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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE TO MEET MARCH 19 -21 IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has scheduled a meeting on March 19 - 21 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss, among other subjects, a presentation by the Department of Energy that updates its recent performance assessment activities for the proposed high-level nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. In addition, the NRC staff will brief the committee on its Review Plan for the proposed repository.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North Building, at 11545 Rockville Pike. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day. A complete agenda is attached.

For additional information, please contact Howard Larson at 301-415-6805.

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ACNW AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002, CONFERENCE ROOM 2B3

- 8:30 - 8:40 A.M. Opening Statement (Open)
The Chairman will open the meeting with brief remarks, outline the topics to be discussed, and indicate several items of interest.
- 8:40 - 9:40 A.M. ACNW Planning and Procedures (Open)
The Committee will discuss the items noted below:
Commitments from the ACNW 132nd meeting
Issues for the 133rd ACNW meeting
Topics for April 2002 ACNW meeting
Topics for June 2002 meeting in Nevada
Potential Working Group/Workshop Topics
EDO responses to Committee reports
EDO's list of future meeting topics
ACNW Calendar for 2002
DOE/BSC Meeting Status
- 9:40 - 10:00 A.M. ***BREAK*****
- 10:00 - 12:30 P.M. Update on DOE Performance Assessment
Program (BJG/MPL)
The Committee will hear a presentation by the representative from DOE on its recent performance assessment program activities for the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, NV.
- 12:30 - 2:00 P.M. ***LUNCH*****
- 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. Annual Research Report to the Commission (Open)
The Committee will finalize its annual research report to the Commission.
- 3:30 - 3:45 P.M. ***BREAK*****
- 3:45 - 6:00 P.M. Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)
(ALL)
The next meeting with the NRC Commissioners is scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North on March 20, 2002. The Committee will review its proposed presentations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 8:30 - 8:35 A.M. Opening Statement (Open)
The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.
- 8:35 - 9:10 A.M. Discussion of Topics for Meeting with the NRC

Commissioners (Open)

Discussion of topics scheduled for the ACNW meeting with the NRC Commissioners at 9:30 a.m.

9:10 - 9:30 A.M.

*****BREAK*****

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)

The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners in the Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North to discuss the following:

Sufficiency Review

Total System Performance Assessment-Site

Recommendation

Key Technical Issues

Review of NRC-Sponsored Research

11:30 - 1:00 P.M.

*****LUNCH*****

1:00 - 2:45 P.M.

High-Level Waste Performance Assessment Sensitivity Studies (Open)

The staff will provide an update on its sensitivity studies related to HLW performance assessment analyses for the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, NV.

2:45 - 3:00 P.M.

*****BREAK*****

3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open)

The Committee will discuss proposed reports on the following topics:

ACNW 2002 Action Plan

Update on Igneous Activity including Performance Assessment Analyses

HLW Performance Assessment Sensitivity Studies

Annual Research Report to the Commission

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 - 8:35 A.M.

Opening Statement by the ACNW Chairman (Open)

The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 - 12:00 Noon

Yucca Mountain Review Plan, Revision 2 (Open)

(10:10-10:30 A.M.)

BREAK

Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the Yucca Mountain Review Plan, Revision 2.

12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

*****LUNCH*****

1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open)

Discussion of proposed ACNW reports on:

ACNW 2002 Action Plan

Update on Igneous Activity including Performance Assessment Analyses

HLW Performance Assessment Sensitivity Studies

Yucca Mountain Review Plan, Revision 2

Annual Research Report to the Commission

4:00 - 4:15 P.M.

Miscellaneous (Open)

The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

4:15 P.M.

Adjourn 133rd Meeting

NOTE:

- Presentation time should not exceed 50 percent of the total time allocated for a specific item. The remaining 50 percent of the time is reserved for discussion. Thirty-Five (35) copies of the presentation materials should be provided to the ACNW.

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