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NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requests nominations of qualified candidates to serve on its Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW). Currently, there are two openings expected on the committee in mid-1995.

The ACNW is a part-time advisory group established by the NRC in 1988 to provide independent technical review of and advice on the disposal of nuclear waste, including all aspects of nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the NRC. This includes activities related to both high- and low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities including the licensing, operation and closure of the facilities; and associated rulemakings, regulatory guides and technical positions developed to clarify the intent of NRC's high- and low-level waste regulations. The ACNW also reviews performance assessment evaluations of waste disposal facilities.

In performing its work, the committee reviews and reports on issues related to high- and low-level waste regulations and areas of concern referred to it by the Commission or its designated representatives, and undertakes other studies and activities related to those issues as directed by the NRC. The committee meets with representatives of the NRC, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, the Department of Energy, other federal, state and local agencies, Indian Nations and private organizations to fulfill its responsibilities.

A wide variety of engineering and scientific skills are needed to conduct the broadly based review processes required in the committee's work. Engineers and scientists with work experience in the high- and low-level radioactive waste disposal programs coupled with broad experience in a pertinent technical field such as nuclear chemistry, nuclear science and technology, risk assessment and systems engineering are being sought.

Individuals should have a minimum of 20 years' work experience in fields that can be applied directly to the work of the committee. In addition, individuals must be able to devote approximately 50-100 days per year to committee business. Most meetings are held in Rockville, Maryland, although some travel is required to various sites outside the Rockville area.

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Because of potential conflicts of interest, individuals who are currently actively involved in areas related to nuclear waste disposal might be of limited use to the committee. The degree and nature of any such involvement will be carefully weighed. Each

qualified nominee's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment to the committee. This may result in the candidate being required to divest himself or herself of securities, discontinue research projects, and/or limit involvement in certain types of contracts, based on a determination of conflict of interest.

Copies of a résumé describing the educational and professional background of the nominee, including any special accomplishments and professional references, current address, and telephone number should be provided. All qualified nominees will receive full consideration, and appointment will be made without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or handicapped condition. Nominees must be granted security clearances based on a full background investigation and be citizens of the United States.

Résumés should be sent to Ms. Jude Himmelberg, Office of Personnel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Any questions regarding this announcement should be directed to Ms. Himmelberg at 1-800-368-5642, or if calling from the Washington area, (301) 415-7119. Applications will be accepted until March 15.

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