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AGENDA
188th ACNW&M MEETING
APRIL 8-10, 2008

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008, CONFERENCE ROOM T-2B3, TWO WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

WORKING GROUP ON THE EFFECTS OF LOW RADIATION DOSES
SCIENCE AND POLICY (Open)

Purpose

The objectives of this Working Group Meeting are: (1) to discuss the Linear Non-Threshold (LNT) theory in light of current health physics, medical theory and cohort databases; (2) to review uncertainties about the presence or absence of health effects at low doses; (3) to examine the balance of science and policy in regulatory practice; (4) to discuss possible alternative approaches to the LNT theory in regulatory practice; and (5) to develop the information necessary to provide a letter report to the Commission.

- 1) 8:00 – 8:05 A.M. Greetings and Introductions (MTR/NMC)
Dr. Michael Ryan, the cognizant ACNW&M Member for this meeting topic, will provide an overview of the expected goals for the Working Group Meeting, the planned technical sessions, and introduce the invited speakers.
- 2) 8:05 – 8:25 A.M. Opening Remarks by NRC Commissioner Peter B. Lyons

SESSION I: The State of the Science

- 3) 8:25 – 9:15 A.M. The Linear Non-Threshold Theory (LNT) – Is It Time to Consider a Change in Regulatory Policy?
Keynote Speaker: Professor Kenneth L. Mossman, Arizona State University
- 4) 9:15 – 10:00 A.M. National Council on Radiation Protection (NCRP) Perspective on Important Issues in Understanding the Biological Effects of Low Radiation Doses
Dr. Thomas S. Tenforde, President, NCRP
- 10:00 – 10:15 A.M. *****BREAK*****
- 5) 10:15 – 11:00 A.M. Results from DOE's Low Dose Radiation Research Program – What Does it Tell Us About the LNT Hypothesis?
Dr. Mary H. Barcellos-Hoff, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

- 6) 11:00 – 11:45 A.M. Estimation of the Carcinogenic Effects of Low Doses of Ionizing Radiation – Insights about the LNT Hypothesis
Dr. Bernard Le Guen, Nuclear Plant Operations, Electricité de France; President, Health and Research Section, French Radiation Protection Society
- 11:45 – 1:00 P.M. ***LUNCH*****
- 7) 1:00 – 1:30 P.M. Overview of Uncertainties in the Estimates of Low-Dose Effects
Dr. Charles Land, National Cancer Institute
- 8) 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. Panel Discussion on Session I
ACNW&M Chair, Mike Ryan, will lead a panel discussion with the invited subject matter experts on the topics presented during this session.
- 3:00 – 3:15 P.M. ***BREAK*****
- 9) 3:15 – 4:00 P.M. Stakeholder Comments, Views and Perspectives
Opportunity will be given to attendees to make comments or brief presentations consistent with the purpose and objectives of the working group session.
- 10) 4:00 – 4:10 P.M. **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Mike Ryan, ACNW&M
- 11) 4:10 - 5:00 P.M. Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open) (All)
Discussion of proposed and potential ACNW&M letter reports on:
11.1 Managing Low-Activity Radioactive Waste (MTR/MPL)
11.2 Use of Burnup Credit for Licensing Spent Fuel
Transportation Casks (RFW/AGC/CLB)
- 5:00 P.M. Adjourn**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008, CONFERENCE ROOM T-2B3, TWO WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

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SCIENCE AND POLICY - Continuation (Open)**

SESSION II: Balancing Science and Policy in the Regulatory Area

- 12) 8:30 – 8:45 A.M. Opening Remarks (MTR/NMC)
ACNW&M Chair, Mike Ryan, will open the meeting and make preliminary remarks. A brief overview of the meeting objectives will be given for attendees who were not present on Day 1.
- 13) 8:45 – 9:30 A.M. An Economic Perspective on Regulatory Decision-Making: Benefit vs. Cost Under Linear and Nonlinear Models
Professor James K. Hammitt, Harvard School of Public Health

- 9:00 – 9:45 A.M.** *****BREAK*****
- 14) 9:45 – 10:30 A.M. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Perspective
Dr. Jerry Puskin, EPA
- 15) 10:30 – 11:15 A.M. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff Perspective
Dr. Vincent Holahan, NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory
Research
- 11:15 – 1:00 P.M.** *****LUNCH*****
- 16) 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. Panel Discussion and Individual Summaries by Expert Panelists
ACNW&M Chair, Mike Ryan, will lead a panel discussion with the
invited subject matter experts.
- 3:00 – 3:15 P.M.** *****BREAK*****
- 17) 3:15 – 4:00 P.M. Stakeholder Comments, Views and Perspectives
As requested. Opportunity will be given to attendees to make
comments or brief presentations consistent with the purpose and
objectives of the working group session.
- 18) 4:00 – 4:10 P.M. **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Mike Ryan, ACNW&M.
- 19) 4:10 - 5:00 P.M. Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open) (All)
Continued discussion of proposed and potential ACNW&M letter
reports listed under Item 11 and:
19.1) Effects of Low Radiation Doses (MTR/NMC)
- 5:00 P.M.** **Adjourn**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008, CONFERENCE ROOM T-2B1, TWO WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

- 20) 8:30 – 8:35 A.M. Opening Remarks by the ACNW&M Chairman (Open) (MTR/AFD)
The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct
of today's sessions.
- 21) 8:35 - 4:00 P.M. Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open) (All)
Continued discussion of proposed and potential ACNW&M letter
reports listed under Item 19. There may be a 1 hour lunch break
at some point during the discussion.
- 22) 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. Miscellaneous (Open) (All)
The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of
ACNW&M activities and specific issues that were not completed
during previous meetings. Discussions may include content of
future letters and scope of future Committee Meetings.
- 5:00 P.M.** **Adjourn**

NOTES:

- Presentation time should not exceed 50 percent of the total time allocated for a given item. The remaining 50 percent of the time is reserved for discussion.
- Thirty five (35) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the presentation materials should be provided to the ACNW&M in advance of the briefing.
- During the days of the meeting, phone number 301-415-7360 should be used in order to access anyone in the ACNW&M Office.

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