

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE AND MATERIALS

Meeting Notice

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNW&M) will hold its 182nd meeting on September 18-20, 2007, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

10:00 A.M. - 10:05 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW&M Chairman (Open) - The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

10:05 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.: Corrosion of Waste Package and Drip Shield Materials in a Repository Environment (Open) - An NRC staff representative from the Division of High-Level Waste and Repository Safety (DHLWRS) will brief the Committee on the staff's current understanding of key processes and associated uncertainties for estimating the long-term performance of waste package and drip shield materials under potential repository conditions.

10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.: Mechanisms for Estimating Juvenile Waste Package Failures (Open) - Representatives from the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses and from DHLWRS will update the Committee on the staff's current understanding of key processes and associated uncertainties that may contribute to juvenile failure of waste packages under potential repository conditions.

11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.: Dissolution Processes for Commercial Spent Nuclear Fuels in a Repository Environment (Open) - DHLWRS staff representatives will brief the Committee on the staff's current understanding of key processes and associated uncertainties for the dissolution of commercial spent nuclear fuels under potential repository conditions.

11:30 A.M. - 12:00 A.M.: Discussion of the NRC Role in the International Committee on Radiological Protection (ICRP) (Open) - An NRC staff representative from the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) will brief the Committee on NRC's participation in recent activities of the ICRP.

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.: Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Briefing on Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLW) Minimization Strategies (Open) - An NEI representative will brief the Committee on what nuclear power plants are doing to reduce the volume of Class B/C commercial LLW being generated.

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.: NEI Executive Committee Views on Commercial LLW Management Issues (Open) - An NEI representative will brief the Committee on activities of a recently-formed NEI executive-level committee examining issues related to the generation, management, and disposal of commercial LLW.

3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.: Observations from ACNW Members and Staff on Recent Activities (Open) - The ACNW members and staff will present summaries of their: visit to decommissioning sites in Pennsylvania (TMI plant) and Missouri (Hematite site); visit to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grand Junction site in Colorado; and attendance at the First Annual Radwaste Summit.

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss potential and proposed ACNW&M letter reports.

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

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

8:35 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.: Regulatory Guide Revisions (Open) - An NRC staff representative from the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research will brief the Committee on the efforts to revise NRC's Regulatory Guides related to the licensing of nuclear facilities.

9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.: Preparation for Meeting with NRC Commissioners (Open) - The Committee will discuss topics and work on the slides in preparation for the ACNW&M briefing to the NRC Commissioners, scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007.

1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open) - The Committee will continue discussion of potential and proposed ACNW&M letter reports.

Thursday, September 20, 2007

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

8:35 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports (Open) - The Committee will continue discussion of potential and proposed ACNW&M letter reports.

1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.: Semiannual Briefing by the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) (Open) - The FSME Office and the Division Directors will brief the Committee on recent and future activities of interest within their respective programs.

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.: Miscellaneous (Open) - The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACNW&M activities and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit. Discussions may include content of future letters and scope of future Committee Meetings.

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

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