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NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) wishes to establish a list of qualified candidates for appointment to its Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) as openings develop on the committee or changes in membership are needed.

The NRC requests nominations of qualified candidates to serve on the ACNW, a part-time advisory group established by the Commission in 1988 to provide outside (nongovernment) expert advice on nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission. This advice covers Parts 60 and 61 (high- and low-level waste disposal facilities); other applicable NRC regulations; legislative mandates, such as the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act and the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act, as amended; and other areas as directed by the Commission.

Membership on the committee is drawn from a wide variety of engineering and scientific skills needed to conduct the broadly based review process required in the committee's work. Engineers and scientists with experience in the fields of hydrogeology, health physics, risk assessment and systems engineering are needed to evaluate the disposal of radioactive wastes and related fields. The committee's primary emphasis will be on disposal facilities, but may examine and report on specific areas of concern referred to it by the Commission.

Members of the committee should have at least 12-15 years' work experience in related fields or fields that can be applied directly to the work of the committee. In addition, members must be able to devote a substantial amount of time to ACNW work during the year. Most meetings are held in Bethesda, MD, although some additional travel is required to various sites outside the Bethesda area.

Members of the committee are normally appointed for a two-year term, renewable twice. They are subject to rigorous limitations on their financial interests in activities related to

nuclear power while they are serving on the committee and must be granted security clearances based on NRC security regulations.

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A resume or, as a minimum, a summary describing the educational and professional background of the nominees, including any special accomplishments, should be provided. Nominations should be sent to Dr. John T. Larkins, ACRS/ACNW Executive Director, at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, within 45 days of the date of this notice.

Any questions regarding this announcement should be directed to Dr. Larkins at (301) 492-8049.

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