

Waste Confidence – Status Update

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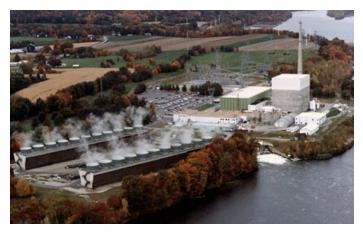
Outline

- Court of Appeals Decision
- Impacts
- Completed Activities
- Public Participation
- Next Steps



Court of Appeals Decisions

- 2012 Decision
 - Addressed 2010 version of the Waste
 - Confidence rule
 - Three defects
 - No-repository analysis
 - Spent fuel pool leaks
 - Spent fuel pool fires





Impacts

- Link to reactor and spent fuel storage licensing
- No final licenses until remand resolved
 - Licensing and adjudication continues
- 11 licensing actions affected





Completed Activities



- EIS scoping: October 25, 2012 January 2, 2013
- Published draft statement and proposed rule - September 13, 2013
- Draft GEIS:
 - Impacts assessed for three timeframes
- Proposed Rule:
 - -51.23

Public Participation U.S.NRC United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Protecting People and the Environment

- 11 Monthly Public Status Calls:
 - Average 80 participants
- Website:
 - 26,000 unique visits
- 13 Public Meetings:
 - > 1400 participants; 465 oral presentations
- Comments Overall:
 - > 33,000 submittals; ~ 1500 unique submittals
 - ~ 9,000 unique comments

Public Participation



Sampling of Comments	
GEIS should be withdrawn – wholly inadequate	Not considering loss of institutional controls is flawed
GEIS doesn't follow Court's direction	Considering storage for hundreds of thousands of years absurd
Use of the word "confidence" is flawed	NRC should stop utilities from making more SF until disposal is resolved
"No confidence" in NRC	
Storage can not be treated generically	Use of risk analysis flawed
Can treat SF storage generically	Analysis of spent fuel pool fires/leaks inadequate
GEIS is adequate and complete	Long-term storage of high-burnup fuel problematic
Alternatives analysis inadequate/wrong	Expedited transfer of SF to hardened on-site storage

Next Steps



- Commission Briefing March 21
- Assess and develop responses to comments
- Revise GEIS and rule as necessary
- Provide final GEIS, rule and comment response document to Commission – Summer 2014

- Bottom line:
 - Complete by Fall 2014