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Dear Kara

Sorry I didn't respond to you earlier, but I was trying to identify an appropriate participant for your meeting. I would like to suggest Chris McKenney attend the meeting. He is the Chief of our Risk and Technical Analysis Branch and is intimately familiar with the submitted NRC staff comments. If that is acceptable, please provide Chris with any logistical details.
Thanks

John

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From: Kara Colton [<mailto:Kara.Colton@energyca.org>]
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Subject: [External_Sender] Invitation to ECA/ECOS "Discussion of DOE's Proposed HLW Interpretation, Implementation, and Impact" - May 1st in Washington, DC

Good morning, John,

I hope your day is off to a good start. My name is Kara Colton and I am the Director of Nuclear Energy Policy for the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA). I am writing to invite you to attend and speak at our upcoming meeting, a “**Discussion of DOE’s Proposed HLW Interpretation, Implementation, and Impact**” on May 1, 2019, in Washington, DC. The purpose is to facilitate discussion of DOE’s proposed interpretation of the statutory definition for high-level radioactive waste (HLW), bringing together local, state, and tribal government officials, along with representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE) and other invited guests, to share perspectives on the potential challenges and opportunities for coordination in regards to defense HLW disposal alternatives.

ECA, the association of local governments in the communities that host or are adjacent to the DOE’s federal facilities, works under a cooperative agreement with DOE’s Office of Environmental Management (EM) to address issues related to the cleanup of the nuclear waste complex that impact our communities directly. Over the past few years, we have spent a lot of time on high-level waste classification and DOE’s potential interpretation, including the release of our White Paper, “[Waste Disposition: A New Approach to DOE’s Waste Management Must Be Pursued](#).” ECA’s position is that we support DOE’s efforts to move forward with a full evaluation to determine the feasibility, costs, costs savings, etc., of this “clarification.” Essentially, without progress on Yucca Mountain, we want to discuss risk-based, science-driven alternatives that can move waste out of our communities more expeditiously while still being protective of human health and the environment.

Now that the comment period for public input on DOE’s proposed interpretation has closed, we are hosting this second meeting focused solely on HLW Interpretation. We read the NRC’s comments on the proposed interpretation and would be very interested in your participation at the meeting on a small panel with a representative from the EPA. We have not yet had anyone from the NRC in our discussions and Mark Senderling and Theresa Kliczewski suggested you would be a great person to reach out to. The panel is scheduled from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm. The format of the meeting will be discussion-based so no need for formal PowerPoint presentations (although if slides are preferred, no problem at all!) and the meeting is closed to press.

I have included more information below as well as a link to the meeting website. We are in the process of updating the agenda that is currently posted online, and I will share that with you as soon as it is ready. In the interim, if you have any questions at all, I’d love to speak to you further and provide additional information. I can best be reached at this email address or by phone at (703) 864-3520.

I really appreciate your consideration and hope you can participate,
Kara

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Registration is now open for the [Energy Communities Alliance](#) (ECA) and the [Environmental Council of the States](#) (ECOS) joint “**Discussion of DOE’s Proposed HLW Interpretation, Implementation, and Impact**.” The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate discussion of the Department of Energy’s proposed interpretation of the statutory definition for high-level radioactive waste (HLW), bringing together local, state, and tribal government officials, along with representatives from the Department of Energy and other invited guests, to share perspectives on DOE’s interpretation, potential challenges, and opportunities for coordination in regards to defense HLW disposal alternatives.

Specific sessions will include:

- *Charting DOE’s Path Forward*
- *Potential Legal Implications of the Proposed HLW Interpretation*
- *The Role of the NRC and EPA in HLW Interpretation*
- *The State Regulator Perspective*
- *Challenges and Opportunities Across the Complex*

MEETING DETAILS AND REGISTRATION: A draft agenda, complete information on meeting logistics and accommodations can be found on the [registration website](#). Please register to confirm your participation.

Discussion OF DOE’S Proposed HLW Interpretation, Implementation and Impact
May 1, 2019
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM EST
The Army and Navy Club
901 17th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20006

Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved for meeting participants (it is within easy walking distance of The Army Navy Club where the meeting will be held):

Hyatt Place
1522 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

A special room rate at the federal per diem rate of **\$251.00/night plus taxes and fees** is available from **April 29, 2019 to May 2, 2019**.

To reserve your room, please book online [HERE](#) and enter your dates of stay. The room block will automatically come up. Alternatively, you may book via telephone at **1-888-492-8847** and mention the code "KRLP."

***The room block expires on April 1, 2019** and space is limited. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early.

Finally, please note that this meeting is **open to invited guests only**.

We look forward to your participation. If you have any questions or for any additional information, please contact Kara Colton with ECA at kara.colton@energyca.org or (703) 864-3520, or Layne Piper with ECOS at lpiper@ecos.org or (202) 266-4928.

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