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Board Releases Report Summarizing Activities in 2002

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) has released a report summarizing its major activities from January 1, 2002, to December 31, 2002. *Report to the U.S. Congress and the Secretary of Energy* discusses the Board's evaluation of the technical basis of the Department of Energy's (DOE) work related to analyzing a planned repository site at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The Board reviews the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE related to the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

During the period covered by the report, the Board continued its technical and scientific evaluation of DOE activities. Letters to the DOE related to technical issues identified by the Board as part of its ongoing review in 2002 are included in an appendix to the report. Also included in the appendices are the Board's strategic plan for fiscal years 2003-2008, its performance plans for FY 2003 and FY 2004, and its performance evaluation for FY 2002.

This and other Board reports, correspondence, and information may be downloaded from the Board's Web site at www.nwtrb.gov.

The independent, presidentially-appointed 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 Secretary of Energy, including characterization of the Yucca Mountain site and packaging and transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

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