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NWTRB Panel Hears DOE Transportation Update

The NWTRB's Transportation & Systems Panel will hold a meeting on October 22, 1990, on transportation issues pertinent to the Department of Energy's (DOE) program for disposal of radioactive waste. Representatives from the DOE will update the panel on several transportation safety issues. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, Columbia South Room, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024; (202) 479-4000. The meeting will be held from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Topics of discussion with the DOE will include (1) the DOE's response to prior NWTRB transportation recommendations; (2) transportation protection and safeguards; (3) transportation operational planning; and (4) minimizing the handling of waste within the waste management system.

Members of the public are welcome to participate as observers. However, space is limited. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact the NWTRB office at (703) 235-4473 before October 15, 1990. The meeting will be transcribed, and transcripts will be available on a library-loan basis, beginning November 16, 1990. Those interested should contact Ms. Victoria Reich, librarian, at the NWTRB office.

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 DOE in its civilian nuclear waste disposal program. The Board also is charged with evaluating activities relating to the packaging or transportation of high-level waste or spent nuclear fuel. In the same law, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for possible location of a permanent underground repository for spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste.

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