

member to serve on the National Watermelon Promotion Board.

The referendum shall be conducted from January 13, 2014 through January 27, 2014. The referendum agents will mail the ballots to be cast in the referendum and voting instructions to all known eligible watermelon producers, handlers, and importers prior to the first day of the voting period. Only producers of 10 acres or more of watermelon; watermelon handlers, and importers of 150,000 or more pounds of watermelons annually, and importers who import less than 150,000 pounds of watermelons annually and did not apply for and receive reimbursements of assessments annually during the representative period will be eligible to vote in the referendum. Any eligible watermelon producers, handlers, and importers who do not receive a ballot should contact the referendum agent no later than one week before the end of the voting period. Ballots must be received by the referendum agents no later than the close of business 4:30 p.m., Eastern daylight-standard time, January 27, 2014, to be counted.

Jeanette Palmer, Sonia Jimenez and Marlene Betts, PED, FVP, AMS, USDA, Stop 0244, Room 1406-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0244, are designated as the referendum agents of the Department to conduct this referendum. The referendum procedures specified in sections 1210.600 through 1210.607 of the Plan, which were issued pursuant to the Act, shall be used to conduct the referendum.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1210

Administrative practice and procedure, Advertising, Consumer information, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Watermelon promotion.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, part 1210, chapter XI of title 7 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1210—WATERMELON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION PLAN

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 1210 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 4901-4916 and 7 U.S.C. 7401.

■ 2. In § 1210.321, paragraph (d) is revised to read as follows:

§ 1210.321 Nomination and selection.

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(d) Nominations for importer positions that become vacant may be made by mail ballot, nomination conventions, or by other means

prescribed by the Secretary. The Board shall provide notice of such vacancies and the nomination process to all importers through press releases and any other available means as well as direct mailing to known importers. All importers may participate in the nomination process. A person who both imports and handles watermelons may participate in the nomination process and serve on the Board as either an importer or handler, but not both.

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■ 3. In § 1210.363, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 1210.363 Suspension or termination.

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(b) The Secretary may conduct a referendum at any time and shall hold a referendum on request of the Board or at least 10 percent of the combined total of the watermelon producers, handlers, and importers to determine if watermelon producers, handlers, and importers favor termination or suspension of this Plan. The Secretary shall suspend or terminate this Plan at the end of the marketing year whenever the Secretary determines that the suspension or termination is favored by a majority of the watermelon producers, handlers, and importers voting in such referendum who, during a representative period determined by the Secretary, have been engaged in the production, handling, or importing of watermelons and who produced, handled, or imported more than 50 percent of the combined total of the volume of watermelons produced, handled, or imported by those producers, handlers, and importers voting in the referendum. Any such referendum shall be conducted by mail ballot.

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■ 4. In § 1210.404, paragraph (g) is revised to read as follows:

§ 1210.404 Importer member nomination and selection.

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(g) A person who both imports and handles watermelons may participate in the nomination process and serve on the Board as either an importer or handler, but not both.

■ 5. In § 1210.602, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 1210.602 Voting.

(a) Each person who is an eligible producer, handler, or importer as defined in this subpart, at the time of the referendum and who also was a producer, handler, or importer during the representative period, shall be entitled to one vote in the referendum:

Provided, That each producer in a landlord-tenant relationship or a divided ownership arrangement involving totally independent entities cooperating only to produce watermelons in which more than one of the parties is a producer, shall be entitled to one vote in the referendum covering only that producer's share of the ownership.

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Dated: October 21, 2013.

Rex A. Barnes,
Associate Administrator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 51

[NRC-2012-0246]

RIN 3150-AJ20

Proposed Waste Confidence Rule and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Rescheduling of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has rescheduled to November 12 the Waste Confidence public meeting it initially planned to hold in Oak Brook, Illinois, on October 24, 2013. The NRC postponed this meeting as a result of lapsed appropriations. The rescheduled meeting will allow the NRC to receive public comments on proposed amendments to the NRC's regulations pertaining to the environmental impacts of the continued storage of spent nuclear fuel beyond a reactor's licensed life for operation and prior to ultimate disposal (the proposed Waste Confidence rule) and the draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS), NUREG-2157, "Waste Confidence Generic Environmental Impact Statement," that forms a regulatory basis for the proposed amendments. The meeting is open to the public, and anyone may attend. The NRC will publish notices for other postponed and rescheduled Waste Confidence public meetings as soon as practicable.

DATES: The NRC plans to hold its rescheduled Waste Confidence public meeting in Oak Brook, Illinois, on November 12, 2013. This document contains specific meeting information in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2012–0246 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for the proposed Waste Confidence rule and DGEIS. You may access publicly available information related to these documents by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2012–0246.

- *NRC's Waste Confidence Web site:* Go to <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd.html>.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The DGEIS is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13224A106.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Lopas, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–287–0675; email: Sarah.Lopas@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC published the proposed Waste Confidence Rule in the **Federal Register** on September 13, 2013 (78 FR 56776). On the same day, the NRC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued notices of the availability for the DGEIS (78 FR 56621; 78 FR 56695).

Prior to the lapse in appropriations in October 2013, the NRC staff held two Waste Confidence public meetings (one in Rockville, Maryland, on October 1, and one in Denver, Colorado, on October 3). The NRC postponed five meetings (in San Luis Obispo and Carlsbad, California; Perrysburg, Ohio; Minnetonka, Minnesota; and Oak Brook, Illinois) as a result of lapsed appropriations. The NRC has rescheduled the meetings in Carlsbad and San Luis Obispo, California, on November 18 and November 20, respectively. The NRC will publish notices for rescheduled meetings in Perrysburg, Ohio, and Minnetonka, Minnesota, as soon as practicable. Five additional Waste Confidence public meetings remain scheduled as

publicized in 78 FR 54789: Chelmsford, Massachusetts, on October 28; Tarrytown, New York, on October 30; Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 4; Orlando, Florida, on November 6; and Rockville, Maryland, on November 14.

The November 12 public meeting will take place in the Oak Brook Ballroom of the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook, 1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions during an open house one hour prior to the start of the meeting. The open house will start at 6:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

The NRC staff will receive comments from the public during the comment-period portion of the meeting. The public meeting will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation on the contents of the DGEIS and proposed Waste Confidence rule; and (2) the opportunity for government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the DGEIS and proposed rule. No oral comments on the DGEIS or proposed Waste Confidence rule will be accepted during the pre-meeting, open-house session. To be considered, oral comments must be presented during the transcribed portion of the public meeting. The NRC staff will also accept written comments at any time during the public meeting.

Persons interested in presenting oral comments at the November 12 public meeting are encouraged to pre-register. Persons may pre-register to present oral comments by calling 301–287–9392 or by emailing WCRegistration@nrc.gov no later than 3 days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may also register in-person to provide oral comments at the meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of people who register.

If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, then the need should be brought to the NRC's attention no later than 10 days prior to the meeting to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated. The meeting agenda and participation details will be available on the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm> no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of October 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Keith I. McConnell,

Director, Waste Confidence Directorate, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 51

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Proposed Waste Confidence Rule and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Rescheduling of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has rescheduled the Waste Confidence public meetings it initially planned to hold in San Luis Obispo and Carlsbad, California, on October 7 and October 9, respectively. The NRC postponed these meetings as a result of lapsed appropriations. The Waste Confidence public meeting in Carlsbad will now be held on November 18, 2013. The Waste Confidence public meeting in San Luis Obispo will now be held on November 20, 2013. The rescheduled meetings will allow the NRC to receive public comments on proposed amendments to the NRC's regulations pertaining to the environmental impacts of the continued storage of spent nuclear fuel beyond a reactor's licensed life for operation and prior to ultimate disposal (the proposed Waste Confidence rule) and the draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS), NUREG–2157, "Waste Confidence Generic Environmental Impact Statement," that forms a regulatory basis for the proposed rule. The meetings are open to the public, and anyone may attend. The NRC will publish notices for other postponed and rescheduled Waste Confidence public meetings as soon as practicable.

DATES: The NRC plans to hold a rescheduled Waste Confidence public meeting in Carlsbad, California, on November 18, 2013. The NRC plans to hold a rescheduled Waste Confidence public meeting in San Luis Obispo, California, on November 20, 2013. This document contains specific meeting information in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

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