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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE TO MEET NOVEMBER 19-20 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a technical meeting November 19-20 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. 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 November 9.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

- --the role and perspective of a State department of health regarding the siting of a low-level waste disposal facility;
- --the current status of enhanced participatory rulemaking related to residual levels of radionuclides acceptable following decontamination of facilities;
 - --NRC staff technical position on fault avoidance;
- --use of the collective dose concept in licensing a high-level waste repository;
 - --a national profile of mixed waste; and
- --significance of climate change as it may impact the performance of the proposed Yucca Mountain (NV) repository.

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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