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## DOE Seeks Comments on Proposed Yucca Mountain Regulations

The U.S. Department of Energy invites the public to provide comments at hearings on its proposal to amend guidelines for studying potential repository sites for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. Based on a request by the State of Nevada and local governments, Dr. Ivan Itkin, Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management is extending the comment period from February 14, 2000, to February 28, 2000. As a result of this action, the hearing dates and locations have been changed. Hearings will now take place at the following locations and times:

- Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at Terrible's Lakeside Casino, 5870 South Homestead Road, Pahrump, Nevada 11a.m. to 2p.m. and 6p.m. to 10p.m.
- Thursday, February 3, 2000, at the St. Tropez-All Suite Hotel, 455 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 11a.m. to 2p.m. and 6p.m. to 10p.m.

The proposed rule and rationale were published in the Federal Register Notice on November 30, 1999 (Vol.64, No. 229). Copies are available at our Website at www.ymp.gov or by calling 1-800-225-6972. The purpose of these meetings is to receive comments on the proposed rule. You may schedule a time to provide oral comments by calling 1-800-967-3477, or register at the hearing. If you are unable to attend this public hearing, please write, fax, or submit comments by February 28, 2000, to:

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