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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET APRIL 12-13

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting April 12-13 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 March 29.

Discussions at the meeting will include:

--Department of Energy's approach to resolving the groundwater travel time issue associated with the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada;

--NRC's key technical uncertainties associated with Yucca Mountain and an assessment of groundwater travel time;

--Preparation of 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 advanced 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.)