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NRC'S PAPO BOARD TO HOLD MEETING TO DISCUSS HANDLING OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN YUCCA MOUNTAIN HEARINGS

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel's Pre-License Application Presiding Officer (PAPO) Board will hold a case management meeting Dec. 2 in Rockville, Md., to discuss how classified information will be protected and handled during adjudicatory hearings on the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nev.

Representatives from the Department of Energy, the state of Nevada, and the NRC staff will attend the meeting at the ASLB hearing room at NRC headquarters, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Other potential parties who have filed a notice of appearance may participate either in person or by video hookup in the NRC's Las Vegas Hearing Facility, Pacific Enterprise Plaza, Building 1, 3250 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, beginning at 10 a.m. Pacific Time. Members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting at either location. The meeting will also be Webcast on the Internet at <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=53642>.

DOE submitted its application for the proposed repository June 3. The NRC staff formally docketed the application Sept. 8, and the agency published a notice of opportunity to request a hearing Oct. 22 in the *Federal Register*.

Because the application contains some classified information, DOE petitioned the Commission to issue a protective order governing access to and handling of that classified information during the Yucca Mountain hearings. The Commission subsequently referred that petition to the PAPO Board.

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