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ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REGARDING THE DISA TEHCNOLOGIES, INC LICENSE APPLICATION (STC-25-044)

Purpose: To inform all federally recognized Tribes that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a *Federal Register* notice (FRN) on August 8, 2025, affording the opportunity to provide comments on the NRC's draft environmental assessment regarding the Disa Technologies, Inc. (Disa) license application.

Background: On October 30, 2024, Disa notified the NRC of its intent to apply for a performance-based, multi-site source materials license to utilize its High-Pressure Slurry Ablation technology to remediate abandoned mine waste at inactive sites. Disa also requested a pre-submission audit of its application and environmental report (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML24311A011).

To evaluate readiness, NRC staff conducted a review from January 21 through 24, 2025. The objective was to determine whether the application and environmental report provided sufficient information to meet applicable requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 20, "Standards for Protection against Radiation," Part 40, "Domestic Licensing of Source Material," and Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions." Additionally, the assessment sought to identify any missing information necessary for the applicant to submit before the staff could begin its safety and environmental reviews (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML25036A182).

By letter dated March 28, 2025, Disa submitted its application to the NRC (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML25087A094). The NRC staff conducted an acceptance review of the application and concluded that it provided sufficient information to enable the NRC to complete its detailed review (ADAMS Accession No. ML25099A303). To provide an opportunity for interested parties to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene, the NRC published a FRN on May 12, 2025 (90 FR 20193).

Discussion: The NRC staff expects to complete its safety and environmental reviews by September 30, 2025. This timeline is significantly expedited compared to the typical 12 to 18 month licensing process, due to the pre-application audit and prioritization.

The NRC published an FRN on August 8, 2025, requesting comments on the staff's draft environmental assessment regarding the Disa license application. The draft environmental assessment is available in ADAMS at ML25216A003. The comment period closes on September 8, 2025. The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (https://www.regulations.com). Please include Docket ID NRC-2025–0084 in your comment submission.

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If you have any questions regarding the FRN, please contact Christine Pineda at Christine.Pineda@nrc.gov. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at Tribal Outreach.Resource@nrc.gov.

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