

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE

Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 157th meeting on February 23-25, 2005, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 (69 FR 71084).

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

10:30 A.M. - 10:40 A.M.: Opening Statement (Open) - The ACNW Chairman will open the meeting with brief opening remarks, outline the topics to be discussed, and indicate items of interest.

10:40 A.M. - 11:20 A.M.: ACNW 2005 Action Plan (Open) - The ACNW Committee will discuss changes to the 2005 Action Plan resulting from COMSECY-04-0077, dated January 19, 2005.

11:20 A.M. - 12:20 P.M.: Time-of-Compliance for a Proposed High-Level Waste (HLW) Repository (Open) - The Committee will continue its discussions on time-of-compliance for a proposed HLW and determine the need and timing of a possible Working Group Meeting on this subject.

1:20 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.: Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLW) Issues (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by the Chairman on the current status of LLW management in the U.S. and LLW issues faced by the industry, regulators and stakeholders.

3:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open) - The Committee will discuss the proposed presentation topics for its meeting with the NRC Commissioners, which is scheduled to be held between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2005.

Thursday, February 24, 2005

8:30 A.M. - 8:35 A.M.: Opening Statement (Open) - The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 A.M. - 9:25 A.M.: Status of High-Significance Agreements Associated with the Proposed High-Level Waste Repository (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by an NRC representative on the status of high-significance agreements between NRC and DOE concerning the proposed HLW repository at Yucca Mountain.

9:25 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.: Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW reports on the Agreement State Program and Resolution of High-Significance Agreements.

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon: Discussion with Commissioner Merrifield (Open) - The Committee will interact with Commissioner Merrifield on areas of mutual interest in the waste management area.

1:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.: Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) Report - Accomplishments and Future Projects (Open) - The Committee will be briefed by NMSS and the CNWRA representatives regarding recent technical accomplishments and future project plans of NRC's technical assistance contractor.

Friday, February 25, 2005

8:30 A.M. - 8:35 A.M.: Opening Statement (Open) - The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.: Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open) - The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACNW reports on the Agreement State Program and Resolution of High-Significance Agreements.

9:45 A.M. - 12:00 Noon: Miscellaneous (Open) - The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit. Discussions may include forthcoming meeting with Commissioners (Agenda Item #5).

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Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted, therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Lee.

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