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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
TO MEET MAY 17-18 IN BETHESDA, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting May 17-18 in Bethesda, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day in Room P-110, 7920 Norfolk Avenue.

(ACNW schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/492-4516.)

Although meetings of the ACNW are open to the public, 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 members of the public may attend the meeting, the committee will consider only oral or written statements limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of Meeting published in the Federal Register on May 9.

Discussions at the meeting will include:

--research and technical assistance being performed by the NRC staff and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses related to the tectonics of the Yucca (Nevada) Mountain site;

--the National Academy of Science Panel's recommendations for the Environmental Protection Agency's standards for protection of the public from releases at the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level waste repository;

--preparation of ACNW reports on issues considered during this and previous meetings; and

--future ACNW activities.

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

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

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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.)