



**Low-Level Waste Management:  
Aligning Regulations with  
Current Reality**

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**Panel Members**

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**BACKGROUND**

- 10 CFR Part 61 promulgated nearly 30 years ago
- Changes since then:
  - Waste processing and volume reduction
  - Disposal practices
  - Use of RI/PB regulation
  - New waste streams
- Commission Staff Requirements Memorandum-- comprehensive revision to 10 CFR Part 61, July 1, 2010
- SECY-10-0165, "Staff's Approach to Comprehensive Revision to 10 CFR Part 61"

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### SECY-10-0165

- Possible options
  - RI/PB current waste classification framework
  - Comprehensive revision to Part 61
  - Site-specific waste acceptance criteria
  - International alignment
  - Supersede earlier direction
- Maximize stakeholder input
- Staff recommendation in 2012
- Commission direction

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### Outcome

- To better understand the Part 61 regulatory process and current realities
- Panel members will help inform us and the audience on approaches worth considering
- Audience will engage panel and provide comments

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