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**NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET JULY 20-22 IN ROCKVILLE, MD**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 102nd technical meeting July 20-22 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day in Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville.

Although meetings of the ACNW are open, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACNW was established in 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 to be published in an upcoming issue of the Federal Register.

The committee will meet with the NRC to discuss the ACRS Plans and Priorities list and past committee reports on interim guidance in support of the final rule on radiological criteria for license termination; NRC waste-related research; and risk-informed, performance-based regulation. The committee also will meet with the NRC's Director of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), to discuss technical assistance developments at the Yucca Mountain project; . It will review research being conducted on nuclear waste disposal by NRC staff; prepare for

its upcoming meeting with the Commission, and discuss proposed reports, topics for future consideration and miscellaneous matters.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for an opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted for them can be obtained by contacting Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch at (301) 415-7366.

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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.)