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DOE to Hold Public Meeting on Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Disposal of Greater-Than-Class C Low-Level Radioactive Waste (GTCC) and GTCC-Like Waste

The Draft EIS analyzes potential environmental impacts from constructing and operating a new facility or facilities for the disposal of GTCC and GTCC-like wastes, as well as the impacts of using an existing facility, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

Several disposal methods were evaluated, including: deep geological repository, intermediate depth boreholes, enhanced near surface trenches, and above grade vaults. Disposal locations analyzed include the Hanford Site in Washington; Idaho National Laboratory in Idaho; the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the WIPP vicinity in New Mexico; the Nevada National Security Site (formerly the Nevada Test Site) in Nevada; and the Savannah River Site in South Carolina. DOE evaluates only the enhanced near surface trench and above grade vault disposal methods for the SRS. The Draft EIS also evaluates generic commercial disposal sites in four regions of the U.S., as well as a no action alternative.

DOE does not have, and did not identify, a “preferred alternative” for the disposal of GTCC and GTCC-like waste. DOE will include a preferred alternative in the Final EIS based on the analysis in the Draft EIS and public comments received. The preferred alternative could be a combination of two or more alternatives, based on the characteristics of the waste and other key factors. Before DOE makes a final decision on a disposal method or location, DOE must submit a report to Congress that includes a description of the alternatives under consideration and await action by Congress.

Where: North Augusta Community Center
495 Brookside Avenue
North Augusta, South Carolina 29841

When: Tuesday, April 19, 2011 from 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm

Additional information can be found at <http://www.gtcc eis.anl.gov>.

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