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External Affairs

Board's July Meeting Covers Wide Range of Topics

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (the Board), as part of its congressional mandate to independently review the Department of Energy's (DOE) program to manage the disposal of the nation's civilian high-level radioactive waste, will address an array of issues at its third full Board meeting scheduled for July 16-17, 1991, in Arlington, Virginia. Representatives of the DOE — including the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) and the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMPO) — the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the General Accounting Office (GAO), the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB), and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) have been invited to make presentations on a wide variety of topics at the two-day meeting. Topics include

- OCRWM research priorities and budget allocation,
- YMPO status and research/funding priorities,
- GAO's evaluation of OCRWM,
- DOE M & O contract,
- SEAB task force,
- international waste management activities,
- EPA's 40 CFR 191 and NRC's 10 CFR 60, and
- DOE's 10 CFR 960.

The meeting will be held at The Stouffer Concourse Hotel, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202; (703) 418-6800. Meeting sessions will run from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., on both days. This meeting will follow a meeting of the Board's Panel of Structural Geology & Geoen지니어ing scheduled to take place at the same location on July 15.

On Tuesday, July 16, John W. Bartlett, director of OCRWM, will brief the Board on OCRWM's research priorities and budget allocation for next year. Carl Gertz, associate director for the Office of Geologic Disposal at OCRWM will discuss the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office's current status and research/funding priorities. The Board also has invited Thomas Isaacs, director of the Office of Strategic Planning and International Programs at OCRWM, to discuss high-level radioactive waste management activities in other countries.

R.L. Robertson, president & general manager of TRW Environmental Safety Systems, Inc., will provide an overview on past, ongoing, and planned efforts related to the DOE's M & O

contract. Todd La Porte, chair of the SEAB's Task Force on Civilian Radioactive Waste Management will brief the Board on future plans and activities of the task force. The GAO also will speak on it's evaluation of the OCRWM program.

Wednesday, July 17, will be devoted primarily to the regulations relating to high-level radioactive waste disposal. Board members have invited Ray Clark (EPA) and Dan Fehringer (NRC) to brief them on the development and substance of 40 CFR 191 and 10 CFR 60, respectively. A representative of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has been invited to comment on ACNW concerns about the standard and regulations. Paul Gnirk and Jean Younker will review the intent and content of 10 CFR 960, the DOE's site-suitability criteria, and provide an update on the DOE's early site-suitability evaluation for Yucca Mountain.

Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers. Transcripts will be available on a library-loan basis beginning August 15, 1991, from Victoria Reich, Board librarian.
