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Nuclear Waste Inventories, Report on Waste Management Options, and Long-Term Storage are Topics at NWTRB Spring Meeting

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Thursday, June 11, 2009, to discuss the status and projected amounts of domestic commercial and Department of Energy (DOE)-owned spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and defense high-level radioactive waste (HLW) and research and data needs for very long-term storage of SNF and HLW. The meeting also is expected to cover waste management options evaluated in a recent report by the Congressional Research Service. The Board will review these and other issues as part of its ongoing technical evaluation of DOE plans for managing SNF and HLW. The Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 requires the Board to conduct an independent review of the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to implementing the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, including transporting, packaging, and disposing of SNF and HLW.

The Board meeting will be held at the Marriott Suites Convention Center; 325 Convention Center Drive; Las Vegas, Nevada 89109; (tel) 702-650-2000, (fax) 702-650-9466.

A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Board's Web site, www.nwtrb.gov, approximately one week before the meeting. The agenda also may be obtained by telephone request at that time. The meeting will be open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided.

The meeting will be called to order by Board Chairman John Garrick at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. After Dr. Garrick's remarks, a DOE representative will review the current waste management program and a State of Nevada representative will present an update on recent State technical activities. A discussion of commercial SNF inventories will follow, with particular emphasis on current and projected dry-storage capacities. The agenda then will turn to

similar questions related to DOE-owned SNF and HLW. After lunch, the author of a Congressional Research Service report on nuclear waste management options will discuss his report. The last item of the day will be a panel discussion of research and data needs for very-long-term dry storage.

Time has been set aside at the end of the day for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board's Web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board's staff no later than June 29, 2009.

A block of rooms has been reserved for meeting attendees at the Marriott Suites. When making a reservation, please ask for the "Nuclear Waste Technical rate," Group Code: NWR. *Reservations should be made by May 15, 2009, to ensure receiving the meeting rate.* To make reservations, call 1-800-228-9290 or go to the online link:

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lasst?groupCode=nwtnwta&app=resv.

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