

Briefing by National and Wyoming Mining Associations (Public Meeting)

Wednesday, May 14

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on Status of Activities with CNWRA and HLW Program (Public Meeting)

3:00 p.m.

Briefing on Program to Improve Regulatory Effectiveness (Public Meeting)

Thursday, May 15

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Status of HLW Program (Public Meeting)

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Performance Assessment Progress in HLW, LLW, and SDMP (Public Meeting)

3:30 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

3:50 p.m.

Classified Security Briefing (Closed—Ex. 1)

#### Week of May 19—Tentative

Tuesday, May 20

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting)  
(Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

#### Week of May 26—Tentative

*There are no meetings scheduled for the week of May 26.*

#### Week of June 2—Tentative

Wednesday, June 4

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bill Hill, (301) 415-1661.

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Dated: May 9, 1997.

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## NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

### Notice of Meeting

#### Board Meeting

June 25–26, 1997—Las Vegas, Nevada: program status and the viability assessment, repository performance and uncertainties of the natural barrier system, performance and uncertainties of the repository design and the engineered barrier system, post-viability assessment plans for scientific studies and exploration at Yucca Mountain, performance confirmation, and an update on transportation planning.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold its summer meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, June 25–26, 1997, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4255 S. Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89109; Tel (702) 369-4400, Fax (702) 369-3770. To receive the preferred rate, reservations must be made by May 30, 1997. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

#### Tentative Agenda

The morning session on Wednesday, June 25, will begin with an update on the status of the Department of Energy's (DOE) high-level waste management program. The meeting then will focus on many of the DOE's ongoing activities related to the viability assessment planned for 1998, including repository performance and uncertainties in the natural barrier system. The Board will hear presentations by representatives of the Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors on how performance assessment views the natural barriers, the DOE's unsaturated zone expert elicitation project, and saturated zone flow and transport.

The afternoon session will look at the performance and uncertainties associated with repository design and the engineered barrier system. Presentations will include the status of regulatory development, the DOE waste containment and isolation strategy, repository design and operations, waste package design, and how performance assessment views waste package performance.

On Thursday morning, June 26, the Board will hear presentations on the projected plans and costs of post-viability assessment scientific studies and exploration at Yucca Mountain, projected costs of repository construction and operation, performance confirmation after licensing, and an update on transportation planning.

Time has been set aside for public comment and questions on both days. To ensure that everyone wishing to speak is provided time to do so, the Board encourages those who have comments to sign the Public Comment Register, which will be located at the registration table. A time limit may have to be set on the length of individual remarks; however, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

#### Transcripts

Transcripts of this 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 July 24, 1997. For further 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](mailto: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. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for its suitability as a potential location for a permanent repository for the disposal of that waste.

Dated: May 7, 1997.

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