



**FX CHIP CAMERON
WM2015**

**WASTE CONFIDENCE:
THE PUBLIC OUTREACH
PROCESS**



OVERVIEW



- DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PROPOSED RULE
- THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS REQUIRED BY NEPA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT (“APA”)
- THE NRC’S ADDITIONAL PUBLIC OUTREACH PROCESS



THE STANDARD PUBLIC PROCESS



- PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT RULEMAKING UNDER THE APA
- NEPA'S PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHILOSOPHY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS



NRC'S ENHANCED PUBLIC OUTREACH PROCESS



- DEDICATED WASTE CONFIDENCE PUBLIC WEBPAGE
- MONTHLY PUBLIC TELECONFERENCES
- 12 PUBLIC MEETINGS (10 REGIONAL) AND OPEN HOUSES
- SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS



PLANNING AND PREPARATION



- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, INFORMATION MATERIALS, OPEN HOUSE POSTERS, MEETING AGENDAS, TRAINING
- DETERMINING THE LOCATION OF THE REGIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS
- CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC OUTREACH MECHANISMS
- ADVANCE CONTACT WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS
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FORMAT OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS



- FACILITATED
- “TOWN HALL” FORMAT AND OPEN HOUSE
- OPEN HOUSE PROMPTED INFORMAL , PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PUBLIC
- OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS
- TRANSCRIBED, “ON THE RECORD”
- ATMOSPHERICS

+ MODEST INNOVATIONS



- SMALL GROUP MEETING BETWEEN NRC STAFF AND THE LEADERS OF THE ACTIVIST AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS
- SMALL GROUP TALKING CIRCLE IN MINNEAPOLIS
- SMALL GROUP DIALOGUES LED TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT, AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

+ LESSONS

- THE USE OF A VARIETY OF PUBLIC OUTREACH TECHNIQUES, THE NRC COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES, AND GOOD PLANNING AND PREPARATION, PROVIDED AN AUTHENTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT, AND PARTICIPATE IN, THE NRC DECISIONMAKING PROCESS

