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NRC'S ADVISORY PANEL ON ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR WASTE REPOSITORY LICENSING TO MEET IN LAS VEGAS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's special panel on development and operation of an electronic information management system--related to future licensing of a high-level radioactive waste repository--will meet May 2 and 3 in Las Vegas.

The meeting will be in Pueblo Room #1119, Clark County Government Center, 500 Grand Central Parkway, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, and from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., as needed, on Friday, May 3.

The NRC established the Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel in 1989 to provide advice and recommendations to the NRC and DOE concerning the design, development and operation of an electronic information management system, to be known as the Licensing Support System.

The system, which is not yet operational, would be set up to contain documents of DOE, its contractors, and all other parties to a licensing proceeding to be conducted when DOE applies for an NRC license to build and operate a high-level waste repository. The Licensing Support System would also contain documents of interested government participants, contractors and potential parties. All parties to the proceeding would have access to the system from individual computer facilities.

The advisory review panel consists of representatives from the State of Nevada; Nye County, Nevada; a coalition of other Nevada counties and California counties adjoining Nye County; the National Congress of American Indians; the nuclear industry; DOE; NRC; and other Federal agencies that have experience with large electronic information management systems.

The meeting agenda is as follows:

- (1) System Administrator's report;
- (2) DOE activity report, including its schedule for system development, availability of the automated records, and a

## demonstration of the system;

- (3) System senior management team report; and
- (4) Future panel activities.

Interested persons may attend as observers and may make oral presentations or file written statements. But persons wishing to make oral presentations should contact John C. Hoyle, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone: 301/415-1969, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made.