



Key Insights to the Future of High Level Waste Management

Session # TH30

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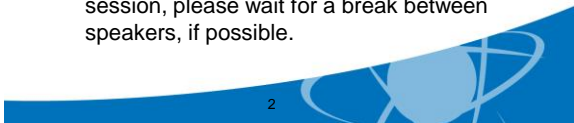
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Panel Speakers



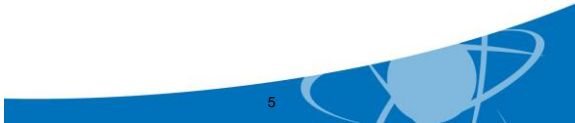
- **Ron Johnson**, Prairie Island Indian Community
- **John Sipos**, State of New York
- **Ellen Ginsberg**, Nuclear Energy Institute
- **Michael Callahan**, Decommissioning Plant Coalition
- **Christopher Hanson**, U.S. Department of Energy



Session Format



- Brief status of NRC activities
- Panelists provide perspectives
 - Approximately 8 minutes per organization
- Audience asks questions of panelists
 - Approximately 30 minutes total



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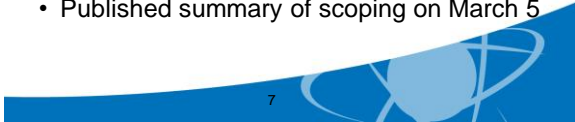


- Generic determinations on spent fuel storage and repository availability
 - Safety and environmental components
 - Decision and rule (10 CFR 51.23)
- Relevant to: new and operating reactor licensing; storage licensing
- Rule vacated and remanded in 2012



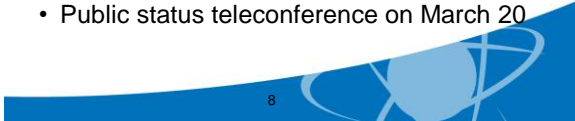
NRC Recent Activities

- Conducted environmental scoping from Oct. 25 through Jan. 2
- Held public meetings on Nov. 14 and teleconferenced webinars on Dec. 5 and 6
- Received approximately 1,700 comments from 700 commenters
- Published summary of scoping on March 5



NRC Near-Term Activities

- Complete draft generic EIS and Rule for public comment by September
- Planning for public meetings on draft
 - 8 meetings across the U.S. plus 2 nationally webcast meetings from NRC headquarters
 - Likely in the September timeframe
- Public status teleconference on March 20



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