

## **Information Session Biographies**

### **Earl Easton**

Earl Easton is the Senior Level Advisor for Transportation in the Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation. Since joining the NRC in 1982, Mr. Easton has undertaken progressively more challenging assignments that have spanned all major aspects of radioactive material transportation. Throughout his career, Mr. Easton has provided senior management with advice on the technical and policy aspects of licensing shipping containers, and on SFPO's rulemakings and risk studies on transportation safety. From 1992 through 1997, Mr. Easton served as the Section Chief, Transportation, and Storage Safety Section, where he was responsible for the planning, development and implementation of the Commission's policies and practices for the safe transportation and storage of radioactive materials. He also served as the lead NRC spokesperson at the International Atomic Energy Agency for revising international regulations for the safe transport of radioactive material, and is listed as a contributor to IAEA's Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (ST-1). He had the leading role in developing/ presenting an international seminar on transportation safety in Kiev, Ukraine under the Lisbon initiative (1995), and in the joint NRC/NEI workshop on LSA and SCO (1996).

Mr. Easton joined the Agency in 1982 as a Design Evaluation Engineer in the NMSS Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, where he was responsible for reviewing the safety of radioactive material transport packages. Prior to joining the NRC, Mr. Easton worked at the Department of Energy in the Synthetic Fuels Program, at the Department of the Interior, where he was a Water Treatment Engineer, and at the Federal Power Commission where he worked on licensing major energy projects such as the Cove Point LNG Plant and the Alaskan Natural Gas Pipeline. Mr. Easton received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering in May 1974 from the University of Maryland.

### **John Cook**

Mr. Cook is a Senior Transportation Safety Scientist in the Rules, Inspections, and Operations Branch of the Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Division of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He is a Health Physicist by training. In addition, John has worked on various projects to provide the technical basis for international and domestic transportation safety regulations and guidance materials. He was Project Manager for NRC's Reexamination of Spent Fuel Shipment Risks (NUREG/CR-6672) published in 2000, and is currently Project Manager for SFTRA.