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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
TO MEET DECEMBER 17-18 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a technical meeting December 17-18 in Bethesda, MD.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.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 that will be published in the Federal Register on December 10.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

- discussion of items of priority for ACNW consideration during 1993;

- an NRC staff evaluation of a Department of Energy (DOE) request to resolve the staff's analysis objection #1 for the site characterization for the proposed Federal high-level waste repository;

- a briefing by an ACNW working group on the status of NRC and DOE efforts in total system performance assessment of the high-level waste management program;

- preparation of a report on the significance of climate change as it may impact the performance of the proposed Yucca Mountain (NV) waste repository; and

--a briefing on a DOE workshop concerned with the use of expert judgment in high-level waste licensing.

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.)