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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET FEBRUARY 24-26

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting January 24-26 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day in Room 2B3 of the NRC Two White Flint North Building at 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 in March 1988 to advise the Commission 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 January 18.

Discussions scheduled at the meeting include:

- Proposed resolution of public comments on changes to the regulations for a proposed high-level waste repository operations area.
- Waste-related programs of the NRC's Technical Training Center.
- A proposal for permanent on-site disposal of contaminated material at the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation decommissioning site in Cambridge, Ohio, and NRC staff evaluation of alternatives.
- A report from the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research regarding its recent demonstration project on determination of background radiation.
- Radioactive components of high-level waste.

- Topics related to NRC's Division of Waste Management programs, including an overview of a recent decommissioning exercise.
- Future ACNW activities.

The committee will also meet with the NRC's Executive Director for Operations to discuss items of current interest, such as the anticipated impact of resource limitations and recent committee reports.

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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