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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS
NATIONAL ACADEMY STUDY ON MEDICAL USES OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes will discuss--at a meeting February 21 and 22 in Rockville, Maryland--a National Academy of Sciences report on the NRC's regulatory program for medical uses of nuclear material.

The report was prepared by the Academy's Institute of Medicine, under contract to the NRC. The meeting will include a summary of the report's findings and recommendations, a summary of the NRC staff's plan for analysis of the report, and a discussion of the implications and impacts of the recommendations.

In addition, the committee will discuss a proposed NRC rule that would require licensees to notify the agency within 24 hours of discovery of an intentional--or suspected intentional--diversion of radioactive material from its intended or authorized use. Also on the agenda are possible NRC actions related to two recent incidents--one at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, and the other at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts--involving internal contamination of researchers with phosphorus-32.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 each morning at Two White Flint North, Room T2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike. It will be open to the public.

Committee Chairman Barry Siegel will preside. Questions from members of the public will be permitted at the meeting at his discretion.

Persons wishing to submit written statements (to be included with the transcript of the meeting) should mail them to Josephine Piccone, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Material Safety and Safeguards, Washington, DC 20555, by February 26.

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