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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

COMSECY-03-0051

October 15, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO:

Chairman Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM:

John T. Larkins, Executive Director
ACRS/ACNW

Approved.

10/22/03

SUBJECT:

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE AND *FEDERAL REGISTER* NOTICE
TO SOLICIT QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE

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We request Commission approval by November 3, 2003. We will submit the *Federal Register* notice to the Office of the Secretary for publication and the press release information to the Office of Public Affairs. We also plan to place paid advertisements in several publications.

For additional information, please call me at 415-7360.

Attachments:

1. Draft *Federal Register* Notice
2. Draft Press Release Information

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Edie Goffigan
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Mils J. Diaz 10/21/03

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members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as risk assessment, chemistry, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, materials sciences, and earth sciences. At this time, candidates are being sought who have 15-20 years of experience, including graduate level education, in the management and disposal of radioactive waste. Committee members serve a 4-year term with the possibility of reappointment for a total service of 8 years.

Criteria used to evaluate candidates includes education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear waste management matters, and the ability to solve complex technical problems. The Commission, in selecting its Committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACNW. For this position, the expertise must be directly related to the areas of radioactive waste disposal, site remediation and closure activities, materials degradation, corrosion of metals and alloys, and nuclear fuel cycle. Demonstrated experience would be particularly desirable in engineering design and risk assessment associated with underground structures, tunnels, and mining complexes, with emphasis in the area of radioactive waste storage and disposal. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds so that the membership on the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee.