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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste has scheduled a meeting March 23-25 in Rockville, Maryland.

The Committee will conduct a 1½ day working group session on the effects of low-level radiation as it relates to the linear non-threshold dose response theory. Other discussions will include planned reports on a committee self-assessment, the Department of Energy's viability assessment, NRC's waste-related research, and a white paper on repository design issues at Yucca Mountain.

The Committee will also review progress on the development of a clearance rule for materials and equipment having residual radioactivity, and will be briefed on the decommissioning standard review plan by the NRC staff.

The meetings will be held in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North building at 11545 Rockville Pike. Each meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 6:00 p.m. the first two days, and until 4:00 p.m. the last day.

Those wishing to provide oral or written statements should notify Richard K. Major, at 301-415-7366. Other aspects of the meeting, including opportunities for questions, will be described in a forthcoming edition of the Federal Register. Committee meeting notices, transcripts and letter reports are available on the internet at <u>www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW.</u>