



NRC NEWS

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Public Affairs

Telephone: 301/415-8200

Washington, DC 20555-001

E-mail: opa@nrc.gov

Web Site: <http://www.nrc.gov/OPA>

No. 01-071

June 12, 2001

NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, ON JUNE 19 - 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will meet on June 19-21 in Rockville, Maryland, to be briefed by the NRC staff on, among other things, the status of the license application for a proposed spent fuel storage facility at Tooele, Utah, an update on activities at the Sequoyah Fuels facility and a discussion of selected technical issues for the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will be held in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North building, at 11545 Rockville Pike, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. A complete agenda is attached.

For additional information or agenda changes, contact Howard J. Larson at 301-415-6805. ACRS meeting notices, transcripts and letters are available on the internet, at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW/> . Persons planning to attend this meeting are encouraged to contact Mr. Larson one or two working days prior to the meeting to determine if there have been any schedule changes.

ACNW Agenda

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2001

8:30 - 10:15 A.M.: Opening Statement/Planning and Procedures (Open) - The Chairman will open the meeting with brief opening remarks. The Committee will then review items under consideration at this meeting and consider topics proposed for future ACNW meetings.

10:30 - 11:30 A.M.: Overview of Private Fuel Storage (Open) - The Committee will receive an information briefing from the NRC staff on the status of the facility application for a license to store spent fuel in a facility to be constructed outside Tooele, Utah.

1:00 - 2:00 P.M.: Update on the Pre-Closure Approach - NRC (Open) - The Committee members will receive an update and information briefing from NRC on their approach to pre-closure issues at the proposed high level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

2:00 - 3:00 P.M.: Public Outreach Activities (Open) - The Committee members will receive an information briefing from NRC on their public outreach activities.

3:00 - 4:00 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACNW Reports - The cognizant ACNW members will prepare draft reports, as needed, for consideration by the full Committee.

4:00 - 6:30 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW reports on High Level Waste Chemistry; Public Outreach Activity; Yucca Mountain Pre-Closure Approach; Risk-Informed, Performance Based Waste Management and Decommissioning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2001

8:30 - 8:40 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman (Open) - The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:40 - 10:30 A.M.: Key Technical Issues (KTIs) - Vertical Slice Report (Open) - The Committee members will discuss their progress and the elements of a report on assigned KTIs.

10:45 - 11:45 A.M.: Meeting Reports (Open) - The Committee will hear reports from the members and staff on meetings attended since the 126th ACNW Meeting, including the Symposium on Quantitative Risk Assessment, Public Workshop on NRC's Hearing Process for Proposed Yucca Mountain Project; Waste Package Peer Review Kickoff Meeting, NRC Meeting with Italian Delegation on Nuclear Waste Issues and Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board Meeting with NRC Commissioners.

11:45 - 12:00 Noon: Election of ACNW Officers (Open) - The Committee will nominate and elect members to the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the period July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002.

1:00 - 3:30 P.M.: DOE's Science and Engineering Report (Open) - The Committee will hear a presentation by DOE on its recently released Science and Engineering Report.

3:30 - 7:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed reports.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2001

8:30 - 8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman (Open) - The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 - 9:30 A.M.: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Cooperation on Multimedia Environmental Models (Open) - The Committee will receive an information briefing on the recently signed MOU for Interagency Cooperation in Research and Development of Multimedia Environmental Models for Human and Environmental Health Risk Assessment.

9:30 - 11:00 A.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports (Open) - The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACNW reports.

11:00 - 12:30 P.M.: Overview of Sequoyah Fuels (Open) - The Committee will receive an information briefing from the NRC staff on the current status of activities at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation Facility.

1:30 - 2:00 P.M.: Miscellaneous (Open) - The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

###