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SUBJECT: SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE WASTE CONFIDENCE GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SCOPING PROCESS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) conducted an environmental scoping process and solicited comments on the scope of the Waste Confidence generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) from October 25, 2012, to January 2, 2013. The scoping process was the first step in the development of a GEIS to support the proposed Waste Confidence rulemaking and helped inform the scope of staff's environmental review.

As part of the scoping process, the staff conducted two webcast public meetings at NRC headquarters in Rockville, MD, on November 14, 2012, as well as two webinars on December 5 and December 6, 2012. The purpose of these meetings was to provide basic information on the staff's plans to develop a GEIS to support the proposed Waste Confidence rulemaking and to solicit public input regarding the scope of the review. The staff also received written comments primarily through www.Regulations.gov (Docket ID NRC-2012-0246) and, to a lesser extent, by mail and fax. At the conclusion of the scoping process, the staff prepared the enclosed environmental scoping summary report identifying comments received during the scoping period. In accordance with 10 CFR § 51.29(b), the NRC will distribute the scoping summary report to participants in the Waste Confidence scoping process through the WCO Outreach@nrc.gov e-mail distribution list. Hard copies of this scoping summary report will also be distributed at the NRC's 2013 Regulatory Information Conference on March 14, 2013, and will be available to scoping participants upon request.

The transcripts of the scoping meetings and webinars are available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

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