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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE TO DISCUSS STATUS
OF WASTE CONFIDENCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND RULEMAKING

On Wednesday, February 20, 2013, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a Category 3 Monthly Status Update Teleconference at the NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. This was the second teleconference in a series of monthly status teleconferences planned by the NRC to discuss the Waste Confidence rulemaking. The purpose of the teleconference was to maintain an open line of communication with the public by providing a status update on NRC staff's progress in developing the draft generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) that will support the revised Waste Confidence rule; and to engage participants through questions about the NRC's process and activities.

The teleconference began at 1:30 p.m. and concluded at 2:30 p.m. EST and was assisted by an operator who captured the name and organization of each participant, and moderated the individual phone lines. The NRC initiated the teleconference by reiterating its mission, noting the planned issuance of the scoping summary report in early March, announcing a Waste Confidence presentation at the upcoming 2013 Regulatory Information Conference, and providing a brief status of the draft GEIS development. The NRC staff concluded their presentation with a discussion of future public participation opportunities, and then opened the teleconference for questions.

There were 99 participants in the teleconference representing members of the public, tribal and state governments, industry, public advocacy groups, and the NRC and its contractors. Of the 99 participants, 11 asked questions during the teleconference. A list of meeting participants is included as an attachment.

There were a variety of concerns, questions, and issues discussed during the teleconference, including: whether scoping comments would summarize important issues that have been received by NRC; how non-power reactor license renewals will be affected by the Waste

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Confidence rule; whether the “no repository” scenario would be in the GEIS; the locations, format, and number of future public meetings to discuss the draft GEIS; notification that the scoping summary report will be available in early March and will address scoping comments and clarify the scope of the GEIS; NRC contractor experience with EIS preparation and potential conflict of interest; the uranium recovery GEIS; a request to use a visual figure to address how the GEIS and the Waste Confidence decision fit into the regulatory process; whether any version of the Waste Confidence regulation (10 CFR 51.23) is valid; the 10 CFR 2.206 request process as it relates to challenging a plant’s licensing basis because the 10 CFR 51.23 rule is no longer valid; timeframe for public comment on the GEIS; references the NRC is using for developing the draft GEIS and accessibility of the documents; bounding analysis; a discussion of risk as it relates to probability and consequence; site-specific analysis; and the adjudication process.

The transcript for this meeting is available in the NRC’s Agencywide Document Management and Access System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML13058A096. The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC’s Public Document Room reference staff at 1-800-397-4737, or via email at pdr@nrc.gov. For convenience, the transcript is also available on the Waste Confidence Directorate’s website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

The next public teleconference to discuss the status of the Waste Confidence EIS and Rulemaking is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Meeting details are available at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

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NRC Teleconference Attendees
Status of Waste Confidence EIS and Rulemaking
Wednesday, February 20, 2013 1:30 - 2:30 PM EST

	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	John	Angil	VT Emergency Management & Homeland Security
2	Jane	Beetem	Missouri Department of Natural Resources
3	Jerry	Bonanno	Nuclear Energy Institute
4	William	Boyle	Department of Energy
5	Michael	Brandon	DTE Energy
6	Daniel	Breig	Congressman Nunes Office
7	Matthew	Brock	Commonwealth of Massachusetts
8	Andrew	Burgess	Ameren Missouri
9	Michael	Callahan	Governmental Strategies, Inc.
10	Chip	Cameron	Private Citizen
11	Christopher	Charles	Nuclear Energy Institute
12	Tom	Clements	Friends of the Earth
13	Leslie	Collins	Westinghouse Electric Company
14	Pam	Cowan	Exelon Corporation
15	Dan	Cronin	University of Florida
16	Diane	Curran	Harman Curran
17	Tom	Daley	South Texas Project
18	Diane	D'Arrigo	Nuclear Information and Resource Service
19	Pat	Dostie	State of Maine
20	Ellen	Ginsberg	Nuclear Energy Institute
21	Carlyn	Greene	UX Consulting
22	Michael	Griffen	Maryland Department of Environment
23	Tim	Hall	South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company
24	Steven	Hamrick	Florida Power & Light Company
25	Many	Hancock	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
26	Christopher	Hanson	Department of Energy
27	Tony	Harris	Stars Alliance
28	William	Hayden	Environmental Protection Agency
29	Ace	Hoffman	Nuke Free North County
30	Annie	Honrath	Vermont Attorney General's Office
31	Eric	Howes	Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company
32	Thomas	Iaccarino	Spectrum Environmental Sciences
33	Chad	Jackson	Neil Gross & Company
34	Janet	Jadlowski	Private Citizens
35	Lisa	Janair	Council of State Government
36	Miriam	Juckett	Southwest Research Institute
37	Jeff	Keenan	Public Service Electric and Gas Company

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38	Beverly	Kerr	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
39	John	Kessler	Electric Power Research Institute
40	Sean	Kice	Tennessee Emergency Management Agency
41	Phil	Klevatorick	Clark County Nuclear Waste Division
42	Lingard	Knutson	Environmental Protection Agency
43	Vic	Macks	Michigan Stop Nuclear Bombs Campaign
44	Phil	Mahowald	Prairie Island Indian Community
45	Rod	McCullum	Nuclear Energy Institute
46	Michael	Meyer	Turner Environmental Law Clinic
47	Robert	Pauline	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses
48	Richard	Pinney	State of New Jersey
49	Oleg	Povetko	Environmental Protection Agency
50	Brad	Ramsay	National Assoc. of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
51	David	Robillard	Public Service Electric and Gas Company
52	Anthony	Roisman	Private Citizen
53	Susan	Shapiro	IPSEC
54	Margaret	Sheehan	Pilgrim Coalition
55	Beverly	Silverberg	Private Citizen
56	John	Sipos	State of New York
57	Carlos	Sisco	Winston & Strawn
58	Andrew	Smith	Private Citizen
59	David	Snellings	Arkansas Department of Health
60	Robert	Snook	Connecticut Attorney General Office
61	Steven	Sondheim	The Sierra Club
62	Laura	Sorensen	Safe Carolinas
63	Ken	Taplett	South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company
64	Craig	Tepper	Seminole Tribe of Florida
65	Brittany	Theis	Whitt Law
66	Ruth	Thomas	Environmentalist Inc.
67	Ellen	Thomas	Women's International League for Peace & Freedom
68	Alex	Thrower	The Nuclear Infrastructure Council
69	Tom	Tramm	Certrec
70	Judy	Treichel	Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force
71	Tony	Turner	West Virginia Department of Health & Human Services
72	Heath	Waldrop	Electric Power Research Institute
73	Barbara	Warren	Citizens Environmental Coalition
74	Michael	Wegner	Kansas Corp of Emission
75	Randal	Westmoreland	DTE Energy
76	Heather	Westra	Prairie Island Indian Community
77	Greg	White	Michigan Public Service Commission
78	Jim	Williams	Western Interstate Energy Board
79	Joseph	Wojcicki	By-Pass International

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80	Louis	Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
81	Joseph	Ziegler	Nye County Nevada
82	Margaret	Cervera	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NSIR
83	Tison	Campbell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/OGC
84	Russell	Chazell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRO
85	Adam	Gendelman	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/OGC
86	Merri	Horn	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
87	Andy	Imboden	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
88	Kristen	Lipuma	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/OIG
89	Lisa	London	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/OGC
90	Sarah	Lopas	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
91	Timothy	McCartin	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
92	Keith	McConnell	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
93	Paul	Michalak	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
94	Alicia	Mullins	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
95	TR	Rowe	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
96	Carrie	Safford	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
97	Neil	Sheehan	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
98	Andrew	Stuyvenberg	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD
99	Susan	Wittick	Nuclear Regulatory Commission/WCD