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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET FEBRUARY 21-22

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting February 21-22 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day in Room T2B3, 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 February 9.

Discussions at the meeting will include:

--Proposed Environmental Protection Agency standards for land disposal of low-level radioactive waste;

--Lessons learned from an attempt to site a low-level waste disposal facility at Martinsville, Illinois;

---A vision of safety research over the coming ten years as it relates to radioactive waste disposal;

--Current waste management issues, including ground water travel time associated with a geologic disposal system, a technical position on low-level radioactive waste disposal and key technical uncertainties related to high-level waste disposal; 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.

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(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.)