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Dear Ms. Curran:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) I am responding to your letter dated October 4, 2013, in which you expressed concern about the cancellation of the NRC's Waste Confidence public meetings due to the recent lapse in government appropriations. As you are aware, the NRC postponed meetings scheduled in California on October 7 and October 9, meetings scheduled for Ohio and Minnesota during the week of October 14, and the meeting in Illinois scheduled for October 24. You also made recommendations in your letter regarding the approach the NRC should take in rescheduling the public meetings.

The NRC has now rescheduled all postponed meetings and extended the public comment period until December 20, 2013. The meeting times and locations have been announced, and can be found at the NRC's Waste Confidence website. The NRC will also continue to hold regularly scheduled public status teleconferences to provide information on upcoming meetings and Waste Confidence efforts.

Comments on the Waste Confidence Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Rule can continue to be submitted through any of three avenues. Comments can be submitted online at <http://www.regulations.gov/> by searching for Docket ID NRC-2012-0246. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov citing Docket ID NRC-2012-0246. Finally, comments may be submitted by mail to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. Again, Docket ID NRC-2012-0246 should be included in the comments. Comments received during the shutdown are being processed and will be made available for public viewing shortly.

Thank you, again, for your letter and for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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