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**Subject:** NRC PRESS RELEASE on next week's pre-hearing conference on Yucca Mountain in Vegas

Hi all -

Below my "signature" is the text of a press release that NRC will issue later today, announcing the 9/14-15 pre-hearing conference that I told you about last week.

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**ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE ON YUCCA MOUNTAIN SEPT. 14-15 IN LAS VEGAS**

An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold a pre-hearing conference Sept. 14-15 in Las Vegas to discuss scheduling and other case management issues for the adjudicatory hearing on the Department of Energy's license application for the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository.

The conference will be held at the Las Vegas Hearing Facility, Pacific Enterprise Plaza, Building 1, 3250 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, beginning at 9 a.m. Pacific Time on Sept. 14. The conference will continue on Sept. 15 only if needed.

The conference will be viewable by videoconference from the NRC's hearing room at agency headquarters at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. The conference will also be Web streamed live at <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=61553> on Sept. 14 and <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=61554> on Sept. 15 if needed.

The board issued an order Aug. 25 establishing an agenda for the conference. Among the issues to be discussed are scheduling for discovery and arguments on contentions in response to the NRC staff's decision to issue its Safety Evaluation Report on the license application serially, rather than all at once.

Media wishing to attend the conference, either in Las Vegas or Rockville, are encouraged to register in advance with NRC's Office of Public Affairs by calling (301) 415-8200. Pre-registration is essential for television media, as space inside the hearing room is limited. Photographers (video or still) will not be permitted to move around the hearing room while the board is in session. ASLB judges will not grant interviews. No interviews of other participants shall be permitted inside the hearing facility. Two brochures on the Las Vegas Hearing Facility – one for media and one for the general public – are available on the NRC's Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/>.