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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 13, FEBRUARY 15, AND  
FEBRUARY 23, 2017 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS FOR WASTE  
CONTROL SPECIALISTS LLC'S PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED  
INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY, ANDREWS COUNTY, TEXAS  
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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff conducted three public scoping meetings related to the staff's environmental review of a license application from Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel in Andrews County, Texas. The public scoping meetings were held on Monday, February 13 at the Lea County Event Center, in Hobbs, New Mexico; on Wednesday, February 15 at the James Roberts Center in Andrews, Texas; and on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at the NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

Each meeting began with a formal presentation given by the NRC staff that addressed the purpose of the meetings, NRC's regulatory mission and responsibilities, the safety and environmental review process, and the environmental impact statement (EIS) process. After the staff's presentation, there was a question and answer period, and then members of the public were invited to provide comments on the scope of the EIS.

The meetings in Hobbs, NM and Andrews, TX, respectively, were preceded by an informal "open house." During the open house, the staff provided displays and brochures and met with members of the public to answer questions about the proposed WCS CISF application. In an effort to reach a broader audience and increase interactions with members of the public, the NRC staff transmitted the February 23, 2017, meeting via web cast and provided a moderated telephone line to allow members that could not attend the meetings in person provide oral scoping comments.

Approximately 170 people attended the meeting in Hobbs, and approximately 300 people attended the meeting in Andrews, and 70 people attended the meeting in Rockville, MD. The participants included members of the NRC staff, members of the public, WCS representatives, state and local government officials, members of public advocacy organizations, and the news media. Public comments were mainly focused on:

- contamination of water resources,
- transportation risks,
- socioeconomics benefits and burdens,
- environmental justice,
- emergency management,
- "de facto" final repository concerns,
- terrorism,
- cumulative impacts, and
- integrity/robustness of the casks.

Enclosure 1, 2, and 3 contain the meeting transcripts for the Hobbs, NM, Andrews, TX, and Rockville, MD, scoping meetings, respectively. Enclosure 3 is a copy of the NRC staff's meeting slides. The public meeting notice for each meeting is available on the NRC's public meeting web page at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>. The NRC staff's presentations and transcripts for the meetings are also available on the NRC's public web page for its review of the WCS license application at <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/cis/waste-control-specialist.html>.

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Enclosures:

1. Hobbs, NM – ML17061A744
2. Andrews, TX – ML17062A614
3. Rockville, MD – ML17067A323
4. Slides and Material - ML17058A036

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