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DR. MICHAEL T. RYAN AND ALLEN G. CROFF ELECTED TO NEW POSITIONS ON NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has elected Dr. Michael T. Ryan as chairman and Allen G. Croff as vice chairman. They will serve in these new positions for one year. ACNW provides independent technical advice on activities, programs and issues associated with regulating, managing and disposing of radioactive waste.

Dr. Ryan is an independent consultant in radiological sciences and health physics, and an adjunct faculty member in the College of Health Professions at the Medical University of South Carolina and at the College of Charleston. He has more than 25 years of experience in radioactive waste management and radiation protection. Dr. Ryan has served on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements and as the Scientific Vice President for the Council's Radioactive and Mixed Waste Management program. He has authored numerous articles and publications in such areas as radiation dosimetry, radioactive waste management, regulatory compliance for radioactive materials, and environmental radiation assessment. He has been a member of ACNW since June 2002.

Croff worked at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for 29 years, retiring in 2003. He held positions in staff, line management, and program management concerning waste management research and development, analysis of nuclear fuel cycles and nuclear materials management, and strategic planning. He remains involved with international review and oversight related to nuclear waste. One of Croff's significant achievements was creating the ORIGEN2 computer code used worldwide to calculate radionuclide buildup and decay, and its application to nuclear material and waste characterization, risk analysis and nuclear fuel cycle analysis. Croff previously served as chair for a committee of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements. He has been a member of ACNW since July 2004.

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