

May 10, 2002

**COMSECY-02-0024**

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Andrew Bates  
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
CHARTER

The current ACNW Charter expires on May 24th. Attached is an updated Charter showing proposed changes from the existing Charter as provided by John Larkins. The changes broaden the scope of the committee to include nuclear materials as well as nuclear waste.

The ACNW Members suggested the change in the charter wording to more accurately reflect the Committee's current efforts, as well as prospective activities noted in its Action Plan. The members believe that the suggested changes not only would recognize, but would also formalize, the wide range of activities undertaken by the Committee in materials-related issues of interest to the Commission. In addition, the members believe that the proposed changes would increase the desirability of serving on the ACNW to an even larger spectrum of potential candidates and thus increase the number of qualified candidates in the pool.

Attachment: Revised ACNW Charter

cc: John Larkins, ACNW  
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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 **materials and** waste management. The bases of ACNW reviews include 10 CFR Parts 20, 40, 50, 60, 61, 63, 70, 71 and 72, 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 **and the handling and processing of nuclear materials**. The Committee will undertake studies and activities related to nuclear **materials and** 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 the public, 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. Agency or Official to whom this Committee reports:

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. \$812,000

b. Total staff-years of support: 6.0 FTE

8. Estimated number of meetings per year:

9 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:

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Andrew L. Bates  
Advisory Committee Management Officer

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\*Includes travel, per diem, and compensation