

No. 94-97
Tel. 301/415-8200

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(Monday, June 13, 1994)

NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET JUNE 29-30 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting June 29-30 in Bethesda, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.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 June 13.

Discussions at the meeting will include:

--proposed amendments to the NRC's rule on disposal of high-level radioactive wastes in geologic repositories, with emphasis on the definition of "important to safety" for certain structures, systems and components;

--problems in the siting of a proposed low-level radioactive waste disposal facility at Martinsville, Illinois, with a focus on lessons learned;

--a briefing by the NRC staff on reliance placed on geologic versus engineered barriers in a high-level waste repository;

--a briefing by representatives of the State of Nevada on their concerns related to tectonics of the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain;

--the current status of a systematic regulatory analysis for a high-level waste repository;

--compatibility and adequacy of Agreement States programs associated with the disposal of low-level waste.

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.

#

(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.)