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EBS Panel Meets in Idaho on Defense High-Level Waste

As part of its efforts to gain insight into how defense high-level waste management activities could affect the DOE's program to design a system to manage civilian spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on the Engineered Barrier System (EBS Panel) is holding a meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 1992, at the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402; (208) 523-0088. The meeting, which will *begin at 1:00 P.M.* and is open to the public, will focus on the high-level waste management operations and plans at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL).

Topics on the agenda include an overview of waste management operations at INEL; discussion of plans for disposal of high-level liquid waste and calcine; and the development of glass ceramic as a waste form for high-level waste. Representatives from the DOE's Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, the Idaho Operations Office, and the Westinghouse Idaho Nuclear Company, Inc., have been invited to speak.

This meeting is last in a series of three meetings the EBS Panel has scheduled to gain insight into how defense management activities at the DOE sites at Savannah River, South Carolina; Hanford, Washington; and Idaho Falls, Idaho, could affect the DOE's design of a system to manage the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste from reprocessing. The first meeting, which took place on February 10, 1992, in Augusta, Georgia, focused on waste management activities at the Savannah River site. The second meeting is scheduled for May 11, 1992, at Hanford, Washington, and will address current and planned activities at the Hanford Site.

The Board was created in 1987 in legislation that also designated Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as the site to be characterized for its suitability for potential repository development. If the site is found suitable and licensed, current plans call for the construction of an underground repository.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available on a library-loan basis beginning June 22, 1992. For information regarding the transcripts, please contact Ms. Davonya Barnes at the Board's office.
