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Board Panel To Look At "Other" High-Level Waste

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on the Repository will meet December 17, 1997, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Augusta, Georgia. Panel members will be briefed on high-level waste forms, other than commercial spent nuclear fuel, that could be disposed of in a deep geologic repository. Presentations will be made on U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)-owned and U.S. Navy spent nuclear fuel, with the focus on aluminum-clad, highly enriched uranium (HEU) fuel; vitrified high-level waste from defense reprocessing activities; and surplus weapons-grade plutonium. The meeting is at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel, Two 10th Street, Augusta, GA 30901; (telephone) 706-722-8900; (fax) 706-823-6513. Reservations must be made by December 8, 1997, mentioning the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's panel meeting, to receive the preferred rate.

Presenters will address the general characteristics, current and projected amounts, location, and strategy for managing and disposing of the various waste forms. Where applicable, research, waste package design, and criticality analysis work will be summarized. There also will be a briefing on the facilities and operations at the DOE's Savannah River Site.

An agenda will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting by fax, email, or on the Board's web site at **www.nwtrb.gov**. Time will be set aside at the meeting for comments and questions from the public. While time may be limited of necessity, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Transcripts will be available via e-mail, on computer disk, or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, beginning January 14, 1998. For more information, contact Frank Randall, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, Virginia 22201-3367; (Tel) 703-235-4473; (Fax) 703-235-4495; (E-mail) info@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste.

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