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NRC-USGS SCHEDULE WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH
RELATED TO LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and the U.S. Geological Survey have scheduled the first "Joint USGS-NRC Technical Workshop on Research Related to Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal" for May 4-6 in Reston, Virginia. The workshop will be the first activity under a Memorandum of Understanding between the USGS and the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research which was signed one year ago.

The workshop will address technical issues including: surface- and ground-water pathway analysis, ground-water chemistry, infiltration and solute transport, vapor-phase transport of volatile radionuclides and ground-water flow and solute transport field studies.

The workshop will not address non-technical issues such as political, demographic, transportation and interstate compact matters.

Technical workshop sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. on May 4 and conclude at 3:00 p.m. on May 6. Each will be led by a Chair and monitored by a Recorder and will be followed by a discussion period. The Chair and the Recorder, assisted by the speakers at the sessions, will prepare a summary and the summaries will be presented in round table discussions at the conclusion of the workshop. Proceedings of the workshop, including expanded abstracts of each presentation and the session summaries, will be published at a later date.

The workshop will be held in the auditorium at the U.S. Geological Survey's National Center located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston.

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