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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE TO MEET DECEMBER 17 - 19 IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a meeting on December 17 - 19 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss, among other issues, staff analyses for understanding the performance of the proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, and an examination of the NRC's nuclear waste safety research and technical assistance programs.

Committee members also will meet with NRC Commissioners to discuss a number of waste-related topics.

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, except for the session with the NRC Commissioners, which will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the agency's One White Flint North building, at 11555 Rockville Pike. The ACNW meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. the first day, 8:30 a.m. on the second day, and 8 a.m. the final day.

A complete agenda is attached.

For additional information or schedule changes, please contact Howard Larson at 301-415-6805.

ACNW Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2002, CONFERENCE ROOM 2B3, TWO WHITE FLINT NORTH

10:30 - 10:40 P.M.

Opening Statement

The Chairman will open the meeting with brief opening remarks, outline the topics to be discussed, and indicate several items of interest.

10:40 - 12:15 P.M.

Staff Analyses for Understanding Repository Performance

The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff on its analyses on the use of risk information for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

12:15 - 1:30 P.M.

*****LUNCH*****

1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Preparation of ACNW Reports

The Committee will discuss proposed reports on the following topics:

Staff Analyses for Understanding Repository Performance

Conclusions Regarding the Safety of Spent Nuclear Fuel Transportation

Trip Report: October Visit to Swedish Waste Management Facilities and Participation in Berlin Quadripartite Meeting

3:30 - 3:45 P.M.

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3:45 - 6:00 P.M.

Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners

The next meeting with the NRC Commissioners is scheduled to be held on December 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North. The Committee will review its proposed presentations.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 - 8:35 A.M.

Opening Statement

The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 - 9:10 A.M.

Discussion of Topics for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners

Discussion of topics scheduled for the ACNW meeting with the NRC Commissioners at 9:30 a.m.

9:10 - 9:30 A.M.

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9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Meeting with the NRC Commissioners

The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners in the Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North to discuss the following:

HLW Program Risk Insights Initiative

Yucca Mountain Review Plan

Spent Fuel Transportation

Igneous Activity at Yucca Mountain

Container Life and Source Term KTI

11:30 - 1:00 P.M.

*****LUNCH*****

1:00 - 3:30 P.M.

NRC Nuclear Waste Safety Research and Technical Assistance Programs

The Committee will hear from representatives of the NRC staff and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses on the NRC's Waste Safety Technical Assistance and Research programs.

3:30 - 3:45 P.M.

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3:45 - 6:00 P.M.

Preparation of ACNW Reports

The Committee will discuss proposed reports listed under a previous item.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 - 8:05 A.M.

Opening Statement by the ACNW Chairman

The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:05 - 10:45 A.M.

ACNW Action Plan

The Committee members will discuss the ACNW 2002/2003 Action Plan and outline plans for sessions to assess Committee performance and update its priorities.

10:45 - 11:00 A.M.

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.

11:00 A.M.

Adjourn 139th Meeting

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