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NRC SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking qualified candidates for its Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW). One opening is expected on the committee in mid-1997.

The ACNW is a part-time advisory group established by the NRC in 1988 to provide independent technical review and advice on the disposal of nuclear waste, including all aspects of nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission. This advice covers activities related to licensing, operation, and closure of high-level and low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities and associated rulemakings, regulatory guides and NRC staff technical positions. The ACNW also reviews performance assessment evaluations of waste disposal facilities.

The committee interacts with representatives of the NRC, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, the Department of Energy, other Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian Nations, and private organizations as appropriate.

A wide variety of engineering and scientific skills are needed to conduct the broad-based reviews required in the committee's work. Engineers and scientists are needed with work experience in the high-level and low-level radioactive waste disposal programs coupled with broad experience in a pertinent technical field, such as nuclear engineering and technology, nuclear fuel cycle analysis, geoscience, chemistry, and materials science.

Applicants should have a minimum of 20 years' work experience in related fields, or fields that can be applied directly to the work of the committee, including graduate level education. In addition to the length of the work experience, applicants should have achieved a level of distinction in their discipline and must be able to devote approximately 50-100 days per year to committee business. Most meetings are held in Rockville, Md. Some additional travel is required to other sites.

NRC regulations and policies restrict the participation of members in areas where these members have conflicts of interest. The degree to which an individual's participation in ACNW activities will be restricted is considered in the selection process. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to

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final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities issued by nuclear industry entities, or discontinuance of industry-funded research contracts or grants.

A resume describing the education and professional background of the candidate, including special accomplishments, professional references, and current address and telephone number should be provided. All qualified candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to such factors as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States.

Résumés should be sent to Ms. Jude Himmelberg, Office of Personnel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Application materials may be obtained by calling 1-800-952-9678. Refer to announcement number 97-1002. Applications will be accepted until February 20, 1997.

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