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DOE to Discuss Disposal Options for Greater than Class C Waste

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management will discuss its plans to evaluate disposal options for Greater Than Class C (GTCC) low-level waste through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). GTCC is commercial waste generated from the decommissioning of nuclear power plants, medical activities, and nuclear research and is currently stored at commercial nuclear power plants, as well as other generator sites across the country. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires DOE to evaluate safe disposal options for this waste and report disposal alternatives considered to Congress. In the EIS, DOE will also evaluate alternatives for disposal of DOE-owned and generated low-level and transuranic waste with characteristics similar to GTCC waste and that may not have a path to disposal.

The EIS will evaluate a range of disposal methods and locations that include: (1) geologic disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository; (2) enhanced near-surface disposal at the Hanford Site, Idaho National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Nevada Test Site, Oak Ridge Reservation, Savannah River Site, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant vicinity, or a generic commercial location; and (3) intermediate depth borehole disposal at the same locations identified in (2). The EIS will consider these alternatives individually and in combination. For more detailed information you may consult the web at www.gtcceis.anl.gov

The scoping period began with the publication of the Notice of Intent on July 23, 2007, and ends on September 21, 2007. Interested parties are invited to participate in the public scoping process to provide their comments on the proposed disposal alternatives for analysis in the EIS and the environmental issues to be analyzed. The scoping process is intended to involve all interested agencies (federal, state, county, and local), public interest groups, Native American tribes, businesses, and members of the public.

A Public scoping meeting will be held at the following location and time:

North Augusta Community Center
495 Brookside Avenue
North Augusta, South Carolina
Thursday, August 23, 2007
6-9 p.m.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS should be sent to:

James L. Joyce, Document Manager
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U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0119

Comments may also be submitted by fax (301-903-4303), email (gtcceis@anl.gov), or via the web site (www.gtcceis.anl.gov)

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