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NRC, DOE Officials to Meet April 7 to Discuss Yucca Mountain Groundwater Report

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with officials from the Department of Energy April 7 to discuss DOE's plans to update its 2009 technical report on groundwater impacts of the proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nev.

The meeting will be held from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at NRC headquarters in the Commissioners' Hearing Room in One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, in Rockville, Md. The public is welcome to attend, and will have an opportunity to ask questions of NRC staff prior to the end of the meeting.

The Commission last November requested DOE supplement its environmental impact statement on the Yucca Mountain repository with additional information pertaining to groundwater. The request was part of the agency's effort to continue the licensing process of the repository application consistent with an order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The NRC originally requested the supplement in 2008, after DOE submitted its license application for the proposed repository.

In February, DOE responded to the NRC request, declining to supplement the environmental impact statement but offering to update its July 2009 technical report on groundwater impacts of the proposed repository. At the April 7 meeting, NRC staff will ask DOE officials to explain their plans and schedule for updating the technical report.

More information, including bridgeline information for those who cannot attend in person, is available in the [NRC public meeting announcement](#).