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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
TO MEET MARCH 12-13 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a technical meeting March 12-13 in Bethesda, MD.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 each day in Room P-110, 7920 Norfolk Avenue.

(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 March 3.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

--a continuation of discussions investigating the feasibility of applying a systems approach to the analysis of short and mid-range high-level waste program technical milestones;

--consideration of comments from a representative of Virginia Power Company on a systems approach to high-level waste disposal;

--a presentation by representatives of the NRC staff on the high-level radioactive waste program plan;

--consideration of lessons learned from decommissioning the Pathfinder nuclear power plant in South Dakota (tentative); and

--discussion of results of a special review of NRC regulations to determine whether regulatory burdens can be reduced without reducing the protection of public health and safety.

Persons wishing to submit a statement 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.

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