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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY 21 - 23 IN NEVADA ON DRAFT YUCCA MOUNTAIN REVIEW PLAN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold three public meetings in Nevada in late May to discuss the draft version of a plan it would use to review an application to build a potential high-level nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, if Congress approves the President's Site Recommendation and if the Department of Energy (DOE) submits such an application.

The meetings will be:

- Tuesday, May 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Casino and Bowl, 1750 South Pahrump Valley Boulevard, Pahrump.
- Wednesday, May 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Clark County Building Department, 4701 W. Russell Road, Las Vegas. The cross street is Decatur.
- Thursday, May 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Clark County Building Department. (See above address.)

The meetings will include several brief presentations on the purpose, scope, structure and content of the "Yucca Mountain Review Plan, Draft Revision 2." The principal purpose of the plan is to ensure the quality and uniformity of the NRC staff's licensing reviews of the potential application by DOE. The NRC is seeking public input on whether the draft plan, which was issued in March, would effectively assess the safety of a potential geologic repository for high-level nuclear waste.

Copies of the "Yucca Mountain Review Plan, Draft Revision 2" will be available at the public meetings. The draft plan is also available at the NRC's web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1804>. A hard copy is available from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or by sending an e-mail request to distribution@nrc.gov.

NRC will keep a transcript of each meeting to ensure full consideration of all comments and questions. In addition, interested individuals may submit comments electronically by clicking on the "comment form" at the above web site address. Comments may also be submitted by regular mail via a letter to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-6D59, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. The comments should be submitted by June 27.

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