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**Environment and Public Health Issues
Focus of Public Hearing**

Reno, Nevada, is the location of a public hearing to be held by the Environment & Public Health (E&PH) Panel of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) on Monday, October 15, 1990, from 1:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at the Peppermill Hotel, 2707 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada, (702) 826-2121. Panel members invite comments on issues related to the effects on the environment and public health of siting, characterizing, and building a permanent repository at the proposed Yucca Mountain Site in Nevada. Congress chose the site in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act (NWPAA) of 1987 as the sole site for characterization as a potential underground repository for spent fuel and defense high-level waste.

Those wishing to participate in the hearing may do so by (1) preparing written testimony in advance of the hearing and presenting it to the panel, (2) speaking briefly before the panel on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis, or (3) submitting a written statement for the record. Those wishing to testify must submit a formal request to the NWTRB's Director of External Affairs by no later than close of business, Tuesday, September 25, 1990. A block of time also will be reserved for persons to speak on a walk-in basis. Those speaking on a walk-in basis do not need to notify the NWTRB in advance but will be required to sign up the day of the hearing at the Peppermill Hotel beginning at 1:00 P.M. Time slots will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. An information sheet with detailed information on how to participate is attached.

In lieu of appearing before the members of the panel, interested persons may also submit written comments until November 30, 1990. Original statements should be sent to Chair,

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**A transcript of the hearing will be made. It will be available on a library-loan basis
beginning on November 15, 1990, from Victoria Reich, NWTRB librarian.**

**The NWTRB was established by the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act (NWPAA)
of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-203) to evaluate the scientific and technical validity of activities undertaken
by the Department of Energy (DOE) in its civilian nuclear waste disposal program. Congress
directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for potential development
of the first repository for spent fuel and high-level radioactive waste.**
