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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET APRIL 22-24 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a technical meeting April 22-24 in Bethesda, MD.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 1:00 p.m. on April 22 and at 8:30 a.m. on April 23-24 in Room P-110, 7920 Norfolk Avenue.

As part of the meeting, the committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 24 at NRC headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, to discuss topics of mutual interest.

(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 April 8.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

--discussion of decommissioning of the Pathfinder nuclear power plant in South Dakota, including lessons learned and residual levels of contamination, and the status of decommissioning plans at the Rancho Seco nuclear plant in California, Ft. St. Vrain in Colorado and Shoreham on Long Island, New York;

--discussion of an expedited rulemaking effort of the NRC staff concerning on-site storage of low-level nuclear waste;

--preparation of a four-month plan of ACNW activities;

--completion of discussions investigating the feasibility of applying a systems analysis approach to reviewing the overall high-level waste program;

--preparation of a report on a review of draft NUREG-1406, "NRC High-Level Radioactive Waste Research Program Plan";

--a briefing on the status of New York's constitutional challenge to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985;

--discussion of the status of the Environmental Protection Agency's high-level radioactive waste standards (tentative);

--a briefing by the NRC staff on a low-level radioactive waste performance assessment development program plan;

--discussion of issues related to volcanology regarding the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada;

--a briefing by Louisiana Energy Services on their plans for a private uranium enrichment facility in Claiborne Parish near Homer, LA;

--discussion of a technical position on alternative concentration limits for uranium mill tailings sites.

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.)