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DOE to Prepare Supplement to Yucca Mountain Repository Environmental Impact Statement; Scoping Meetings Scheduled

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LAS VEGAS, October 18, 2006 – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has scheduled three public scoping meetings to help DOE determine the scope of the Supplemental Yucca Mountain EIS. Since the Yucca Mountain Final EIS was issued in 2002, DOE has continued to develop the repository design and associated operational plans. The Supplemental Yucca Mountain EIS will address current repository design and operational plans.

The meetings provide the public an opportunity to meet with project officials to discuss issues concerning new information to be included in the supplement, including the process for developing an environmental impact statement. This supplement will address the potential environmental impacts of the current repository design and operational plans.

The public scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 30, 2006 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. L'Enfant Plaza Hotel 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, D.C.	Wednesday, November 1, 2006 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Longstreet Inn & Casino Highway 373 Amargosa Valley, Nevada	Thursday, November 2, 2006 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cashman Center 850 North Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada
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The scoping meetings will be conducted in an open meeting format without a formal presentation by DOE. The public can attend the meetings at any time during their scheduled hours and will have the opportunity to submit written comments or offer comments verbally to a court reporter. The open format increases the public's opportunity to comment and have one-on-one discussions with DOE representatives involved in developing the Supplemental Yucca Mountain EIS. The 45-day comment period began October 13, 2006, and ends on November 27, 2006.

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Additional information on the Supplemental Yucca Mountain EIS or the repository program in general, is available on the Internet at www.ocrwm.doe.gov under the caption, "What's New." If you require special accommodations to participate in the meeting, please call, toll-free, 1-800-225-6972 at least 24 hours in advance. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please write or fax your comments by November 27, 2006, to: Dr. Jane Summerson, EIS Document Manager, Regulatory Authority Office, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1551 Hillshire Drive, M/S 010, Las Vegas, NV 89134, telephone 1-800-967-3477, facsimile 1-800-967-0739. You can also request more information and e-mail comments via the Internet at www.ocrwm.doe.gov.