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SUBJECT: FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND SOLICITATION OF
COMMENTS ON NUREG-1347, "NRC STAFF SITE CHARACTERIZATION ANALYSIS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S SITE CHARACTERIZATION PLAN, YUCCA
MOUNTAIN SITE, NEVADA"

Attached for your information is a copy of the September 20, 1989 Federal Register notice of availability of NUREG-1347. A copy of NUREG-1347 has been forwarded to you separately. Please note that the comment period expires on December 19, 1989.

Sincerely,

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Availability of NUREG-1347, "NRC Staff Site Characterization Analysis of the Department of Energy's Site Characterization Plan, Yucca Mountain Site, Nevada"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of NUREG-1347, "NRC Staff Site Characterization Analysis of the Department of Energy's Site Characterization Plan, Yucca Mountain Site, Nevada" and is soliciting comments on the Site Characterization Analysis.

DATE: The comment period expires December 18, 1989.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to the Regulatory Publications Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Comments may also be delivered to Room P-223, Phillips Building, 7920 Norfolk Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), 2120 L Street, (Lower Level), NW., Washington, DC, and the Local Public Document Rooms (LPDRs) located at the James R. Dickinson Library, Special Collections Department, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154, and University Library, Government Publications Department, University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, Nevada 89557. Copies of NUREG-1347 may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20013-7082. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal, Springfield, VA 22161. Copies of NUREG-1347 are available for public inspection and/or copying at the NRC PDR and the LPDRs listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Linehan, Director, Repository Licensing and Quality Assurance Project Directorate, Division of High-Level Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone 301/492-3387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 30, 1989 the NRC announced in the Federal Register that it had received

for review and comment the Department of Energy's (DOE) Site Characterization Plan (SCP) for the Yucca Mountain, Nevada candidate site for a permanent geologic repository for high-level radioactive waste (HLW). The NRC indicated that its review would culminate in issuance to DOE of a Site Characterization Analysis (SCA) with respect to the SCP and that at the time of its issuance a notice of availability of the SCA and request for public comment would be published in the Federal Register. Those are the purposes of the present notice.

This SCA is issued in fulfillment of the requirements of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) and 10 CFR 60.18 for NRC to review and comment upon DOE's SCP for the Yucca Mountain site. DOE's SCP explains how DOE plans to obtain the information necessary to determine the suitability of the Yucca Mountain site for a repository.

The SCA contains NRC's specific objections to the SCP and major comments and recommendations on the various parts of DOE's program (Section 2), summaries of the NRC staff's concerns for each specific program (Section 3), and NRC staff point papers which set forth in greater detail particular staff concerns regarding DOE's program (Section 4). Appendix A presents NRC staff evaluations of those NRC staff Consultation Draft SCP concerns that NRC considers resolved on the basis of the SCP.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of September, 1989.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Robert M. Bernero,
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