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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET MAY 10-11

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting May 10-11 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day in Room T2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike.

Although meetings of the ACNW are open, 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 anyone may attend the meeting, the committee will consider only oral or written statements arranged in advance and limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of Meeting published in the Federal Register on May 2.

Discussions at the meeting will include:

--NRC staff position on the meaning of substantially complete containment as used in Commission regulations for the disposal of high-level radioactive wastes in geologic repositories;

--Electronic transfer of site characterization data from the Department of Energy to the NRC and Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses;

--Progress of site characterization at the proposed Yucca Mountain site in Nevada;

--NRC staff initiatives to streamline the Federal government and regulatory process;

--Preparation of proposed ACNW reports; and

--Future ACNW activities.

Persons wishing to submit a statement regarding an agenda subject may do so by providing a readily reproducible copy to the

committee at the beginning of the meeting or by mailing it in advance to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(ACNW schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/415-7360.)

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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 discretion of the committee chairman, while the meeting is in session.)

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