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## **NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, ON MARCH 27 - 29**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a meeting on March 27 - 29 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss, among other items, several issues related to the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will be held in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North building, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day.

On the opening day of the meeting, the committee will discuss letter reports on the NRC's proposed new high-level waste regulation (10 CFR Part 63), a joint letter with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on the defense in-depth philosophy, and the ACNW Year 2000 action plan and self assessment. The agency's Spent Fuel Office will review its activities, emphasizing the transportation of high-level radioactive waste.

On March 28, the day's agenda will include review of the NRC staff's plans for the development of a strategy to produce site characterization sufficiency comments on the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain site recommendation, as well as the NRC staff's progress on the development of a Yucca Mountain Review Plan.

The following day's schedule will feature a session with the Director of Waste Management of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as well as the continuation of letter report preparation.

Those who seek additional information or schedule updates about this meeting should contact Richard Major, at 301-415-7366.

Other aspects of the meeting are described in an upcoming Federal Register notice. ACNW meeting notices, transcripts and letter reports are available on the internet at, <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

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