of licenses for facilities that relied on the Waste Confidence Rule; opposition to the Waste Confidence rulemaking; 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; 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 flooding and earthquakes; Fukushima; support for expedited transfer of spent fuel from pools to hardened onsite storage (HOSS); high-burn-up-fuel; security at nuclear plants; issues specific to facilities including North Anna, Limerick, Turkey Point, Crystal River, St. Lucie, Diablo Canyon, San Onofre, Surry, Prairie Island, Sequoyah, and Browns Ferry; the decommissioning of Zion; health effects of radiation; reprocessing; opposition to centralized interim storage and the transportation of spent fuel; boraflex; future costs of storing and handling spent fuel; critique of the Waste Confidence public comment process; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency review of the DGEIS; support for the continued safe storage of spent fuel; and support for the DGEIS and proposed rule.

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List of Participants
Public Teleconference to Receive Comments on the
Waste Confidence DGEIS and Proposed Rule
Rockville, MD - December 9, 2013 - 1:00 – 4:00 PM EST

	First Name	Last Name	Organization or Affiliation
1	Leslie	Allen	Balch & Bingham
2	Sara	Barczak	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
3	Stephen	Burdick	Morgan Lewis
4	Mike	Carberry	Sierra Club
5	Christopher	Charles	Nuclear Energy Institute
6	Walter	Clemence	Florida Public Service Commission
7	Dr. Lewis	Cuthbert	Alliance for a Clean Environment
8	Chris	Dorsey	Private Citizen
9	Patrick	Dostie	Maine Department of Health and Human Services
10	Jane	Feldman	Sierra Club
11	Erica	Gray	Private Citizen
12	Elaine	Hiruo	Platts
13	Ace	Hoffman	Nuke Free North County
14	Gordon	Howard	Sierra Club
15	Eric	Howes	Main Yankee Atomic Power Company
16	Gretel	Johnston	BEST/MATRR
17	Kevin	Kamps	Beyond Nuclear
18	Philip	Klevorick	Clark County, Nevada
19	Ray	Kuyler	Morgan Lewis
20	Darrell	Lacy	Nye County, Nevada
21	Kathy	Lewis	Florida Public Service Commission
22	Linda	Lewison	Sierra Club Nuclear Free Campaign
23	David	Martin	Martin Image News
24	Rex	Massey	Churchill County
25	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
26	Katrina	McMurrian	Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition
27	Diane	Messer	Coalition Against Nukes
28	Steven	Mirsky	NuScale Power
29	Jennifer	Musgrave	AREVA
30	Susan	Myers	Coalition Against Nukes
31	Brooke	Oleen	National Conference of State Legislatures
32	Brian	Paddock	Sierra Club
33	William	Pickett	Member of Public
34	Karen	Pontius	Private Citizen
35	Scott	Price	Alliance for Progressive Values
36	Darani	Reddick	Winston & Strawn
37	Tom	Rielly	Vista 360
38	David	Schonberger	Private Citizen

	First Name	Last Name	Organization or Affiliation
39	Linda	Seeley	San Luis Obispo Mother for Peace
40	Dennis	Sewell	Georgia Public Service Commission
41	John	Snyder	Private Individual
42	Steven	Sondheim	Sierra Club
43	Priscilla	Star	Coalition Against Nukes
44	Mike	Stephens	Florida Department of Health
45	Laura	Swett	Morgan Lewis
46	Stephen	Tait	DTE Energy
47	Judy	Treichel	Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force
48	Nikohl	Vandel	Stakeholder
49	Isabelle	Villalon	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
50	Toby	Walter	Neal R Gross & Company
51	Patricia	Ware	Bloomberg BNA
52	Laura	Wilansky	Private Citizen
53	Greg	Wilson	Sierra Club
54	Louis	Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
55	Tamara	Bloomer	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
56	Chip	Cameron	Facilitator
57	Tison	Campbell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
58	Diana	Diaz	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
59	Andy	Imboden	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
60	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
61	Tom	Koval	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
62	Lisa	London	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
63	Sarah	Lopas	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
64	Keith	McConnell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
65	Paul	Michalak	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
66	Christine	Pineda	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
67	Jessie	Quintero	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
68	TR	Rowe	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
69	Carrie	Safford	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
70	Jean	Trefethen	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
71	Susan	Wittick	Nuclear Regulatory Commission