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## **NWTRB to Meet in Las Vegas in January**

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. The meeting agenda will include updates on Department of Energy (DOE) technical and scientific activities related to the proposed repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The meeting will be open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by DOE related to nuclear waste disposal as stipulated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Atrium Suites Hotel; 4255 South Paradise Road; Las Vegas, NV 89109; (tel.) 702-369-4400; (fax) 702-369-3770.

A final agenda detailing meeting times, topics, and participants will be available approximately one week before the meeting date. Copies of the meeting agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at [nwtrb.gov](http://nwtrb.gov).

Time will be set aside at the end of the meeting for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Interested parties also will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to the Board. As time permits, submitted questions relevant to the discussion may be asked by Board members.

Transcripts of the meetings will be available on the Board's Web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board's staff, beginning on February 19, 2007.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Atrium Suites Hotel for meeting participants. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical

Review Board meeting. Reservations should be made by January 8, 2007, to ensure receiving the meeting rate.

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