



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
WASHINGTON, DC 20555 - 0001

September 8, 2005

Dear Stakeholder:

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) was established in 1988 as an independent Federal advisory committee. The Committee reports to and advises the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on technical matters related to nuclear materials and waste management. It examines and reports on specific areas of concern to the NRC referred to it by the Commission and carries out studies and review activities identified on its own initiative. The ACNW is primarily interested in the transportation, storage, and disposal of high-level and low-level radioactive waste, including the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel; materials safety; decommissioning; and the application of risk-informed and performance-based regulations. The ACNW also evaluates licensing documents, rules, regulatory guidance, and other issues, as requested by the Commission. To fulfill its responsibilities, the Committee interacts with representatives of the public, the NRC, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, other Federal agencies, State and local agencies, Indian Nations, and private, international, and other affected stakeholder organizations, as appropriate.

On September 20-22, 2005, the ACNW will hold its 163rd meeting at Pacific Enterprise Plaza, Building One, 3250 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120. The focus of the meeting will be technical matters related to the development of a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. This meeting will be open to the public, and a meeting notice and detailed agenda will be published in the *Federal Register* approximately 10 days before the meeting. At the same time, it will be possible to view and/or download a copy of the meeting notice and agenda from the ACNW's Internet web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>. The meeting notice will outline the proposed meeting topics, the procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings, and guidelines for the use of the meeting facility.

The ACNW will hold a meeting on Wednesday evening, September 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. with stakeholders. This meeting will also be conducted at Pacific Enterprise Plaza Building One. The purpose of the evening meeting is to develop information to advise the Commission on concerns of Yucca Mountain stakeholders, and to advise the Commission on opportunities to provide better involvement of the stakeholders in NRC's prelicensing process. Following the public meeting, the Committee will prepare a letter to the Commission conveying its insights gained from the public's and stakeholders' questions, suggestions and concerns about Yucca Mountain, and to advise the Commission on opportunities to provide better involvement of the stakeholders.

Lastly, on Thursday, September 22, 2005, the ACNW will hold a planning retreat. Details concerning this retreat are available on the 163rd ACNW Meeting Notice. Some portions of this retreat will be closed to the public as they deal with personnel matters.

Meeting attendees should plan to arrive approximately 45 minutes prior to the meeting, as all attendees will be subject to security screening prior to entering the facility. No food or drink

other than bottled water will be allowed in the facility. Access to the parking lot is restricted to meeting participants. On street parking is available nearby on Pepper and Sagebrush Lanes.

If you have any questions concerning this notice or intend to address the Committee, please contact Sharon A. Steele, ACNW Staff Team Lead, at your earliest convenience by telephone (301-415-6805), facsimile (301-415-5589), or e-mail (SAS@nrc.gov). Stakeholder participation in any of the ACNW meetings proposed above will be at no financial cost or obligation to the NRC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent than the last name "Ryan".

Michael T. Ryan
ACNW Chairman

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Michael T. Ryan
ACNW Chairman

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