

**MINUTES OF THE 116th ACNW MEETING
JANUARY 13-14, 2000**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<u>Page</u>
I. Chairman's Report (Open)	2
II. Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open)	2
III. Executive Session (Open)	3
• Future Meeting Agenda and Committee Activities (Open)	3

APPENDICES

- I. *Federal Register* Notice
- II. Meeting Attendees
- III. Future Agenda and Working Group Activities

CERTIFIED

2/28/2000

By B. JOHN GARRICK

Issued: 2/15/2000

**CERTIFIED MINUTES OF THE 116TH MEETING OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
JANUARY 13-14, 2000
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) held its 116th meeting on January 13-14, 2000, at Two White Flint North, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Notice of this meeting was published in the *Federal Register* on December 28, 1999 (64 FR 72703) (Appendix I). The meeting served as a forum for attendees to discuss and take appropriate action on the items listed in the agenda. The entire meeting was open to the public.

ATTENDEES

ACNW members who attended this meeting are Dr. B. John Garrick (ACNW Chairman) and Dr. Raymond G. Wymer. ACNW consultant Milton Levenson was also present. Dr. George M. Hornberger, ACNW member, did not attend this meeting. For a list of other attendees, see Appendix II.

**MINUTES OF THE
116TH ACNW MEETING
JANUARY 13-14, 2000**

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (OPEN)

[Richard Major was the Designated Federal Official for this portion of the meeting.]

Dr. B. John Garrick, ACNW Chairman, convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and briefly reviewed the agenda. He stated that the meeting was being conducted in conformance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. He asked members of the public who were present and had something to contribute to the meeting to inform the ACNW staff so that time could be allocated for them to speak. He noted that the ACNW had received one written comment from Dr. Donald L. Baker, Ph.D., Soil Physics, Aquarius Engineering. Dr. Baker raised concerns relating to ground water modeling. His written comments were made available to the ACNW members and staff.

II. PREPARATION OF ACNW REPORTS (OPEN)

[Richard Major was the Designated Federal Official for this portion of the meeting.]

The Committee finalized two reports to the Commission during this session. The first report approved was comments on the DOE draft Environmental Impact Statement for Yucca Mountain. The second report completed was "Rubblization — A Decommissioning Option." The Committee also discussed the elements for a letter report on the Commission's proposed high-

**MINUTES OF THE
116TH ACNW MEETING
JANUARY 13-14, 2000**

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (OPEN)

[Richard Major was the Designated Federal Official for this portion of the meeting.]

Dr. B. John Garrick, ACNW Chairman, convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and briefly reviewed the agenda. He stated that the meeting was being conducted in conformance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. He asked members of the public who were present and had something to contribute to the meeting to inform the ACNW staff so that time could be allocated for them to speak. He noted that the ACNW had received one written comment from Dr. Donald L. Baker, Ph.D., Soil Physics, Aquarius Engineering. Dr. Baker raised concerns relating to ground water modeling. His written comments were made available to the ACNW members and staff.

II. PREPARATION OF ACNW REPORTS (OPEN)

[Richard Major was the Designated Federal Official for this portion of the meeting.]

The Committee finalized two reports to the Commission during this session. The first report approved was comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Yucca Mountain. The second report completed was "Rubblization — A Decommissioning Option." The Committee also discussed the elements for a letter report on the Commission's proposed high-

**MINUTES OF THE
116TH ACNW MEETING
JANUARY 13-14, 2000**

level waste regulation 10 CFR Part 63. A first draft of a letter report on Part 63 will be considered during the 117th ACNW meeting, February 23–25, 2000.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2000.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (OPEN)

[Richard Major was the Designated Federal Official for this portion of the meeting.]

A. Future Meeting Agenda and Committee Activities (Open)

Appendix IV summarizes the proposed items endorsed by the Committee for the 117th ACNW meeting on February 23–25, 2000, in Irvine, California.

The Committee discussed future activities during this session. The Committee reviewed topics to be considered during the planning session at the 117th ACNW meeting in Irvine, California. The ACNW also reviewed potential requests for Committee reviews by the Commission as a result of the December 15, 1999 meeting with the Commissioners. The Committee has set aside April 26–28, 2000, as a possible meeting date, should workload require such a meeting.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert A. Nelson,

Acting Chief, Decommissioning Branch,
Division of Waste Management, Office of
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

[FR Doc. 99-33681 Filed 12-27-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 116th meeting on January 13 and 14, 2000, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Thursday, January 13, 2000—5 p.m.

until the conclusion of business

Friday, January 14, 2000—12 Noon until the conclusion of business

The Committee will prepare ACNW letter reports and discuss ACNW Planning and Procedures as time allows.

Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss planned reports on the following topics: The Department of Energy's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Repository at Yucca Mountain, NV; the rubblization decommissioning option; the NRC's proposed high-level waste regulation; and other topics discussed during this and previous meetings as the need arises.

ACNW Planning and Procedures (Open)—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. This will include strategic planning and self-assessment. The Committee may also discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.

Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the Federal Register on September 28, 1999 (64 FR 52352). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting

that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Richard K. Major, ACNW, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, ACNW (Telephone 301/415-7366), between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. EST. ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EST at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 99-33676 Filed 12-27-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations will hold a meeting on January 20, 2000, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, January 20, 2000—8:30 a.m.

until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will discuss selected technical components of the revised reactor oversight process, including the updated significance determination process and plant performance indicators. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman and written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Michael T. Markley (telephone 301/415-6885) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two

APPENDIX II: MEETING ATTENDEES

**116TH ACNW MEETING
JANUARY 13–14, 200**

ACNW STAFF

Ms. Lynn Deering

Ms. Michele Kelton

Dr. John Larkins

Mr. Howard Larson

Mr. Richard Major

Dr. Richard Savio

Mr. Armajit Singh

Mr. John Randall

APPENDIX III: FUTURE AGENDA

The Committee agreed to consider the following during the 117th ACNW Meeting, February 23-25, 2000:

- **Planning and Self-Assessment** — The Committee will conduct a self assessment to review the goals set in its 1999 Action Plan, and compare those goals to its accomplishments. The Committee will examine steps it can take to increase its operational efficiency. The Committee will also select priority issues for review in the coming months.
- **Guest Speakers** — The Committee will hear lectures on the use of probability and on waste minimization.
- **ACNW Planning and Procedures** — The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The Committee may also discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.
- **Preparation of ACNW Reports** — The Committee will discuss planned reports on the NRC's proposed high-level waste regulation (10 CFR Part 63), the defense-in-depth philosophy, and the release of solid material (tentative).