

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Workshop Concerning The Revision of the Oversight Program for Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of Public Workshop.

SUMMARY: NRC will hold a public workshop at the NRC Headquarters location at 11555 Rockville Pike, in Rockville, MD to provide the public, those regulated by the NRC, and other stakeholders, with information about and an opportunity to provide views on how NRC plans to revise its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. This workshop follows the public workshop held on May 24–25, 2000. Presentations and other documents provided at each workshop are placed on the NRC INTERNET web page (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Similar to the revision of the oversight program for commercial nuclear power reactor plants, NRC initiated an effort to improve its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. This is described in SECY–99–188 titled, “Evaluation and Proposed Revision of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facility Safety Inspection Program.” SECY–99–188 is available in the Public Document Room and on the NRC Web Page at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html>.

Purpose of Workshop: To obtain stakeholder views for improving the NRC oversight program for ensuring regulatees (licensee and certificate holders) maintain protection of worker and public health and safety, protection of the environment, and safeguards for special nuclear material and classified matter in the interest of national security. The oversight program applies to commercial nuclear fuel cycle facilities regulated under 10 CFR Parts 40, 70, and 76. The facilities currently include gaseous diffusion plants, highly enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, low-enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, and a uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) production facility. These facilities possess large quantities of materials that are potentially hazardous (*i.e.*, radioactive, toxic, and/or flammable) to the workers, public, and environment. Also, some of the facilities possess information and material important to national security. In revising the oversight program, the goal is to have an oversight program that: (1) Provides earlier and more objective indications of acceptable and changing safety and national security

related performance, (2) increases stakeholder confidence in the NRC, and (3) increases regulatory effectiveness, efficiency, and realism. In this regard, the NRC desires the revised oversight program to be more risk-informed and performance-based and more focused on significant risks and poorer performers. The public workshop will focus on:

- Status of the evolving revision of the oversight program.
- Safety and national security related problem identification, resolution, and correction.
- Revision of the NRC inspection program.
- Revision of the NRC overall performance assessment process.
- Communication plans for informing stakeholders about the oversight program revision.
- Next actions/schedule to complete revision of the oversight program

DATES: Members of the public, industry, and other stakeholders are invited to attend and participate in the workshop, which is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2000. The workshop will be held in the NRC Professional Development Center in room T3B43.

ADDRESSES: NRC Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, in Rockville, MD. Visitor parking around NRC Headquarters is limited; however, the public meeting site may be reached by taking the Washington DC area metro to White Flint. NRC Headquarters is located across the street from the White Flint metro station.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 29th day of August 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 121st meeting on September 19–20, 2000 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ballroom C,

4255 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

A. 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.: ACNW Planning and Procedures (Open)—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The ACNW will discuss planned tours and ACNW-related activities of individual members.

B. 9:00 a.m.–4:15 p.m.: Yucca Mountain Review Plan (YMRP) Working Group Session (Open)—The NRC staff will present their current draft of the YMRP and discuss the principal points in each chapter of the document.

C. 4:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.: Public Comments (Open)—The Committee will hear comments from stakeholders. Among those groups that have indicated their intent to provide brief comments: the State of Nevada, counties, native American tribes, and the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force. Other comments from parties in attendance will be accepted as time permits.

Wednesday, September 20, 2000

D. 8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.: DOE's Progress on Proposed Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada (Open)—Representatives of the Department of Energy (DOE) will brief the Committee on recent progress at Yucca Mountain.

E. 8:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m.: DOE's Site Recommendation Considerations Report (SRCR) (Open)—Representatives of the DOE will update the Committee on the status of the SRCR.

F. 9:15 a.m.–12:00 Noon: Total System Performance Assessment—Site Recommendations (TSPA–SR) (Open)—DOE representatives will provide an update and discuss major aspects of the TSPA–SR.

G. 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.: Chlorine³⁶ Issue (Open)—DOE representatives will provide an update as to their most recent findings on this issue.

H. 2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.: Fluid Inclusion Issues (Open)—A panel comprised of DOE, State of Nevada and UNLV experts will discuss the results of their most recent studies on this issue.

I. 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: Site Status—Tour (Open)—A DOE representative will provide the ACNW with a preview of the relevant activities and tour stops scheduled for the September 21st visit by the Committee of the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain.

J. 4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.: Prepare for the October Public Meeting with the