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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 63

Public Meetings on Proposed Licensing Criteria for the Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in a Proposed Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, NV

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of additional public meetings in Nevada.

SUMMARY: On May 5, 1999, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) extended the public comment period on NRC's proposed rule for evaluating a possible future U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) license application requesting NRC approval of a potential repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada (64 FR 24092). The NRC has regulatory responsibility over any DOE facility for commercial high-level waste disposal. The proposed NRC regulations would establish the criteria and standards against which NRC would evaluate a DOE license application for the Yucca Mountain site. The proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 1999 (64 FR 8640). The Commission's extended public comment period expires June 30, 1999.

In view of the extension, during the week of June 14, 1999, the NRC staff will hold three additional public meetings in the State of Nevada to: (1) Engage the public in a discussion of the proposed rule; (2) outline the roles and responsibilities of government and the public in the licensing process; and (3) listen to the safety issues and concerns presented by the citizens of Nevada in order to ensure that the process for developing the final rule gives full consideration to the views and concerns of the public. Copies of the proposed rule will be available at the public meeting and can also be obtained from Judy Goodwin, Mail Stop T-7F3,

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

The meetings will open with an NRC presentation on the proposed rule, followed by public discussion. The meetings will be facilitated by Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, of the NRC.

DATES: The first public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 1999, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The second public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 1999, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The third public meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17, 1999, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The first public meeting will be held at: The Amargosa Valley Community Center in Amargosa Valley, Nevada. The second public meeting will be held at: The Richard Tam Alumni Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada. The third public meeting will be held at: The Caliente City Hall in Caliente, (Lincoln County) Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francis X. Cameron, Special Counsel for Public Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by telephone: (301) 415-1642, or by e-mail: fxc@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting are invited to send written comments on the proposed rule to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. Comments may be hand-delivered to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays. Comments may also be provided via the NRC's interactive rulemaking web site through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>) This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher by telephone: (301) 415-5905, or by e-mail: CAG@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 17th day of May, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John T. Greeves,

Director, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 179

[Docket No. 98N-1038]

Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending to July 19, 1999, the comment period for the advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) that appeared in the **Federal Register** of February 17, 1999 (64 FR 7834). The ANPRM announced that FDA was considering proposing revisions of its labeling requirements for foods treated with ionizing radiation. FDA is taking this action in response to several requests to extend the comment period.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by July 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on this ANPRM and supporting material to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William J. Trotter, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-206), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3088.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Extension of Comment Period

In the **Federal Register** of February 17, 1999 (64 FR 7834), FDA published an ANPRM that gave notice that FDA was considering proposing revisions of its labeling requirements for foods