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NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
TO MEET AUGUST 21-23

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting August 21-23 in Rockville, Maryland.

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

Although meetings of the ACNW are open, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACNW was established in March 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 published in the July 10 edition of the Federal Register.

Discussions scheduled at the meeting include:

--How NRC is approaching the effects of thermal input from disposed waste to the mechanical, hydrological and chemical properties of a geologic repository.

--Progress at the Yucca (Nevada) Mountain site, the status of Environmental Protection Agency's Yucca Mountain standards and NRC's high-level waste regulations.

--Options for setting a regulatory time of compliance for a low-level waste disposal facility.

--The NRC staff's draft technical position on the use of expert judgement in the licensing of a nuclear waste disposal facility.

--Preparation of ACNW reports.

--Future ACNW activities.

Persons wishing to submit a statement regarding an agenda item may do so by providing a readily reproducible copy to the committee at the beginning of the meeting or by mailing it in advance to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(ACNW schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/415-5024.)

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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.)