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NRC RENEWS CHARTER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved a two-year renewal of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste's charter. The Commission is required by law to renew the charter, which it found to be in the public interest.

The committee, which works to protect the public health and safety, was established by the NRC in 1988 to provide independent technical review of and advice on the disposal of nuclear waste, including all aspects of nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the NRC. This encompasses activities related to both high- and low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities, including the licensing, operation and closure of the facilities, rulemakings, and associated regulatory guides and technical positions developed to clarify the intent of NRC regulations. As part of these activities, the committee reviews performance assessments of such facilities. The charter was revised to also include matters relating to nuclear materials.

In addition, the committee works with members of the public, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, other Federal agencies, State and local agencies, Indian Tribes, as well as private and international organizations.

The committee's membership includes individuals who possess specific technical expertise, along with a broad perspective in addressing safety concerns. Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as risk assessment, chemistry, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, materials sciences, and earth sciences.

A copy of the notice renewal will appear in an upcoming edition of *The Federal Register*.

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