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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
TO MEET MARCH 20-21 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a technical meeting March 20-21 in Rockville, Md.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day in Room T-2B3 in the NRC's Two White Flint North Building, 11545 Rockville Pike.

Although meetings of the ACNW are open, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACNW was established in 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 February 18 edition of the Federal Register.

Among the topics to be discussed during the meeting are the defense-in-depth philosophy and the current status of the Biosphere Validation Study. Directors of the Division of Waste Management and the Spent Fuel Projects Office also will discuss priorities for their respective divisions. The committee will also prepare for its April meeting with the Commission, and will discuss proposed reports, topics for future consideration and miscellaneous matters.

(ACNW schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling (301) 415-5024. ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672, the local direct number is (703) 321-3339.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: The use of self-contained tape recorders in the meeting room is permitted during open portions of the meeting when a transcript is being kept. The use of still, motion picture and television cameras - the physical installation and presence of which will not interfere with the course of the meeting - will be permitted both before and after the meeting, during any recess, and, at the discretion of the committee chairman, while the meeting is in session.)