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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET MAY 28-29 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a technical meeting May 28-29 in Bethesda, MD.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. 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 May 8.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

--considering rulemaking for a controlled-use area/design basis accident dose limit for operation of a high-level radioactive waste repository;

--discussing proposed changes to Part 72, concerning emergency planning for independent spent fuel storage installations and monitored retrievable storage facilities;

--addressing a supplemental request from NRC Chairman Ivan Selin to outline a functional diagram to conduct a full systems analysis of an overall high-level waste management and disposal program;

--receiving a briefing on relevant topics discussed at the 24th annual meeting of the Conference of State Radiation Control Program Directors; and

--receiving a briefing on the adoption by the Environmental Protection Agency of a revised hazard ranking system for use in assessing the threat associated with the release or potential release into the environment of hazardous chemical and/or radioactive materials.

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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(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.)