

## **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Meeting Summary**

November 19, 2015

**Title:** Public Meeting / Webinar to Discuss the NRC Materials Program Evaluation (Project AIM Initiative)

**Meeting Identifier:** 20151665

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, November 16, 2015

**Location:** Webinar; NRC Headquarters

**Type of Meeting:** Category 3

### **Purpose of the Meeting(s):**

The purpose of this meeting was for NRC staff to share information and seek input from its stakeholders on the NRC's Materials Program. This input will assist the agency in evaluating the Materials Program for potential efficiency gains and consolidation. This evaluation includes aspects related to the oversight and implementation of the National Materials Program including Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery as well.

### **General Details:**

The NRC hosted a Public Meeting/ Webinar at 1:30 pm on November 16, 2015 to share information and seek input on the Project Aim- Materials Program Evaluation project for evaluating the Materials Program for potential efficiency gains and consolidation. The meeting began at 1:30pm, and ended at approximately 2:15pm, after there were no more questions and comments posed by the participants. Sixteen NRC staff members were present. The meeting began with a presentation on an overview of Project Aim, and the Materials Program Evaluation project. The presentation then highlighted five questions intended to focus the discussion as it relates to the Materials Program Evaluation project. One of the questions for discussion was an open ended one asking for any other comments not already shared.

Approximately 66 people participated in the meeting, both in-person and remotely using the webinar and teleconference line. The majority of the participants were NRC staff interested in the status of the project. However, representatives from the States of: Iowa, Maryland, Virginia, Wisconsin, Texas, Minnesota, and New York also participated. Additionally, a representative from Westinghouse also attended via the Webinar.

### **Summary of Presentations:**

A presentation was given by the NRC staff on a brief background of Project Aim, and the Materials Program Evaluation. The presentation discussed points on why the agency is currently changing, and mentioned the list of many individual projects to address those changes. The Materials Program Evaluation project was included in this list of individual projects, and was highlighted as the topic of discussion for the meeting. Additional background

and status of the Materials Program Evaluation project was provided. Five specific discussion questions were then presented which allowed for comments and questions from the public. A copy of the presentation slides are included as an attachment.

**Public Participation Themes:**

During the public comment portion of the meeting, the public responded to the discussion question regarding effect of physical location, by stating that the physical location of the NRC staff is a factor in quality of interactions with Agreement States, since both distance and different time zones affects availability, and having separate regional offices provides options for easier accessibility.

During the comment portion of the meeting, several NRC staff also provided comments for consideration that focused on the following:

- Specific work functions that would or would not be affected by the physical location of NRC staff.
- Administrative actions that will need to be considered, should physical locations be moved.
- Thoughts on improved cross training and knowledge management to improve the program moving forward.

**Action Items/Next Steps:**

- NRC staff will evaluate the comments provided during this meeting, and will include them for consideration when developing the specific details of the options and recommendation for the project
- Options and Recommendation will be included in a SECY paper due to the Commission no later than May 9, 2016.

**Attachments:**

- o Meeting agenda- ML15302A394;
- o Presentation Slides- ML15323A339