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NRC SCHEDULES MEETINGS IN PAHRUMP, LAS VEGAS TO EXPLAIN HEARING PROCESS FOR CONSIDERING POSSIBLE WASTE REPOSITORY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold two public meetings in Nevada on May 22 and 23. The purpose of the meetings is to explain the hearing process that the agency would use to decide whether to issue a construction authorization for a possible high-level radioactive waste repository, if the Department of Energy submits an application to build such a repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The May 22 meeting will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. (PDT) at the Mountain View Casino and Bowl, 1750 Pahrump Valley Boulevard, Pahrump.

The May 23 meeting will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. (PDT) at the Regional Transportation Commission Building (next to the Clark County Government Center), Room 108, 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas.

The meetings will begin with an overview of the events that would have to take place before NRC would initiate a formal hearing, together with a general description of the NRC's licensing role and its hearing process. These presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Francis X. (Chip) Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, NRC Office of the General Counsel, will serve as facilitator for both meetings.

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