

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 and the scope of its activity:

The committee shall report to and advise the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on all aspects of nuclear waste management, as appropriate, within the purview of NRC's regulatory responsibilities. The primary emphasis will be on disposal but will also include other aspects such as handling, processing, transportation, storage, and safeguarding of nuclear wastes including spent fuel, nuclear wastes mixed with other hazardous substances, and uranium mill tailings. In performing its work, the committee will examine and report on specific areas of concern referred to it by the Commission or designated representatives of the Commission, and it is authorized to undertake other studies and activities on its own initiative, as appropriate to carry out its responsibilities.

3. The period of time necessary for the committee to carry out its purposes:

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

4. The agency or official to whom the committee reports:

The committee will report to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission through the Chairman, NRC, and will provide advice to designated officials of the NRC, as appropriate.

5. The agency responsible for providing the necessary support for the committee:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Designated offices of the NRC will provide technical, administrative, and operational support as needed.

6. A description of the duties for which the committee is responsible:

The committee will report to and advise the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on all aspects of nuclear waste management and disposal within the purview of NRC responsibilities, including 10 CFR Parts 60, 61, and 72 and other applicable regulations and legislative mandates such as the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act, and the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act, as

amended. The Committee will examine and report on specific areas of concern referred to it by the Commission or its designated representatives, including the issuance of construction permits and licenses, and will undertake other studies and activities on its own initiative as appropriate to carry out its responsibilities. The committee will interact, with representatives of NRC, other federal agencies, state and local agencies, Indian Tribes, private organizations, etc., as appropriate to fulfill its responsibilities.

7. The estimated annual operating costs in dollars and FTE staff years:

Estimates are that the committee will cost about \$560,000 and require about 7 FTE per year to operate.

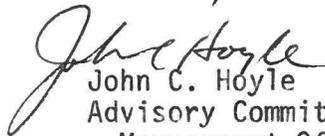
8. The estimated number and frequency of committee meetings:

It is estimated that there will be 6 meetings annually of the full committee and 3 meetings annually of subcommittees or subgroups.

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

Not applicable [The ACNW is expected to be a continuing committee with renewal of its charter biannually for as long as necessary to fulfill its functions].

10. The date this charter is filed: May 18, 1988.
date



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