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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET JULY 21-22 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting July 21-22 in Bethesda, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held 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 July 12.

On Wednesday, July 21, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of high-level waste management quality assurance.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will receive reports by ACNW members regarding recent activities, including a visit to the Canadian Whiteshell Nuclear Laboratory and the Underground Research Laboratory in Manitoba, Canada; a Department of Energy workshop on multipurpose canisters; and a meeting on thermal loads for the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca (Nevada) Mountain.

On Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff, Public Service of Colorado and the Long Island Power Authority to discuss the status of decommissioning plans for the Ft. St. Vrain nuclear power plant in Colorado and the Shoreham nuclear power plant in New York.

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 direction of the committee chairman, while the meeting is in session.)