CONSENT-BASED SITING

A CONSENT-BASED APPROACH TO SITING

A consent-based approach is built on collaboration—with the public, with stakeholders, and with governments at the local, state, and tribal levels.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	TRIBAL NATIONS
COMMUNITIES	STATES

A consent-based siting process will serve as a framework to ensure that these state, local, and tribal partners have a say in determining where and how waste management facilities are sited.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

Over the coming months there will be a number of ways for the public to provide input on important elements in designing a consent-based process. These include:

- Invitation for public comment in the Federal Register
- A series of public meetings around the country
- Public webinars and conference calls
- Small group meetings with the Department

The input will be published in a summary report late in 2016. This input will inform the design of consent-based siting process, which will in turn serve as a framework for engaging with potential host communities in the future. Ultimately, the Department intends to work collaboratively with the public and interested communities to identify potential partners in managing the nation's nuclear waste.

NEXT STEPS IN DEVELOPING A CONSENT-BASED SITING PROCESS

Looking forward, we plan to conduct a consent-based siting process in multiple phases:

1 Engage with the public and interested groups on the elements of a consent-based siting process

2 Design a consent-based siting process to serve as a framework for engaging with potential host communities

3 Use the mutually agreed-on consent-based siting process to work with potential host communities

As the Department engages with the public and interested groups in the first phase, we are seeking input on the following questions:

- How can the Department ensure that the process for selecting a site is fair?
- What models and experience should the Department use in designing the process?
- Who should be involved in the process for selecting a site, and what is their role?
- What information and resources do you think would facilitate your participation?
- What else should be considered?

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