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Subject: RE: Re: Schedule Update for the Transfer of the Western Nuclear, Inc. Split Rock site to the U.S. Department of Energy for Long-Term Care
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Hi Larry,
Concerning your question below, the DOE has told us that they have no knowledge of BLM staff issues with the FRN. As we received additional information from the DOE concerning the status of the FRN, we will let WNI know.

Regards,

Tom

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Subject: [External_Sender] Re: Schedule Update for the Transfer of the Western Nuclear, Inc. Split Rock site to the U.S. Department of Energy for Long-Term Care

Greetings,

Thank you for the update. Of course, schedule slippage is never a desired outcome but we appreciate that NRC will do all that it can to keep the actions moving toward completion. As I understand the delay, it is due to internal BLM review of the FRN but publication is expected during October 2022. Do you have any awareness of any issues which the BLM staff may be focusing upon resulting in the delay?

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On 10/05/2022 11:38 AM Thomas Lancaster <thomas.lancaster@nrc.gov> wrote:

Hi Larry,

I wanted to keep you up to date on any impacts to the schedule. I received

some communications from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) concerning the status of the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land withdraw for the transitioning of the Western Nuclear, Inc. (WNI) Split Rock site to the DOE for long-term care. Based on the communications from DOE, NRC staff understands that the transfer of BLM land within the Split Rock site to DOE is experiencing a delay, which has resulted in a slip in the schedule for NRC's receipt of the final Long-Term Surveillance Plan (LTSP) on October 7, 2022, as indicated in the NRC latest schedule update (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession (ADAMS) No. ML22201A489). The delay is specifically being caused by an unexpected longer period of review of the federal register notice (FRN) for proposed BLM land withdrawal by DOI/BLM. This delay will push back the date NRC staff expects to receive the final LTSP.

Currently, NRC staff does not know the extent of the above-referenced delay, but understands the DOE is pursuing a target date from BLM headquarters (BLM HQ) for the completion of the BLM land withdraw. I will keep you informed as I receive additional communication from DOE.

Specific details received in the communication from DOE are as follows:

- The Wyoming BLM state office (BLM SO) expects that the FRN for proposed BLM land withdrawal will be published in October 2022.
- Once the FRN is published, there will be a 30-day comment period associated with the FRN before the BLM land withdrawal is final, assuming no comments are received.
- On the day the comment period expires, the BLM SO is prepared to issue the Public Land Order Package (PLO) to BLM HQ for review by both the BLM HQ and the DOI. Subsequently, the PLO will be published, which will allow the transfer of BLM land to DOE to be completed.

Upon the transfer of BLM land to DOE, NRC expects to immediately receive the final LTSP from DOE and maintain the time-period in the latest schedule update (ADAMS Accession No. ML22201A489) for the completion of the license termination and transfer of the Split Rock site to DOE for long-term care.

Please do not hesitate to call me to further discuss this matter.

Regards,

Tom Lancaster



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