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Panel Examines Interim Performance Standard for Yucca Mountain

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on the Environment, Regulations, and Quality Assurance will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 21, 1997, in Fairfax, Virginia. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Hyatt Fair Lakes, 12777 Fair Lakes Circle, Fairfax, Virginia 22033; Tel (703) 818-1234; Fax (703) 818-3140.

The meeting will include presentations on the biosphere near Yucca Mountain, Nevada, potential site of a repository for commercial spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste. Modeling efforts for the biosphere will be examined, along with the interim standard for repository performance being used by the Department of Energy. Stakeholders have been invited to present their views on the interim standard, and a round-table discussion of the standard by all participants will cap the day's presentations.

Time has been set aside for comments and questions from the public. While time may be limited by the number of people wishing to speak, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Those wishing to speak should register at the meeting.

A block of rooms has been reserved for this meeting, but you must make reservations with the hotel no later than October 16, 1997. Please mention that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's panel meeting to receive the preferred rate.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available via e-mail, on computer disk, or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning November 18, 1997. For more information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, Virginia 22201-3367; (Tel) 703-235-4473; (Fax) 703-235-4495; (E-mail) info@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste.

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