

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
CHARTER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE

1. The Committee's official designation:

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW)

2. The Committee's objectives, scope of activities and duties are as follows:

The Committee shall report to and advise the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on nuclear waste management. The bases of ACNW reviews include 10 CFR Parts 60, 61, and other applicable regulations and legislative mandates. In performing its work, the Committee will examine and report on those areas of concern referred to it by the Commission and may undertake studies and activities on its own initiative, as appropriate. Emphasis will be on protecting the public health and safety in the disposal of nuclear waste. The Committee will undertake studies and activities related to nuclear waste management such as transportation, storage and disposal facilities, the effects of low levels of ionizing radiation, decommissioning, materials safety, application of risk-informed, performance-based regulations, and evaluation of licensing documents, rules and regulatory guidance. The Committee will interact with representatives of NRC, ACRS, other Federal agencies, State and local agencies, Indian Tribes, and private, international and other organizations as appropriate to fulfill its responsibilities.

3. Time period (duration of this Committee):

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste is expected to be a continuing committee.

4. Official to whom this Committee reports:

Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

5. Agency responsible for providing necessary support to this Committee:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

6. The duties of the Committee are set forth in Item 2, above.

7. Estimated annual direct cost of this Committee*

a. \$563,000

b. Total staff-years of support: 4.0 FTE

*Includes travel, per diem, and compensation

8. Estimated number of meetings per year:

8 Full Committee meetings and approximately 4 Working Group meetings per year

9. The Committee's termination date, if less than two years, from the date of establishment of renewal:

Not applicable [The ACNW is expected to be a continuing committee with renewal of its charter biennially (every two years) for as long as necessary to fulfill its functions].

10. Filing date:

May 29, 1998



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