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MEMORANDUM TO: R. William Von Till, Chief  
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY: DECEMBER 14, 2021 PUBLIC  
MEETING WITH WESTERN NUCLEAR INCORPORATED,  
REGARDING THE LONG-TERM CARE FEE FOR THE WNI SPLIT  
ROCK WYOMING SITE

On December 14, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public meeting via video conferencing with representatives of Western Nuclear Incorporated (WNI), the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). No member of the public identified themselves during the meeting. The participants are included in the enclosed participant's list.

The purpose of the meeting was to allow WNI and WDEQ to ask questions and share their views regarding the public version of the DOE's Long-Term Care Fee (LTCF) estimate for the WNI's Split Rock Wyoming uranium mill tailings disposal site, and the NRC's schedule for the termination of the Split Rock site radioactive materials license and transition of the site to the DOE for long-term care. Prior to the meeting, the DOE provided the NRC with a public version of their LTCF estimate on September 27, 2021, which the NRC shared with WDEQ and WNI on October 1, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Numbers ML21277A124 and ML21277A141). On December 1, 2021, the WNI provided the NRC with a set of comments and questions in advance of the December 14, 2021 public meeting (ADAMS Accession Number ML21336A562). The WNI's comments and questions regarded the NRC's process for assessing the Long-term Care Fee (LTCF) for the site; DOE's inclusion of some land management activities in the LTCF estimate and other cost bases; the status of various aspects of the overall license termination schedule (ADAMS Accession Number ML21335A005); and clarification about the withdrawal of public land within the proposed long-term care boundary.

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The NRC staff and WNI provided brief opening remarks. The NRC, with support from the DOE, then briefly addressed the comments and questions received from WNI before the meeting. Information provided to WNI by the NRC and DOE included the following:

- a. The DOE staff stated that they provided the NRC with a LTCF estimate that included all of DOE's costs to show what they would expend but did not expect that all the costs in the LTCF estimate would necessarily be included in the final LTCF. The NRC staff stated that it had not completed its evaluation of the LTCF but was going to inform WNI of the LTCF in May 2022. The NRC staff stated that the Environmental Assessment should not impact the schedule for license termination.
- b. The NRC staff indicated that Tribal outreach was completed, and the staff would inform the interested Tribes of the results of the NRC's review of the Long-term Surveillance Plan in August 2022.,
- c. The DOE staff stated that they were working with the Bureau of Land Management on the withdrawal of the public land. The NRC and DOE staff emphasized that the withdrawal of public land had the most uncertainty in the schedule.

In addition to the discussions relating to WNI comments and questions received before the meeting, WNI described their independent analysis of the LTCF, and the NRC and DOE staff provided clarification timing of the submission of the LTCF to the U.S. Treasury. The WNI also asked if the DOE's Preliminary Final Long-Term Surveillance Plan (PFLTSP) for the site was public, and the NRC staff provided the public PFLTSP to WNI after the meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML21323A184). The WDEQ did not have any questions or comments during the meeting.

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Enclosure:  
Participant List

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