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NRC NAMES DR. B. JOHN GARRICK  
TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has appointed Dr. B. John Garrick, President and Chief Executive Officer of PLG, Inc., to the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW).

PLG, Inc., is a consulting firm of engineers, applied scientists and management consultants with offices in Newport Beach, California; Washington, D.C., and Encinitas, California.

The ACNW was established in 1988 to advise the NRC on nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission. This advice includes Parts 60 and 61 (high- and low-level waste disposal facilities); other applicable regulations; and legislative mandates such as the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act and the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act, as amended.

Dr. Garrick received his B.S. in physics from Brigham Young University in 1952, and received his M.S. in engineering and Ph.D. in engineering and applied science from the University of California in 1962 and 1968, respectively.

Dr. Garrick's accomplishments include a Ph.D. thesis on unified systems safety analysis that first advocated what is now known as probabilistic risk assessment (PRA); establishing the first consulting team to perform the initial comprehensive and quantitative risk assessments for the commercial nuclear power industry; and making major contributions to the analytical methods and thought processes employed in PRA. He was a prime mover in elevating risk assessment to a science and engineering discipline that has had a major impact on management culture and the performance of large, complex engineered systems.

Dr. Garrick is a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Board on Radioactive Waste Management, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Panel, and the Panel on Separations Technology and Transmutation Systems.

In 1993 he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering. He is the past President for the Society for Risk Analysis (an international professional society); and past President for the Los Angeles Maintainability Association. He attended the former Atomic Energy Commission's Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology in 1954 to do graduate work in nuclear science and technology.

Dr. Garrick has published more than 200 papers and reports on risk, reliability, engineering, and technology. He is the author of several book chapters and editor of the text, "The Analysis, Communication, and Perception of Risk."

Other ACNW members follow:

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Martin J. Steindler, Senior Chemist/Senior Technical Advisor, Chemical Technology Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois;

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Dr. Paul W. Pomeroy, President, Rondout Associates, Incorporated, Stone Ridge, New York;

Dr. William J. Hinze, Professor, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

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