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## **NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE AND MATERIALS**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking qualified candidates for an appointment to its Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNWM). Currently there are five members and the Commission is seeking to replace one of the positions on the Committee.

The ACNWM is a part-time advisory group established by the NRC to provide independent technical review of, and advice on, the disposal of nuclear waste, transportation of both high- and low-level radioactive waste, storage of spent nuclear fuel, materials safety, and facilities decommissioning. This encompasses activities related to rulemakings, associated regulatory guides, and technical positions developed to support and clarify NRC's nuclear materials and radioactive waste regulations, and independent studies. Currently, the Commission is seeking an individual with technical expertise in earth sciences as applied to radioactive waste disposal, site remediation, and closure activities.

The ACNWM membership includes individuals who possess specific technical expertise along with a broad perspective in addressing safety concerns. Committee 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 10 years of experience in earth sciences (geology, geophysics, and/or hydrology).

Candidates with pertinent graduate-level education will be given additional consideration. Committee members serve a four-year term with the possibility of reappointment for a total service of eight years.

Criteria used to evaluate candidates includes education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear waste management matters, the ability to solve complex technical problems, and the ability to work collegially on a board, panel, or committee. The Commission, in selecting its Committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACNWM. For this position, the expertise should preferably relate to the areas of radioactive waste disposal, site remediation and closure activities. Demonstrated experience would be particularly desirable in engineering design and risk assessment in the areas 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.

Candidates for ACNWM appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. Because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of a candidate in ACNWM activities, the degree and nature of any such restriction on an individual's activities as a member will be considered in the selection process. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities or discontinuance of certain contracts or grants. Information regarding these restrictions will be provided upon request. A security background investigation for a Q clearance (or the transfer of an up-to-date Q clearance) will also be required.

Copies of a résumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including special accomplishments and professional references, should be provided. Candidates should provide their current address, telephone number and e-mail address. All qualified candidates will receive careful consideration, and appointment will be made without regard to such factors as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 70-100 days per year to Committee business. Applications will be accepted until October 31, 2007.

Résumés should be sent to Angelina Chapeton, Administrative Assistant, ACRS/ACNWM, Mail Stop T2E-26, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or to e-mail address [AHC@NRC.GOV](mailto:AHC@NRC.GOV).

The ACNW was recently renamed to include activities related to nuclear materials and materials safety.

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