NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD


Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold its fall meeting on October 17-18, 1995, in Arlington, Virginia. (Please note: In the event of a general government shutdown, the Board will decide on October 10, 1995, whether or not to cancel the meeting. Please call (703) 235-4473 on October 10 for the announcement.) The meeting will be held at the Arlington Renaissance Hotel, 950 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, Virginia 22203; (Tel) 703-528-6000; (Fax) 703-528-4386.

The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days. Presentations during the meeting will focus on strategic concerns and performance assessment.

Strategic concerns in the high-level nuclear waste program will be covered the first day of the meeting. The Department of Energy (DOE) has been asked to provide updates on the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) program, the developing waste isolation strategy, and construction progress and initial science results in the exploratory studies facility. Congressional staff members will be invited to provide their views on pending legislation that may affect the nuclear waste program. The Board also will hear about the National Academy of Sciences report on release standards for Yucca Mountain and the DOE’s reaction to the report. The Electric Power Research Institute will provide an analysis of different proposed standards.

Performance assessments will be covered on the second day of the meeting, including a detailed look at the OCRWM’s Total System Performance Assessment 1995 for the Yucca Mountain site. Additional presentations and a round-table discussion on making the best use of performance assessment will conclude the day’s activities. Time will be set aside on the agenda for public comment and questions. To ensure that everyone wishing to speak is provided time to do so, the Board encourages those who wish to present comments to sign the Public Comment Register, which will be located at the sign-in...
SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management has completed its annual determination of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for calendar year 1996. This determination is necessary to comply with a provision of FEHB law that mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Such States are designated as Medically Underserved Areas for purposes of the FEHB Program, and the law requires payment to all qualified providers in these States.

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Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King, Director.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Leibach, 202-606-0004.

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