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

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a technical meeting July 29-30 in Bethesda, MD.

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. 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 20.

Discussions at the meeting will include:

--an NRC staff technical position on repository design for thermal loads;

--a supplemental request for additional information on a systems analysis approach to reviewing the overall high-level waste program;

--radioactive contamination found in metal scrap;

--preparation of a report on the pace of progress in site characterization activities associated with the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada; and

--the recent Supreme Court decision regarding the Low-Level Waste Policy Amendments Act (tentative).

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.)