

## Hearing Etiquette

All visitors should dress in a manner that is appropriate to a judicial proceeding (e.g., no beach/swim wear). Conversations should be kept to a minimum while a hearing is in session. In addition, there shall be no loud whispering, or newspaper, magazine, or book reading in the hearing room during a session. Everyone should try to be seated before the session begins and remain seated until a recess is called. Anyone needing to enter or leave the hearing room during a session should do so quietly. No eating or drinking is permitted in the hearing room; use of tobacco products is prohibited in the LVHF. No media interviews will be conducted in the hearing room.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Protective Service is authorized to enforce all requirements, rules, and laws. Noncompliance may result in appropriate enforcement action, including but not limited to removing offending items, removing offending persons, barring offending persons from entering the LVHF, and detention or arrest.

## Public Transportation

- RTC Route 111—Pecos/Green Valley Pkwy
- RTC Route 212—Sunset Road

Buses on these routes are scheduled to run at intervals of approximately 30 minutes on weekdays. For more information, visit the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada Web site at [www.rtcsonthernnevada.com](http://www.rtcsonthernnevada.com)

## Public Parking

Public parking is not available on the LVHF grounds. Limited parking in the vicinity is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Vehicles parked in an unauthorized space may be ticketed and/or towed.

## Directions to the Las Vegas Hearing Facility

The LVHF is located at 3250 Pepper Lane in Pacific Enterprise Plaza Building 1, which is 0.5 miles from the intersection of South Pecos Road and East Sunset Road.

### FROM LOCATIONS EAST (HENDERSON)

Take West Lake Mead Parkway/NV-164 West which becomes I-215. Take Exit 4A going north onto South Pecos Road. Turn right at Pepper Lane.

### FROM LOCATIONS WEST (PAHRUMP)

Go southeast on NV-160 toward Las Vegas. Stay on NV-160 (which becomes Blue Diamond Road) past I-15 to NV-604/Las Vegas Boulevard South. Turn left on NV-604/Las Vegas Boulevard South, then turn right on Robindale Road. Turn left at South Pecos Road. Turn left at Pepper Lane.

### FROM LOCATIONS NORTH (RENO)

Take US-95 South toward Las Vegas (which turns into I-515/US-95/US-93 South in Las Vegas). Take Exit 68 for Tropicana Avenue west toward McCarran International Airport. Turn left at South Pecos Road. Turn right at Pepper Lane.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Information Guide for Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Proceedings

at the

## NRC Las Vegas Hearing Facility

Pacific Enterprise Plaza, Building 1  
3250 Pepper Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89120

## Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Procedures

This brochure provides information and guidance to members of the public who wish to attend an adjudicatory proceeding conducted by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board at the Las Vegas Hearing Facility (LVHF) concerning U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) activities related to a license application to construct and operate a high-level radioactive waste geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

## Background

Through the Atomic Energy Act, Congress created the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP), a group of administrative judges whose responsibilities include ruling on issues relating to civilian nuclear matters. Individuals and entities directly affected by any licensing or enforcement action involving a facility producing or using nuclear materials may submit a request for a hearing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). When a hearing request is filed, three judges from the ASLBP are generally assigned to a licensing board, which evaluates the matter and determines whether the case should proceed to a hearing. The licensing board decides whether the challenger's issues have merit and whether the licensing or enforcement action should be authorized. These decisions may be appealed to the NRC Commissioners and, ultimately, to the Federal courts.

In the case of the construction authorization proceeding for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository, NRC regulations require that DOE and other parties make their documentary material associated with the DOE application available to the public before the application was filed and for some period thereafter. This material is available through the Web-based Licensing Support Network, which can be found at [www.lsnnet.gov](http://www.lsnnet.gov).

Following DOE's filing of its construction authorization application in June 2008 and the NRC staff's September 2008 decision to docket and begin its technical review of that application, intervenor hearing petitions challenging various aspects of the application were filed in December 2008, which began the adjudicatory hearing regarding the application. Each of the intervenor challenges that a licensing board determined should be admitted for hearing could become the subject of an evidentiary trial before a licensing board.

Consistent with NRC policy, licensing board evidentiary hearings are generally conducted in the vicinity of the proposed nuclear facility. This allows members of the public who may be most affected by the proposed licensing or enforcement action to attend. Accordingly, the licensing boards assigned to the Yucca Mountain proceeding will use the LVHF when appropriate. When a board holds its proceeding in the ASLBP's hearing room in Rockville, Maryland, the proceeding will generally be video-streamed to the LVHF so members of the public may attend and observe. Licensing Board proceedings regarding the proposed Yucca Mountain repository also may be publicly available over the Internet at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

## Public Entrance & Security Screening

The public will enter the LVHF through the main entrance and proceed through the security screening process in the building lobby. This generally will require walking in lines and having items pass through x-ray screening. Please allow reasonable time for this process. All visitors over age 16 must be prepared to display a Government-issued picture identification.

Additional information on the NRC hearing process can be found at [www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory.html](http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory.html).

## Prohibited Items

Items that may not be brought into the LVHF include, but are not limited to, guns, knives, and weapons of any kind; toxic or hazardous substances; aerosol containers; and signs, banners, posters, or displays of any kind. The ASLBP reserves the right to prohibit any other inappropriate items.

**Please note that no storage facilities are available in or around the LVHF. Individuals who arrive with prohibited items will not be permitted to enter the facility.**

## Cameras, Audio Recording, Cell Phones, Wireless Devices

Members of the public may not take still, video, digital, or film pictures or use audio recording devices in the hearing room. Cell phones and other wireless communication devices (e.g., BlackBerry) must be turned off or put in vibrate mode while a hearing is in session. Cell phone conversations, text messaging, e-mailing, instant messaging, computer games, or other uses of these devices will not be permitted during licensing board proceedings.

**Exception: Authorized use of laptop computers is permitted only in designated areas by litigants, members of the public, and the media.**

## Mobility-Impaired, Wheelchairs, Hearing-Impaired, Visually-Impaired

Members of the public with special needs should contact the LVHF manager in advance to arrange for reasonable accommodations.