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**NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
TO MEET AUGUST 27-29 IN BETHESDA, MD.**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste will hold a technical meeting August 27-29 in Bethesda, MD.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Room P-IIO, 7920 Norfolk Avenue from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on August 27, 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. on August 28 and 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on August 29.

(ACNW schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/492-4516.)

Although meetings of the ACNW are open to the public, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACNW was established by the Commission in March 1988 to advise it on all aspects of nuclear waste management. While members of the public may attend the meeting, the committee will consider only oral or written statements limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of Meeting published in the Federal Register on August 6.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

--a summary and discussion by the State of Nevada of its review and comments on the Department of Energy's site characterization plan and related study plans for the Yucca Mountain (NV) high-level waste repository site;

--a summary and discussion by DOE of its responses to comments by the Environmental Protection Agency, NRC and State of Nevada on the Yucca Mountain site characterization plan;

--a presentation by NRC staff on results of review of DOE's responses to NRC staff's site characterization analysis;

--a presentation of planned rulemakings, guidelines and technical positions in support of the high-level waste program;

--deliberations on what technical and scientific questions are

necessary to make a determination that adequate technology is available to store spent fuel resulting from nuclear power plant operations on an interim basis for the next 50 years;

--a discussion of the NRC staff's current position on Working Draft #3 of the EPA's high-level waste disposal standards;

--preparation of the next program plan for ACNW activities over the next four months.

Persons wishing to submit statements regarding the agenda may do so by providing a readily reproducible copy to the committee at the beginning of the meeting or by mailing it to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(NOTE TO EDITORS; The use of self-contained tape recorders in the meeting room is permitted during open portions of the meeting when a transcript is being kept. The use of still, motion picture and television cameras, the physical installation and presence of which will not interfere with the course of the meeting, will be permitted both before and after the meeting, during any recess, and--at the discretion of the committee chairman--while the meeting is in session.)