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Energy Secretary Abraham Orders Additional Public Hearings on Yucca Mountain Project

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Following the Nov. 14 opening of a supplemental 30-day public comment period, Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham today ordered the Department to schedule nine supplemental public hearings in Nevada to provide citizens with additional opportunities to submit their comments on the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Process.

"I committed to actively seek increased opportunities for public involvement in the consideration of the Yucca Mountain Project as a possible geological repository," Secretary Abraham said. "Scheduling these nine additional hearings and opening an additional 30-day comment period are the department's latest steps in providing Nevada citizens opportunities to participate in the process."

To date, the Department of Energy has held 57 public hearings on the consideration of Yucca Mountain across Nevada's 17 counties, and in Inyo County, Calif., providing more than 170 days of public comment and 345 hours of public hearing time.

The purpose of the comment period and hearings is to provide citizens an opportunity to register their comments on issues that could not have been addressed prior to the close of the May 7 - Oct. 19 public comment period. Information relevant to the site consideration process is available on the Internet at www.ymp.gov or by calling 702-794-1322.

The schedule of the dates, times and locations for the nine additional hearings are as follows:

Dec. 5, 2001: Cashman Field Center, Rooms 103-106, 850 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nev. 89101, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

 The Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 North Highway #160, Pahrump, Nev. 89060, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

 Battle Mountain Civic Center, 625 South Broad Street, Battle Mountain, Nev. 89820, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- Dec. 8, 2001: Cashman Field Center, Rooms 203-206, 850 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nev. 89101, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Reno/Sparks Convention Center, Meeting Room B3, 4590 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nev. 89502, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 6th Street, Ely, Nev. 89301, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 12, 2001: Cashman Field Center, Rooms 103-106, 850 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nev. 89101, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Longstreet Inn and Casino, Highway 373 Amargosa Valley, Nev. 89020, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Olson Senior Citizens Center, 240 Front Street, Caliente, Nev. 89008, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Written comments should be addressed to Carol Hanlon, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (M/S #025), P.O. Box 364629, North Las Vegas, Nevada, 89036-8629.

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