

June 12, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
Commissioner Jaczko  
Commissioner Lyons

FROM: Andrew Bates */RA/*  
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
(ACNW) CHARTER

The current ACNW Charter expires on July 15. Attached is a memorandum from John Larkins with recommended changes to the existing Charter.

Attachment: As stated.

cc: John Larkins, ACNW  
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June 6, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Andrew L. Bates  
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer

FROM: John T. Larkins, Executive Director  
ACRS/ACNW

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
CHARTER

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste charter is scheduled for renewal on July 15, 2006. The proposed revised charter is being provided for Commission review and approval. Recommended changes are indicated by redline/strikeout.

**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 closely related 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, waste determinations, reprocessing, storage and disposal facilities, the *in situ* leaching mining, mill tailings, enrichment facilities, health 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 Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, 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. ~~\$830~~\$1,173,000\*

b. Total staff-years of support: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~68.0 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. ~~f.~~ (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:**

~~July 15, 2004~~\_\_\_\_\_

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**Andrew L. Bates**

**Advisory Committee Management Officer**

\*Includes travel, per diem, ~~and~~ compensation, and operational costs under a realigned budget structure.

\*\* Includes members, consultants, and staff under a realigned budget structure.