

* * * MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT * * *

FACILITATED ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Tuesday, November 2, 1999

ON DEFENSE IN DEPTH
AS APPLIED TO A POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL WASTE
REPOSITORY AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has the public health and safety responsibility for a licensing decision on a possible U.S. Department of Energy high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain. In February, the NRC proposed new regulations (10 CFR Part 63) to apply specifically to a possible geologic repository at Yucca Mountain.

During the public comment period, the NRC held five public meetings, in order to summarize the proposed rule and listen to your concerns and those of local governments and representatives of affected groups. Since June 30, 1999, when the public comment period closed, the NRC staff has reviewed comments on defense in depth and has prepared a plan to clarify this concept, as applied to a possible high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

The NRC staff is returning to Nevada to host a Round Table Discussion, facilitated by Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, of the NRC Office of the General Counsel. The purpose of the meeting is to foster a common understanding among stakeholder groups of the issues associated with repository defense in depth. The NRC staff will clarify the criteria related to repository defense in depth and continue the dialogue with representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy, the State of Nevada, affected units of local government, and Native American interests. The NRC invites you to attend and appreciates your interest in these important issues.

Time: 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November 2, 1999.

Location: Alexis Park Hotel
 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada

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