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Location Change Announced for Las Vegas Hearing on Yucca Mountain Site Consideration; Video Linkups Added for Reno, Carson City, and Elko, Nevada

LAS VEGAS, NV - The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced that the location for the Sept. 5 Yucca Mountain site consideration hearing in Las Vegas has changed from the Suncoast Hotel to the DOE Nevada Operations Office in North Las Vegas. The change is due to various concerns expressed by the Suncoast Hotel. The DOE also announced that Nevada residents will have additional opportunities to make public comments on the site consideration process at remote video teleconference hearing sites in Reno, Carson City, and Elko, Nevada.

The public hearing in Las Vegas, scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also will be broadcast live via the Internet beginning at 6 p.m. at the following website address: www.ymp.gov. The hearings scheduled for Sept. 12 in Amargosa Valley and Sept. 13 in Pahrump remain unchanged.

The hearings are being held to receive comments on whether or not the Secretary of Energy should recommend Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as a potential site for a geologic repository for nuclear waste. The public comment period on a potential site recommendation by the Secretary began May 4, 2001, and will end Sept. 20, 2001. Information on the scheduled public hearings follows:

September 5, 2001: *North Las Vegas:*

DOE's Nevada Operations Office, Great Basin Room
232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, Nevada (On the west side of Losee Road between Cheyenne and Lake Mead)
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm ñ Poster Session; 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm ñ Hearing.

Remote Video Teleconference Sites:

Reno:

Desert Research Institute, Conference Rooms A/B
2215 Raggio Parkway
Reno, Nevada

Carson City:

Nevada State Legislative Building, Rm. 1214
401 South Carson Street
Carson City Nevada

Elko:

Elko Convention and Visitors Authority
700 Moren Way
Elko, Nevada

September 12, 2001: Longstreet Inn and Casino, Highway 373, Armagosa Valley, Nevada 89020; 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm ñ Poster Session; 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm ñ Hearing.

September 13, 2001: Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 Highway North #160, Pahrump, Nevada 89048, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm ñ Poster Session; 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm ñ Hearing.

As required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended, the DOE is holding these hearings in Nevada to receive comments on whether or not the Secretary of Energy should recommend Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to the President as a site for a potential geologic repository for nuclear waste. Comments received during the comment period will be considered by the Secretary before a decision is made whether to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

In addition to submitting comments at the hearings, the DOE is also accepting comments via electronic mail (YMP_SR@ymp.gov), facsimile (1-800-967-0739), and mail submitted to: Carol Hanlon, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (M/S#25), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0307. Letters should be marked with ì Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain.î

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