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NRC RELEASES DRAFT REVIEW PLAN FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is making public a draft version of a plan that it would use to review a possible future application to build a high-level nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, if the Department of Energy submits such an application. The principal purpose of the Yucca Mountain Review Plan would be to ensure the quality and uniformity of the NRC staff's licensing reviews.

The draft will be available electronically through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at www.nrc.gov as an Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) document and can also be viewed at the NRC's Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Help in accessing ADAMS is available by contacting the Public Document Room staff at 800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

The draft plan for a possible Yucca Mountain repository, prepared by the NRC staff last year, is being made public for information only, while it undergoes a complete revision to bring it up to date and make it consistent with the NRC's final regulations, issued earlier this month. The NRC plans to publish the plan for public comment at a later date, after it completes the revisions.

The NRC's Office of the Inspector General is investigating an allegation that this version of the draft plan was improperly released to the Department of Energy.

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