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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE TO MEET SEPTEMBER 23 AND 25 IN LAS VEGAS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 94th technical meeting September 23 and 25 in Las Vegas, NV.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day in Grand Ballroom B and C, at the Mirage Hotel, 3400 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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 to be published in an upcoming issue of the Federal Register.

Among the topics to be discussed during the meeting are the status of NRC staff key technical issue efforts relating to highlevel waste, progress on the Yucca Mountain Project, and the committee's defense-in-depth philosophy. The committee will also prepare for its upcoming 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.

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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.)