



NRC NEWS

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Public Affairs Telephone: 301/415-8200

Washington, DC 20555-0001 E-mail: opa@nrc.gov

Web Site: www.nrc.gov

No. 02-037

April 2, 2002

NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE TO MEET APRIL 16 - 18 IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a meeting in Rockville, Maryland, on April 16 - 18, to discuss, among other issues, a proposed amendment to its regulations in 10 CFR Part 63 to establish the probability of "unlikely events" at the proposed high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The meeting, which is 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 12:30 p.m. on the first day, and at 8:30 a.m. on the following two days. The complete agenda is attached.

Those who wish to make oral or written statements, or seek additional information on the meeting or changes to the agenda should contact Howard Larson, at 301-415-6805.

ACNW AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

12:30 - 12:40 P.M.: Opening Statement - The Chairman will open the meeting with brief remarks, outline the topics to be discussed, and indicate several items of interest.

12:40 - 3:30 P.M.: High-Level Waste Risk Insights Initiative - The Committee will hear a presentation by the NRC staff on the preliminary results of its risk insights initiative.

3:45 - 4:45 P.M.: Amendment to 10 CFR Part 63 - The NRC staff will provide a briefing on its final rulemaking amendment to Part 63 on the probability for “Unlikely Events” at the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level waste repository site.

4:45 - 6:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACNW Reports - The Committee will discuss proposed reports on the following topics:

- High-Level Waste Risk Insights Initiative
- Amendment to 10 CFR Part 63 “Unlikely Events” - Final Rule
- Update on Igneous Activity including Performance Assessment Analyses
- HLW Performance Assessment Sensitivity Studies

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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

8:35 - 10:00 A.M.: Final Radionuclide Transport Research Plan - Representatives from the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research will brief the Committee on its final research plan on Radionuclide Transport in the Environment.

10:15 - 12:00 Noon: ACNW 2002 Action Plan - The Committee will discuss a draft of its 2002 Action Plan.

1:00 - 2:45 P.M.: Site Recommendation - License Application: Path Forward - The Committee will hear a presentation from the DOE on its proposed plans to move forward from the submission of the Yucca Mountain Site Recommendation.

3:00 - 4:30 P.M.: Yucca Mountain Review Plan, Revision 2 - The Committee will discuss its template to conduct an audit of the Yucca Mountain Review Plan, Revision 2.

4:30 - 6:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACNW Reports - The Committee will discuss proposed reports on the following topics:

- High-Level Waste Risk Insights Initiative
- Amendment to 10 CFR Part 63 “Unlikely Events” - Final Rule
- Update on Igneous Activity including Performance Assessment Analyses
- HLW Performance Assessment Sensitivity Studies
- Final Research Plan on Radionuclide Transport in the Environment

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

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

8:35 - 11:45 A.M.: Preparation of ACNW Reports - The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACNW reports.

11:45 - 12:00 Noon: Miscellaneous - The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

#