



## **THE ROLE OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S (NRC's) ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE POTENTIAL HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE REPOSITORY AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA**

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### **WHO ARE THE NRC's ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVES?**

- Senior NRC staff with expertise in science, engineering, inspections, and quality assurance.
- Individuals experienced in communicating with the public and local officials.

### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE NRC's ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVES?**

- Act as the NRC's point of contact for prompt information exchange and consultation.
- Identify preliminary concerns with potential licensing issues and relate that information to the NRC management and staff.

### **WHY IS THE NRC INTERACTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) NOW?**

- The Nuclear Waste Policy Act directs the NRC to consult with the DOE before the DOE may submit a potential license application to construct a repository at Yucca Mountain.
- The NRC On-Site Representatives' interactions with the DOE are conducted in accordance with a public agreement. This agreement helps the NRC prepare to independently review and judge the soundness of a potential license application.

### **WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE NRC's ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVES?**

- Review activities at the Yucca Mountain project such as site characterization, repository design, performance assessment, data management, environmental studies, quality assurance, and management and program controls.
- Communicate daily with the DOE.
- Listen to concerns, share information, and cooperate with affected parties to foster an informed licensing process. Affected parties include the State of Nevada, units of local government, Tribal representatives, and interested members of the public.

### **WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE NRC's ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVES?**

- Bimonthly reports of the On-Site Representatives' activities are available on the NRC's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/hlw-disposal/public-involvement/on-site-rep/reports.html>

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