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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
TO MEET JULY 23-25 IN SAN ANTONIO, TX

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting July 23-25 in San Antonio, Tx.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day in the auditorium of Building 189 of the Southwest Research Institute, Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA), 6220 Culebra Road, San Antonio.

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 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 June 6 edition of the Federal Register.

A full day's session will be devoted to reviewing the performance assessment capability of the NRC and CNWRA staffs. Another full-day session will be devoted to reviewing the use of probabilistic performance assessment approaches for waste management. Other items scheduled for discussion include a description of science and engineering experiments currently underway at the CNWRA, preparation of ACNW reports, topics for future consideration and miscellaneous matters.

(ACNW schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling (301) 415-5024. The CNWRA contact in San Antonio is Bonnie Caudle, who can be reached by calling (210) 522-5157. ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672, the local direct number is (703) 321-3339.

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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.)