

for the Implementation of a Dose Standard After 10,000 Years (Open)—NRC is proposing to amend its regulations at 10 CFR Part 63 that govern the disposal of high-level radioactive wastes in a proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain. The proposed rule would implement EPA's proposed standards for doses that could occur after 10,000 years but within the period of geologic stability. The Committee will hear a presentation from and hold discussions with a representative from NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards on the proposed revisions.

10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.:

Reasonableness of the NRC Infiltration Assumption (Tentative) (Open)—NRC's proposed rule change at Part 63 also specifies a value to be used to represent climate change after 10,000 years, as called for by EPA. The Committee will hear presentations from and hold discussions with knowledgeable subject matter experts on the reasonableness of NRC's proposed infiltration assumption.

1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: *Public Comment Session* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations from and hold discussions with interested stakeholders on the issues discussed during the earlier sessions. Scheduled presenters include: Dr. Dade Moeller, Chairman of the Board, Dade Moeller and Associates; Dr. Thomas Tenforde, President, National Council on Radiation Protection; Dr. John Kessler, Manager, Electric Power Research Institute High-Level Waste and Spent Nuclear Fuel Program; and Mr. Martin Malsh, Esq. State of Nevada.

5:30 p.m.–6 p.m.: *ACNW Roundtable Discussion* (Open)—The Committee will review the matters discussed from the previous public sessions and decide whether it intends to provide advice to the Commission.

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.: *Opening Statement* (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.: *Reactive Transport Research* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research staff and its contractors and the U.S. Geological Survey regarding work being performed by Sandia National Laboratories on radionuclide sorption in soils.

11 a.m.–12 noon: *Preparation for Commission Briefing on January 11, 2006* (Open)—The Committee will review draft vu-graphs in preparation

for the Commission Briefing on January 11, 2006.

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.: *Generalized Composite Modeling* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey and the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research regarding demonstrations of the generalized composite approach to the modeling of reactive transport and insights from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Nuclear Energy Agency Sorption Project Phase 2.

3 p.m.–4 p.m.: *White Paper on Low-Level Radioactive Waste* (Open)—The Committee will discuss preparation of a White Paper on Low-Level Radioactive Waste.

4:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: *Preparation of ACNW Reports/Letters* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

10 a.m.–10:15 a.m.: *Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman* (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: *Discussion of Possible Letters* (Open)—The Committee will discuss prepared draft letters and determine whether letters would be written on topics discussed during the meeting.

11:30 a.m.–12 noon: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACNW activities, and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit. Discussions may include future Committee Meetings.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2005 (70 FR 59081). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Ms. Sharon A. Steele, (Telephone 301-415-6805), between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for

taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Ms. Steele as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted, therefore can be obtained by contacting Ms. Steele.

ACNW meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at pdr@nrc.gov, or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

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Dated: October 28, 2005.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on November 16, 2005, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss

organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACNW, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, November 16, 2005—8 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Ms. Sharon A. Steele (Telephone: 301/415-6805) between 8 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (ET) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the agenda.

Dated: October 26, 2005.

Michael L. Scott,

Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Cost-Based and Interagency Billing Rates for Medical Care or Services Provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs

AGENCIES: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the

President and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides cost-based and interagency billing rates for medical care or services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA):

(a) In error or on tentative eligibility;
(b) In a medical emergency;
(c) To pensioners of allied nations;
(d) For research purposes in circumstances under which VA medical care appropriation is to be reimbursed by VA research appropriation; and

(e) To beneficiaries of the Department of Defense or other Federal agencies, when the care or service provided is not covered by an applicable sharing agreement. The rates contained in this notice do not apply to sharing agreements between VA and Department of Defense unless otherwise stated.

In addition, until such time as charges for outpatient dental care and prescription drugs are implemented under the provisions of 38 CFR 17.101, the applicable cost-based billing rates provided in this notice will be used for collection or recovery by VA for outpatient dental care and prescription drugs provided under circumstances covered by that section.

This notice is issued jointly by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The rates set forth herein are effective November 3, 2005 and until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Romona Greene, Chief Business Office (168), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 254-0361. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA's medical regulations at 38 CFR 17.102(h) set forth a methodology for computing rates for medical care or services provided by VA:

(a) In error or on tentative eligibility;
(b) In a medical emergency;
(c) To pensioners of allied nations;
(d) For research purposes in circumstances under which VA medical

care appropriation is to be reimbursed by VA research appropriation; and

(e) To beneficiaries of the Department of Defense or other Federal agencies, when the care or service provided is not covered by an applicable sharing agreement. The rates contained in this notice do not apply to sharing agreements between VA and Department of Defense unless otherwise stated.

Two sets of rates are obtained via application of this methodology: Cost-Based Rates, for use for purposes (a) through (d), above, and Interagency Rates, for use for purpose (e), above. Government employee retirement benefits and return on fixed assets are not included in the Interagency Rates, and the Interagency Rates are not broken down into three components (Physician; Ancillary; and Nursing, Room, and Board), but in all other respects the Interagency Rates are the same as the Cost-Based Rates.

When medical care or service is obtained at the expense of the Department of Veterans Affairs from a non-VA source under circumstances in which the Cost-Based or Interagency Rates would apply if the care or service had been provided by VA, then the charge for such care or service will be the actual amount paid by VA for that care or service.

Inpatient charges will be at the per diem rates shown for the type of bed section or discrete treatment unit providing the care. Prescription Filled charge in lieu of the Outpatient Visit rate will be charged when the patient receives no service other than the Pharmacy outpatient service. This charge applies whether the patient receives the prescription in person or by mail.

Current rates obtained via the above methodology are as follows:

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