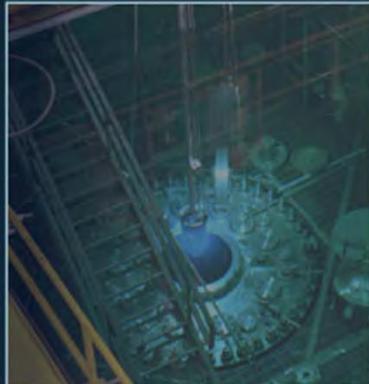


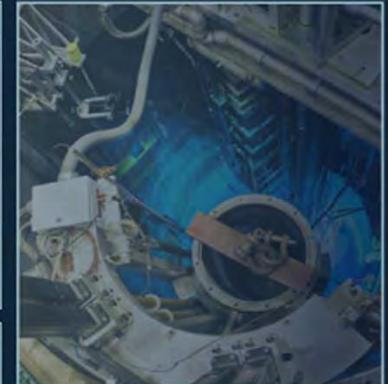
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Waste Confidence Activities

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Agenda

- What is Waste Confidence?
- Brief History
- 2012 Court of Appeals Decision
- Impacts
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- Generic “Findings” on Spent Fuel Storage and Repository Availability
 - Safety and environmental findings
 - Decision and Rule (10 CFR 51.23)
- Relevant to new and operating reactor licensing, and storage licensing



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History

- 1979 Court of Appeals decision
- First Commission decision in 1984
- Five Findings
- Periodic review





Court Remand

- September 2011 challenge
- Decision on June 8, 2012
- Three deficiencies in the NRC's NEPA analysis:
 - No-repository analysis
 - Spent fuel pool leaks
 - Spent fuel pool fires



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Impact

- Link to reactor and storage licensing
- No final licenses until remand resolved
- Licensing and adjudication continues



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Path Forward

- Generic environmental impact statement and rule within 24 months (September 2014)
- Ample opportunity for public participation
- Waste Confidence Directorate was formed
- Immediately began environmental scoping

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Schedule

September 2013	Publication of draft GEIS and proposed Rule; begin 75-day public comment period
September and October 2013	10 public meetings (2 U.S. NRC Headquarters, 8 regional)
November 2013	End of 75-day public comment period
August 2014	Publication of final GEIS and Rule

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Status

- NRC staff is on schedule
- EIS scoping October 25 – January 2
 - Four public meetings
 - Roughly 700 commenters (~1,700 comments)
 - More than 2,000 requests to re-notice
 - Scoping Summary Report issued March 4
- Development of draft GEIS and proposed Rule well underway
- Planning for public meetings

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Public Meetings

- 8 regional public meetings
 - White Plains, NY
 - Boston, MA
 - Minneapolis, MN
 - Denver, CO
 - San Luis Obispo, CA
 - San Clemente, CA
 - Toledo, OH
 - Charlotte, NC
- 2 nationally webcast NRC HQ meetings
 - Accessible online and by phone

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Tracking Progress and Participation

- Status Updates
 - Monthly status teleconferences
 - WCO outreach@nrc.gov and Waste Confidence website
- 75-day public comment period on draft GEIS and proposed Rule
- Submit comments via email, fax, mail, Regulations.gov, or at meetings

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<http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd.html>