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ACNW ELECTS DR. MARTIN J. STEINDLER, CHAIRMAN;  
DR. PAUL W. POMEROY, VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has elected Dr. Martin J. Steindler as Chairman and Dr. Paul W. Pomeroy as Vice-Chairman for 1994.

The ACNW was established by the Commission in March 1988 to advise the NRC on nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission.

Dr. Steindler received his education at the University of Chicago and was granted his Doctorate in chemistry in 1952. After a year of post-doctoral work, he started work with the Argonne National Laboratory in the Chemical Engineering Division in 1953, working on experimental programs in fluorine chemistry.

Dr. Steindler was promoted to Senior Chemist in 1974 and served as the Director of the Chemical Technology Division at Argonne National Laboratory until his retirement in January 1993. He has served as consultant to various national laboratories on technical subjects ranging from separation of isotopes to handling and behavior of plutonium. He also served as a member of a number of programmatic review committees.

He was appointed to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on August 1, 1987 and served until June 1988, when he was appointed to the ACNW. He has served as a member of the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel since 1973 and has also served as Chairman of the Department of Energy's Material Review Board. Dr. Steindler is author of more than 120 reports and scientific papers.

Dr. Steindler is a member of the American Nuclear Society, the American Chemical Society, the Royal Society of Chemists, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and has been elected to Sigma Xi.

Dr. Pomeroy received his B.S. in geophysics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1953. After graduation, he served as an officer at the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, where he studied microbarometric

oscillations of the atmosphere associated with above-ground nuclear explosions. Upon completion of his Air Force service in 1956, Dr. Pomeroy began his graduate career at the Lamont Geological Observatory of Columbia University and received his Ph.D. in seismology in 1963.

Dr. Pomeroy joined the University of Michigan as full professor and Director of the Seismological Observatory in 1968. While at Michigan, Dr. Pomeroy developed and deployed new high gain long period seismographs to aid in nuclear discrimination studies. He left the University in 1971 and later joined the New York State Geological Survey. He was appointed as an adjunct full professor at the State University of New York-Albany in 1974. While at the Geological Survey, Dr. Pomeroy participated in the NRC Indian Point nuclear power plant hearings as the State's seismological expert. In 1976, Dr. Pomeroy formed Rondout Associates, a private consulting firm, where he currently serves as Research Seismologist and President.

Dr. Pomeroy served as a consultant to the ACNW in the areas of performance assessment, probabilistic risk analysis and the earth sciences. He was appointed to the ACNW in August 1990.

Dr. Pomeroy is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and a member of the Seismological Society of America, the American Geophysical Union, the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, and the American Geological Institute.

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