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Nuclear Regulatory Commission Seeks Input on Resumption of Yucca Licensing Review

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has asked participants in the adjudicatory proceeding to offer views to the Commission by Sept. 30, 2013, on how to restart the Yucca Mountain licensing process.

The request, contained in an Order, will help the Commission ensure the most efficient and productive use of the approximately \$11 million the agency has left to resume the licensing process, which was suspended in September 2011.

The Commission has directed its staff to gather pertinent budgeting information during the 30day comment period. The Commission will review the comments submitted by the parties as well as the information it receives from the NRC staff and decide the path forward in the licensing process.

The Commission action responds to an order of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on Aug. 13, 2013, granting a writ of mandamus directing the agency to "promptly continue the legally mandated licensing process." The Court's order becomes effective on Sept. 3, 2013.