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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING OF LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM
ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting in Las Vegas in late February to discuss proposed amendments to regulations concerning the design and operation of its licensing support system for the projected high-level waste repository.

The licensing support system is an electronic information management system established to maintain documents for the future licensing proceeding of a high-level waste repository. The Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel was established in 1989 to advise the NRC and the Department of Energy about the design, development, and operation of the licensing support system. The NRC is considering amending its rules to allow more flexibility of new information management technologies into licensing the repository because current technology has advanced to a level beyond the original concept.

The panel's meeting will take place on February 24 and 25 at the offices of the U.S. Department of Energy, 232 Energy Way, Room A106, North Las Vegas, Nevada. The first day's session is scheduled to run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The second day's meeting is scheduled from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Panel members include representatives from the state of Nevada; a coalition of counties in Nevada and California; the National Congress of American Indians; the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force; the nuclear industry; DOE; NRC; and other federal agencies.

Proposed amendments to be discussed at the meeting were published for public comment in the Federal Register last November 13. The comment period expires March 30.

Individuals wishing to make oral presentations or file written statements at the meeting, should contact John Hoyle, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555: telephone 301-415-1969.

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