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SUBJECT: LETTER DATED MARCH 8, 2013, RE: NRC WASTE CONFIDENCE UPDATE –  
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Ms. Brancato:

I am responding to your letter of March 8, 2013, in which you requested that the NRC hold public meetings on the forthcoming Waste Confidence draft generic environmental impact statement and proposed rule in the vicinity of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating units. As you noted in your letter, your organization had made a similar request in its comments on the scope of the NRC's generic environmental impact statement.

During the course of the scoping process, the NRC staff solicited—and groups and individuals provided—suggestions to the agency on potential locations for public meetings that the NRC plans to hold to receive comments on the draft generic environmental impact statement and proposed rule. Based largely on the input the staff received during the scoping period, the NRC plans to hold eight regional meetings in locations throughout the U.S., as well as two nationally webcast meetings from NRC headquarters during the comment period. The comment period is currently scheduled for September to November of 2013.

The week before we received your letter, we posted a list of planned meeting locations on the NRC's public website. The NRC will hold public meetings in or near the following vicinities: New York City, Boston, Denver, Minneapolis, San Luis Obispo (Ca.), San Clemente (Ca.), Toledo (Ohio), and Charlotte (N.C.) area, as well as two nationally webcast meetings from NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The meeting list is available on the NRC's public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/faq.html#b2>.

The NRC is currently making arrangements for the meeting location in the New York City metropolitan area. Although we are unable to commit to a particular location at this time, we are striving to make it as convenient as possible for interested parties to attend. The NRC will provide additional meeting information for all locations as soon as it is available. We will post this information to our Waste Confidence webpages (available from [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov) via link in the "Spotlight" box), provide it during one of our monthly Waste Confidence status teleconferences, and distribute it electronically via our [WCO Outreach@nrc.gov](mailto:WCO Outreach@nrc.gov) e-mail list.

I appreciate your time and attention in reaching out to the NRC to share your views on this matter, and I look forward to your organization's continued involvement in the Waste Confidence process. In the meantime, please contact Sarah Lopas, the Waste Confidence Directorate's NEPA Communications Project Manager, at 301-492-3425 or [sarah.lopas@nrc.gov](mailto:sarah.lopas@nrc.gov) if you have any additional questions or concerns related to Waste Confidence public outreach.

Sincerely,

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