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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET MARCH 24-25 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste has scheduled a technical meeting March 24-25 in Bethesda, MD.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 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. 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 published in the Federal Register on March 11.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include:

--studies conducted by the Electric Power Research Institute on the volumes of low-level waste that may require interim storage, the applicable regulatory requirements and the associated guidelines for waste generators;

--a report of an ACNW working group on the source, quantities and characteristics of low-level waste being generated;

--proposed low-level waste disposal sites rejected by host States;

--NRC staff comments on proposed Environmental Protection Agency standards for transuranic and high-level waste disposal at sites other than Yucca Mountain in Nevada;

--reviews conducted by the NRC staff and Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors of state radiation control programs;

--rulemaking clarification of assessment requirements for siting criteria and performance objectives of a high-level radioactive waste geologic 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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(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.)