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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0039 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0039.
- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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 draft EIS can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21209A213.

- **Attention:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at pdr.resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Project Website:** Information related to the WEC project can be accessed on the NRC's WEC website at <https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/fc/westinghouse-fuel-fab-fac-sc-lc.html>. Under the section titled "Operating," scroll down to "Key Documents" and click on Draft EIS, NUREG-2248, Draft Report for Comment.

- **Public Libraries:** A copy of the NRC staff's draft EIS will be made accessible at the following public libraries (library access and hours are determined by local policy):

- Richland Public Library—Main: 1431 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201;
- Richland Public Library—Lower Richland: 9019 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins, SC 29061; and
- Richland Public Library—Eastover: 608 Main Street, Eastover, SC 29044.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2015-0039. The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment

submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Meeting Information

The NRC is announcing that staff will hold a virtual public meeting as an online webinar and teleconference to receive comments on the draft EIS. Video of the staff's presentation will be accessible online at the webinar address and audio will only be accessible through the telephone line. The telephone line will also be used for the public to submit oral comments. A court reporter will be recording all comments received during the webinar and the transcript of the meeting will be made publicly available. The date and time for the public webinar is as follows:

Meeting	Date	Time	Webinar information
Virtual Public Meeting	August 26, 2021	6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar Access (Video): Event address: https://usnrc.webex.com . Event number: 199 891 1794. Event password: WESTDEIS. Telephone Access (Audio): Phone number: 1-800-369-3311. Passcode: 5558821.

Persons interested in attending this meeting should check the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule web page at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg> for additional information, agenda for the meeting, and access information for the webinar and telephone line.

III. Discussion

The NRC is issuing for public comment the draft EIS for WEC's license renewal application, which includes the NRC staff's analysis that evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action. Based on the NRC staff's (i) review of the license renewal application request, which includes the environmental report, supplemental documents, and the licensee's responses

to the NRC staff's requests for additional information; (ii) consultation with Federal, State, and Tribal agencies and input from other stakeholders; and (iii) independent review as documented in the assessments summarized in the draft EIS, the NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action would result in small impacts on all resource areas except for groundwater resources for which the impacts would be small to moderate.

Dated: July 30, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 72-1050; NRC-2016-0231]

Interim Storage Partners Consolidated Interim Storage Facility Project

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental impact statement; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing its final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Interim Storage Partners' (ISP's) license application to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility (CISF) for spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and Greater-Than-Class C (GTCC) waste, along with a small quantity of mixed oxide (MOX) fuel. The proposed CISF would be located on an approximately 130-hectare (320-acre) site, within the approximately 5,666-hectare (14,000-acre) Waste Control Specialists (WCS) site in Andrews County, Texas. The proposed action is the issuance of an NRC license authorizing a CISF to store up to 5,000 metric tons of uranium (MTUs) [5,500 short tons] of SNF for a license period of 40 years.

DATES: The FEIS referenced in this document is available on August 6, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0231 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2016-0231. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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 FEIS is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21209A955.

- **Project Webpage:** Information related to the ISP CISF project can be accessed on the NRC's project web page at <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/cis/waste-control-specialist.html>.

- **Public Libraries:** A copy of the FEIS will be made available at the following public libraries:

Andrews County Library, 109 NM 1st Street, Andrews, TX 79714.	Gaines County Library, 704 Hobbs Hwy, Seminole, TX 79360.
Hobbs Public Library, 509 N Shipp Street, Hobbs, NM 88240.	Winkler County Library, 307 S Poplar Street, Kermit, TX 79745.
Eunice Public Library, 1003 Ave. N, Eunice, NM 88231.	Yoakum County Library, 205 W 4th Street, Denver City, TX 7932.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In accordance with section 51.118 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the NRC is making available the FEIS for the license application submitted by ISP to construct and operate a CISF for SNF and GTCC waste, along with a small quantity of MOX fuel, which are collectively referred to in the EIS as SNF, and composed primarily of spent uranium-based fuel. The NRC published the draft EIS in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2020 (85 FR 27447), and the Environmental Protection Agency noticed the availability of the draft EIS on May 8, 2020 (85 FR 27412). The public comment period on the draft EIS ended on November 3, 2020, and the comments received are addressed in the FEIS. The FEIS is available as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

II. Discussion

The NRC is issuing the FEIS for an application from ISP requesting a license to authorize construction and operation of a CISF for SNF at the WCS site in Andrews County, Texas. ISP's

proposed location for its CISF is on an approximately 130-hectare (320-acre) site, within the approximately 5,666-hectare (14,000-acre) WCS site in Andrews County, Texas. The proposed action is the issuance of an NRC license authorizing a CISF to store up to 5,000 MTUs [5,500 short tons] of SNF for a license period of 40 years.

The FEIS is being issued as part of the NRC's process to decide whether to issue a license to ISP pursuant to 10 CFR part 72. In this FEIS, the NRC staff has assessed the potential environmental impacts to construct and operate the proposed CISF. The NRC staff assessed the impacts of the proposed action and the No-Action alternative on land use; transportation; geology and soils; water resources; ecological resources; air quality; noise; historical and cultural resources; visual and scenic resources; socioeconomic; environmental justice, public and occupational health, and waste management. Additionally, the FEIS analyzes and compares the benefits and costs of the proposed action and the No-Action alternative. In preparing this FEIS, the NRC staff also considered, evaluated, and addressed the public comments received on the draft EIS. Appendix D of the FEIS summarizes the public comments received and the NRC's responses.

After comparing the impacts of the proposed action to those of the No-Action alternative, the NRC staff, in accordance with the requirements in part 51 of 10 CFR, recommends the proposed action, subject to the determinations in the staff's safety review of the application. This recommendation is based on (i) the ISP license application, which includes an environmental report and supplemental documents, and ISP's responses to the NRC staff's requests for additional information; (ii) the NRC staff's consultation with Federal, State, tribal, local agencies, and input from other stakeholders, including members of the public; (iii) the NRC staff's independent review; and (iv) the NRC staff's assessments provided in the FEIS.

Dated: July 29, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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