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NRC MAKES AVAILABLE REVISION 2 OF DRAFT REVIEW PLAN FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is making publicly available Draft Revision 2 of a plan that it would use to review an application to build a potential high-level nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, if the Department of Energy (DOE) 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.

An earlier, out-of-date version of the draft plan which was not consistent with NRC's final regulations was made public last year. The revision being made available today was revised to be consistent with NRC final regulations on Yucca Mountain, issued in November 2001.

The plan has separate sections for potential reviews of repository safety before permanent closure, safety after permanent closure, the performance confirmation program and administrative and programmatic requirements. Each of these sections would define NRC's review of DOE's compliance with NRC regulations.

The "Yucca Mountain Review Plan, Draft Revision 2" is available electronically through the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/hlw-disposal/draft-yucca-plan.pdf>.

The NRC plans to issue in several weeks a Federal Register notice requesting public comments on the draft. The agency also plans to hold public meetings, with dates, times and locations to be announced later.

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