

AVAILABILITY OF NRC STAFF COMMENTS ON THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S PROGRESS REPORT  
ON THE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION PROGRAM FOR THE  
NEVADA YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE  
FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 15, 1988-SEPTEMBER 30, 1989

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of availability; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of its staff comments on the Department of Energy's (DOE) Progress Report on the Scientific Investigation Program for the Nevada Yucca Mountain Site for the period September 15, 1988-September 30, 1989 and is soliciting comments on its comments.

DATE: The comment period expires 90 days after publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to the Regulatory Publications Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration,

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Comments may also be delivered to Room P-223, Philips Building, 7920 Norfolk Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), 2120 L Street (Lower Level), NW., Washington, DC and the Local Public Document Rooms (LPDRs) located at the James R. Dickinson Library, Special Collections Department, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154, and University Library, Government Publications Department, University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, Nevada 89557. Copies of the comments are available for public inspection and/or copying at the NRC PDR and the LPDRs listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Linehan, Director, Repository Licensing and Quality Assurance Project Directorate, Division of High-Level Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone 301/492-3387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 2, 1990 the NRC received DOE's Progress Report on the Scientific Investigation Program for the Nevada Yucca Mountain Site for the period September 15, 1988-September 30, 1989. This report is the first of a series of reports that will hereafter be issued at six month intervals to document the progress of site characterization activities at Yucca Mountain, the candidate site selected for characterization as the nation's first geologic repository for high-level radioactive waste. The NRC has reviewed this report and has transmitted its comments to DOE.

DOE's Progress Report was issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 113(b)(3) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) and 10 CFR 60.18(g) concerning the schedule for issuance and the contents of such reports during site characterization. In accordance with 10 CFR 60.18(i), NRC is publishing this notice of availability of its comments on DOE's Progress Report and announcing a public comment period.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20~~th~~ day of July, 1990.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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