

NOTE TO THOSE INTERESTED IN THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S
HIGH-LEVEL WASTE PROGRAM

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published in the NUREG series the first of three technical evaluation reports (TERs) detailing the agency staff's review of the Department of Energy's license application for a High-Level Waste repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. Enclosed is a copy for your information.

Publication of the Postclosure TER Volume provides the staff's technical review of the postclosure information in the Yucca Mountain application. This TER does not include findings as to whether NRC's regulatory requirements have been satisfied.

"Technical Evaluation Report on the Content of the U.S. Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Repository License Application; Postclosure Volume: Repository Safety After Permanent Closure," is part of the agency's orderly closeout of the Yucca Mountain license review process and is intended as a public record of the staff's scientific and technical work in preparing for and reviewing the application. It was developed using the draft Volume 3 of the staff's Safety Evaluation Report on the application.

The TER was prepared as part of the agency's knowledge management activities during the closeout of the Yucca Mountain licensing review. The closeout, including publication of two additional TERs as NUREGs, is expected to be completed by Sept. 30, 2011.

In addition to the enclosed hardcopy of NUREG-2107, the document is also available in electronic form on the NRC website's Yucca Mountain page (<http://www.nrc.gov/waste/hlw-disposal/yucca-lic-app.html>).