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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE (ACNW)

160th MEETING

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FRIDAY,

JUNE 17, 2005

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The Advisory Committee Meeting met at 10:15 a.m. in Room T-2B3 of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Dr. Michael T. Ryan, Chairman, presiding.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

MICHAEL T. RYAN, Chairman

ALLEN G. CROFF, Vice Chairman

JAMES H. CLARKE, Member

WILLIAM J. HINZE, Member

RUTH F. WEINER, Member

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ACNW STAFF PRESENT:

NEIL M. COLEMAN

JOHN FLACK

LATIF HAMDAN

RICHARD K. MAJOR

RICHARD SAVIO

SHARON A. STEELE

ASHOK THADANI

ALSO PRESENT:

ENGLEBRECHT VON TIESENHAUSEN, Clark County,

Nevada

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1 M-O-R-N-I-N-G S-E-S-S-I-O-N

2 8:32 a.m.

3 CHAIRMAN RYAN: On the record. If we
4 could go ahead and get started please. The meeting
5 will come to order. This is the third day of the
6 160th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear
7 Waste. My name is Michael Ryan, Chairman of the ACNW.
8 The other members of the Committee present are Allen
9 Croff, Vice Chair, Ruth Weiner, James Clarke and
10 William Hinze.

11 During today's meeting, the Committee will
12 continue its preparation of ACNW reports,
13 deliberations on letters and framework for other
14 reports. We decided yesterday that because the team
15 that went to the Center for a Center review that we're
16 going to write a much shorter trip report and stay and
17 continue dialogue on a working paper with staff to
18 develop answers and responses to questions that we
19 would defer any further discussion as that working
20 paper gets further developed.

21 We will not be finalizing a letter or a
22 report at this time. That's an ongoing dialogue
23 that's very productive at the moment. So we're trying
24 to take advantage of that and then we'll write a short
25 trip report that will take up and finalize at our July

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1 meeting. That will be the intent. That session was
2 not necessary.

3 Richard Savio is the designated Federal
4 official for today's initial section. The meeting is
5 being concluded in accordance with the provisions of
6 the Federal Advisory Committee Act. We have received
7 no written comments or request for time to make oral
8 statements from the members of the public regarding
9 today's session. Should anyone wish to address the
10 Committee please make your wishes known to one of the
11 Committee staff.

12 It is requested that speakers use one of
13 the microphones, identify themselves and speak with
14 sufficient clarity and volume so they can be readily
15 heard. It is also requested that if you have cell
16 phones or pagers that you kindly turn them off or
17 place them on mute. Thank you.

18 With that, if I could turn attention of
19 the list of letters in the agenda. I think where we
20 are is, and I'm on page six of our agenda, the 20.4
21 and 20.5 letters were completed yesterday. Because of
22 the logistics of getting drafts prepared, we're going
23 to take up the ICRP Foundation Documents letter first.
24 We'll then move to the letter that we were working on
25 yesterday that Dr. Hinze prepared on past ACNW

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1 recommendations regarding TOC (Time of Compliance.)
2 We'll then take up a potential working group agenda as
3 well as the second letter that Dr. Hinze prepared on
4 Time of Compliance related issues. 20.3 of course as
5 we just said is deferred and I believe that's it
6 except with two considerations from this meeting. Dr.
7 Clarke, I think, would you tell us your plan forward
8 for decommissioning work group meeting letter and
9 timing and schedule and so forth.

10 MEMBER CLARKE: Yes, I think we want to
11 mine the transcript. That's going to be the first
12 order of business and work towards a draft letter for
13 the next meeting.

14 CHAIRMAN RYAN: Okay. Great. Thank you
15 and you'll be the lead on that of course.

16 MEMBER CLARKE: I will.

17 CHAIRMAN RYAN: All right. Great. Then
18 the risk-informing NMSS activities, I spoke with John
19 Flack from the staff a little bit this morning and I
20 think the path forward as we're going to hear a
21 briefing Ashok Thadani and John Flack on risk-
22 information activities particularly the history in the
23 reactor area and how it may apply, I think we'll be
24 better informed to prepare a letter by hearing that
25 information, having the information we heard from

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1 Dennis Damon yesterday as well as perhaps an
2 additional study of the documents and history of risk-
3 informing activities.

4 So my suggestion is we defer the decision
5 to write a letter or not until we have that further
6 input and we can collectively evaluate all at once.
7 I think in addition John pointed out that some of the
8 past ACNW letters on risk-informing NMSS activities
9 would be helpful to reread and be part of our
10 background information to decide on a new letter or
11 not.

12 Everybody happy with that approach? Okay.
13 With that, we're ready for the first letter whenever
14 Michelle gets the copies to us and we're up and
15 running. In addition, I think at this point we do not
16 need the record to be created for letter reading and
17 writing. So at this point, we'll close the official
18 transcript. Is that satisfactory? Okay. Great.
19 That will close the transcript. Off the record.

20 (Whereupon, at 8:37 a.m., the above-
21 entitled matter concluded.)
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