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NRC'S ADVISORY PANEL ON ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
FOR WASTE REPOSITORY LICENSING TO MEET IN LAS VEGAS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced that its special panel on development and operation of an electronic information management system related to future licensing of a high-level radioactive waste repository will meet October 5 and 6 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The meeting will be at the Emerald Springs Inn, 325 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, and is open to the public. It will begin on October 5 at 9:00 a.m. and end at about 5:00 p.m. On October 6 it will run from 8:30 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m.

The Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel was established by the NRC in 1989 to provide advice and recommendations to the NRC and the Department of Energy (DOE) on topics, issues and activities related to an electronic information management system to be known as the Licensing Support System (LSS). The October meeting will be the sixth for the panel.

The LSS would be set up to contain documents of DOE and its contractors, and documents of all other parties to a licensing proceeding to be conducted when DOE submits an application to the NRC to build and operate a high-level waste repository. The LSS would also contain documents of interested governmental participants and potential parties and their contractors. All parties to the proceeding would have access to the system from individual computer facilities.

Membership of the panel consists of representatives of the State of Nevada, a coalition of affected units of local government in Nevada, the National Congress of American Indians, a coalition of organizations representing the nuclear industry, DOE, NRC and two other Federal agencies that have experience with large electronic information management systems.

The first day's agenda will consist of briefings by NRC and DOE and discussions by the panel members of a modified approach for the design and operation of the LSS that has been proposed by the NRC. On the second day, the panel is planning to receive presentations by a representative of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and by TRW on activities related to the electronic scanning and capture of information for the LSS.

Interested persons may attend as observers and may make oral presentations to the panel or file written statements. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should contact John C. Hoyle, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone 301/504-1968, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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