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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE RESCHEDULES OCTOBER MEETING IN NEVADA

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has rescheduled its previously announced meeting in Nevada this month on the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

The meeting will now be held October 20 and 21 at the Longstreet Inn, Conference Room Colorado #2, Stateline 373, Amargosa Valley, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. It is open to the public.

The meeting was previously scheduled for October 20 in Amargosa Valley, and October 21 and 22 in Las Vegas. Under the revised schedule, no sessions will be held in Las Vegas.

Presentations by the Department of Energy on site characterization and viability assessment will be rescheduled. The ACNW review of the NRC staff's format and content guide for reactor license termination has been canceled.

All other items regarding the meeting will remain as previously announced, including a discussion of planned reports on potential regulations for licensing the Yucca Mountain repository and other technical issues, as well as an opportunity for comments from members of the public, representatives from the State of Nevada and affected local counties, and Tribal Nations on concerns related to nuclear waste disposal.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the chairman's ruling on requests for an opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted for them, can be obtained by contacting Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, at (301) 415-7366.

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 sessions, 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. ACNW meeting notices, transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

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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.)

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