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## NRC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE TO MEET SEPTEMBER 26-27 IN LAS VEGAS, NV

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting September 26-27 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day at the Hotel San Remo, Chateau 1 & 2, 115 East Tropicana Avenue.

Although meetings of the ACNW are open, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACNW was established in March 1988 to advise the Commission on all aspects of nuclear waste management. While anyone may attend the meeting, the committee will consider only oral or written statements arranged in advance and limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of Meeting published in the September 5 edition of the Federal Register.

Here is the agenda for the meeting.

## September 26

8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. -- The committee will discuss the status and results of studies and computer codes for movement of radionuclides under the surface at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

## September 27

8:30 a.m. to conclusion of business -- The committee will discuss with members of the Department of Energy the use of performance assessment in site characterization and an advanced design for the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The committee will also discuss proposed reports to the NRC, including the movement of radionuclides at Yucca Mountain and time of compliance in high and low-level waste disposal.

Persons wishing to submit a statement regarding an agenda item may do so by providing a readily reproducible copy to the committee at the beginning of the meeting or by mailing it in advance to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(ACNW schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/415-5024.)

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