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NRC MAKES AVAILABLE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED RULE ON YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is making available for public information staff recommendations for draft regulations governing disposal of high-level radioactive wastes at a proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The Commission is presently reviewing these recommendations. It has not yet approved their publication as a proposed rule.

The Commission is making the staff recommendations available now to enable all stakeholders to have preliminary access to the document. Once the Commission approves a proposed rule, it will be published in the Federal Register for formal public comment, and a press release will be issued.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the staff recommendations from the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555; telephone: 202/634-3273.

A copy of the recommendations may also be obtained electronically at the following Website address: http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics. To view the recommendations at that site, select "Proposed Rule for Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste at a Proposed Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada."

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