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SUBJECT: WASTE CONTROL SPECIALISTS LLC (CONSOLIDATED INTERIM SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITY) LICENSE APPLICATION, DOCKET NO. 72-1050

Dear Ms. Armistead:

I am responding to your e-mail to the Executive Director for Operations, Victor McCree, dated January 27, 2017. In that e-mail, you asked that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) terminate its review of the license application from Waste Control Specialists (WCS) for a license to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility. Your e-mail stated that the basis for the requested termination of the WCS application review is that the WCS plan of operations does not comport with the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended.

The NRC staff conducted an acceptance review of the WCS application, filed on April 28, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML16133A313), and concluded that it provides information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to conduct its detailed technical safety review. On January 30, 2017, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 8773) announcing the docketing decision and opportunity to request a hearing and to file a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the WCS application. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 2. The Commission has received, and is currently considering, requests to extend the time to file a Petition in this matter.

The NRC is also currently seeking comments from the public on the scope of issues to be covered in the environmental review of the application from WCS. The NRC will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to document its evaluation of those impacts. Written comments on the scope may be submitted via the Federal Government's rulemaking website, www.regulations.gov, using Docket IDNRC-2016-0231; by e-mail to WCS_CISF_EIS@nrc.gov; or by mail to Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN-12 H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

The NRC's review of the safety and environmental merits of the application is ongoing and will be documented in the NRC staff's safety evaluation report and EIS. To the extent that the issues raised in your e-mail are relevant to the NRC's decision to grant a license to WCS, they will be considered as part of the NRC's licensing review. The NRC documents associated with the review may be found in the NRC's public website at: <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/cis/waste-control-specialist.html>. I want to thank you for sharing your concerns in this matter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Marc L. Dapas, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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