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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET OCTOBER 21 IN LAS VEGAS, NV

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a technical meeting October 21 in Las Vegas, NV.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the St. Tropez Hotel, 455 East Harmon 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. 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 that will be published in the Federal Register on October 7.

Discussions at the meeting will include:

- a supplemental request from NRC Chairman Ivan Selin on a systems analysis approach to reviewing the overall high-level waste program;

- comments from State, local and Indian tribe representatives on the high-level waste repository;

- work in progress, results and strategy for setting priorities at the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level waste repository site; and

- a briefing by the Department of Energy and its contractors on an accelerated seismic initiative and a June 29, 1992 earthquake that occurred near the proposed Yucca Mountain repository site.

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.)