

management program and the Yucca Mountain project. Presentations will be on important issues related to the performance of a potential repository including the effects of waste heat on repository behavior, the significance of chlorine-36 isotopes found in exploratory tunnels, the characteristics and processes of the saturated zone that will affect radionuclide releases, and results from corrosion tests of waste package materials. An update on repository design also will be presented.

In the afternoon, the DOE will make a series of presentations on the latest version of its repository safety strategy. Included will be an analysis of the "defense in depth" envisioned for the repository system and identification of key research priorities that the project will address over the next 18 months.

The morning session on September 15 will focus on the DOE's work to revise its total system performance assessment (TSPA) and on its use of multiple lines of evidence to develop a strategy for demonstrating the safety of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository. Included among the presentations will be a discussion of the treatment of uncertainty in TSPA, especially the use of bounding analyses. The use of natural analogs, or naturally occurring phenomenon that could increase understanding of conditions at Yucca Mountain, also will be discussed. The afternoon session will be devoted to presentations on model validation by the DOE and a subsequent roundtable discussion on this issue.

The meeting will be open to the public on both days. Time for public comment will be set aside at approximately 11:30 a.m. on both days and at the end of the afternoon session (approximately 4:30 p.m.) on September 14. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. Depending on the number of requests, a time limit may be imposed on oral statements, but written comments of any length may be submitted for inclusion in the record of the meeting. Interested parties also may submit questions in writing to the Board. As time permits, written questions will be answered during the sessions.

A detailed agenda will be available approximately one week before the meeting. Copies of the agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at www.nwtrb.gov. Transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board's Web site, via e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning

on October 18, 1999. For further information, contact Karyn Severson, Director of External Affairs, NWTRB, at 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, Virginia 22201-3367; (tel) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495; (e-mail) info@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987. Its purpose is to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE related to managing the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its suitability as the location of a potential repository for the permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

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Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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Rule 18f-1, Form N-18F-1, SEC File No. 270-187; OMB Control No. 3235-0211

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 18f-1 [17 CFR 270.18f-1] enables a registered open-end management investment company ("fund") that may redeem its securities in kind, by making a one-time election, to commit to make cash redemptions pursuant to certain requirements without violating section 18(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. A fund relying on the rule must file Form N-18F-1 [17 CFR 274.51] to notify the Commission of this election. The Commission staff estimates that

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Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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