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NRC Extends Public Comment Period on Scope of Environmental Review for Texas Consolidated Spent Fuel Storage Facility

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has extended the public comment period on the scope of its environmental review of an application by Interim Storage Partners to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel in Andrews County, Texas. The new deadline for comment is Nov. 19.

The extension was announced in a [notice](#) in the *Federal Register* published Oct. 19. A [notice published on Sept. 4](#) officially reopened the scoping period for the environmental impact statement, which had been suspended at the request of the applicant.

The application was initially filed by Waste Control Specialists in 2016. The company requested the NRC suspend its review in April 2017, pending the anticipated sale of the company. WCS was acquired by J.F. Lehman & Co. in January 2018. In March, WCS and Orano, an international nuclear supplier, formed Interim Storage Partners as a joint venture to take over the spent fuel storage project. The new company [submitted a revised application](#) to the NRC in June.

Comments can be submitted over the federal government's www.regulations.gov website, using Docket ID NRC-2016-0231; by email to WCS_CISF_EIS@nrc.gov; or by mail to May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

More information about the ISP application is available on the [NRC website](#).