

March 14, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael Lesar, Chief
Rules and Directive Branch
Division of Administrative Services
Office of Administration

FROM: Janet R. Schlueter, Chief /RA/
High-Level Waste Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

SUBJECT: PUBLISHING FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Please find attached a signed original and five copies of a Federal Register Notice for three public meetings. Five additional copies of the notice as well as an electronic version on disk are attached.

Attachments: As stated

CONTACT: Janet Kotra, NMSS
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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Public Meeting on an Overview of Recent Activities Related to the
Potential High-Level Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada**

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of public meetings in Beatty, Tonopah, and Ely, Nevada

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will hold three public meetings on regulation of a potential high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The meetings are intended to foster a common understanding among the stakeholders on safety and regulatory issues, should the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) submit a license application to the NRC for a possible geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. All meetings will be facilitated by Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, NRC.

The meetings are primarily to acquaint the public with the NRC oversight of a potential high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain. It will begin with an overview of NRC's responsibilities, include a discussion of NRC's regulations and preparations for evaluating a potential U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) license application, and conclude with an overview of the NRC's role with respect to the transportation of high-level waste. Several opportunities for questions will be provided. In addition, members of the NRC staff will be available for informal discussion with members of the public. The dates, times, and locations of the public meetings are shown below.

DATE/TIME: Monday, April 8, 2002, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Pacific time)

Tuesday, April 9, 2002, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Pacific time)

Wednesday, April 10, 2002, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Pacific time)

PLACE: Beatty Senior Center, 150 A Avenue South, Beatty, Nevada

Tonopah Convention Center, 301 West Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, Nevada

Holiday Inn Prospector Inn & Casino, 1501 E. Aultman Street, Ely, Nevada

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001, or by telephone: (301) 415-1642 or e-mail: fxc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 14th day of March, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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