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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste will devote a significant amount of attention to the proposed spent nuclear fuel repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, at a meeting later this month.

The committee will meet March 16-18 in Rockville, Maryland. The entire meeting will be open to the public.

During their sessions, committee members will discuss a planned report on the recently published Department of Energy (DOE) viability assessment on Yucca Mountain, as well as a white paper on Yucca Mountain repository design issues.

On March 17, the committee will meet with the full Commission to discuss the DOE viability assessment in a meeting scheduled from 9 until 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' conference room in the One White Flint North Building at 11555 Rockville Pike.

The committee will convene at 8:30 a.m. daily in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North Building. Sessions will last until 6 p.m. the first two days and until 4 p.m. the last day.

Anyone wishing to make an oral statement at the committee meeting should notify the Chief of the Nuclear Waste Branch, Richard Major, (301-415-7366), in advance. Other aspects of the meeting, including an opportunity for public comment, will be described in a forthcoming edition of the Federal Register.

ACNW meeting notices, transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

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