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## **Board Panel Meets with DOE in Arlington on Transportation Issues**

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (the Board), as part of its congressional mandate to independently review the Department of Energy's (DOE) high-level waste management program, has scheduled a two-day meeting of its Panel on Transportation & Systems for September 25 - 26, 1991. Representatives of the DOE, including Dwight Shelor, Associate Director for Systems and Compliance, and Christopher Kouts, Chief, Transportation Branch of the Office of Storage and Transportation, will review the DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) systems engineering and transportation programs, respectively. The meeting will be held at the Board's Offices, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 910, Arlington, Virginia 22209; (703) 235-4473. Sessions will run from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. on both days.

On Wednesday, September 25, Mr. Kouts and other DOE representatives will provide panel members with an overview of the DOE/OCRWM transportation program, including priorities, rationale, and resources; recent results of major DOE-sponsored transportation and related studies; updates on DOE efforts to incorporate system safety and human factors engineering into its transportation programs; an update on transportation operational planning efforts; and DOE activities on cask seals testing

On Thursday, September 26, Mr. Shelor's presentation will be devoted to a discussion of the systems engineering aspects of the OCRWM program. Some specific system engineering issues will be discussed, such as questions of problem scope and those issues that affect both transportation and other components of the waste management system (e.g., interim storage of spent fuel).

The public is welcome to attend the meeting as observers. Transcripts will be available on a library-loan basis from Victoria Reich, Board librarian, beginning November 4, 1991.