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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**10 CFR Part 63**

**Round Table Discussion on Defense in Depth as Applied to  
a Possible High-Level Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**ACTION:** Notice of facilitated Round Table Discussion in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently concluded the public comment period on the proposed licensing criteria for disposal of high-level radioactive wastes in a possible geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada (10 CFR Part 63). The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on February 22, 1999 (64 FR 8640). Comments were received regarding the concept and implementation of defense in depth, as applied to a possible geologic repository at Yucca Mountain.

The NRC staff will hold a facilitated Round Table Discussion in Las Vegas, Nevada to foster a common understanding among the stakeholders on issues associated with repository defense in depth. The meeting will open with an NRC presentation of an overview and issues associated with the defense in depth concept, followed by public discussion facilitated by Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, of the NRC Office of the General Counsel.

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**TIME/DATE:** The Round Table Discussion will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1999, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m (Pacific time).

**PLACE:** The Alexis Park Hotel, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001, or by telephone: (301) 415-1642 or e-mail: fxc@nrc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NRC's plan to clarify defense in depth as applied to a possible high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain was discussed in SECY-99-186, dated July 16, 1999. Both the plan and the proposed rule can be obtained from the NRC website (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/1999-186scy.html>) and (<http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/DWM/hlwreg.html>), respectively, or by contacting Ms. Christiana Lui at (301) 415-6200 or via e-mail at cxl@nrc.gov. Copies of both documents will also be available at the Round Table Discussion.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Keith I. McConnell, Acting Chief  
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