United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Public Affairs Washington, DC 20555 Phone 301-415-8200 Fax 301-415-2234 Internet:opa@nrc.gov

No. 99-19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Tuesday, February 2, 1999)

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received three reports from its Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste following the committee's meetings December 15-17. The reports, in the form of letters, provide comments on:

- -- development of a standard review plan for decommissioning;
- -- the regulatory uses of importance measures for waste management and possible application to the proposed high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada;
- -- the Committee's September 1998 visit to German waste isolation authorities and facilities.

Copies of the reports are available through the NRC's Office of Public Affairs, the NRC's homepage (www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW) and the Public Document Room.

###