

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Independent External Review Panel to Identify Vulnerabilities in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Materials Licensing Program: Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NRC will convene a meeting of the Independent External Review Panel to Identify Vulnerabilities in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Materials Licensing Program on February 8, 2008. A copy of the agenda for the meeting can be obtained by e-mailing Mr. Aaron T. McCraw at the contact information below.

*Purpose:* To serve as a forum for members of the public to provide oral comments on the Panel's interim observations and recommendations that will be documented in its draft report.

*Date and Time for Closed Sessions:* February 8, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This session will be closed so that the Review Panel can receive a classified briefing pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(1).

*Date and Time for Open Session:* February 8, 2008, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Address for Public Meeting:* U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North Building, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Specific room location will be indicated on the agenda.

*Public Participation:* Any member of the public who wishes to participate in the meeting should contact Mr. McCraw using the information below.

*Contact Information:* Aaron T. McCraw, e-mail: [atm@nrc.gov](mailto:atm@nrc.gov), telephone: (301) 415-1277.

### Conduct of the Meeting

Mr. Thomas E. Hill will chair the meeting. Mr. Hill will conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit an electronic copy to Mr. McCraw at the contact information listed above. All

submittals must be received by February 1, 2008, and must pertain to the topics on the agenda for the meeting.

2. Questions and comments from members of the public will be permitted during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The transcript and written comments will be available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738, telephone (800) 397-4209, on or about June 1, 2008.

4. Persons who require special services, such as those for the hearing impaired, should notify Mr. McCraw of their planned attendance.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (primarily section 161a); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App); and the Commission's regulations in Title 10, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 7.

Dated: January 23, 2008.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials; Meeting Notice

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNW&M) will hold its 186th meeting on February 12-14, 2008, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

### Tuesday, February 12, 2008, Room T-2B3

*10 a.m.-10:05 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW&M Chairman* (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

*10:05 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Semiannual Briefing by the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)* (Open)—NMSS Office Director and Division Directors will brief the Committee on recent and future activities of interest within their respective programs.

*11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports* (Open)—Discussion of proposed and potential ACNW&M letter reports.

*1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Draft Guidance on Preventing Legacy Sites* (Open)—A representative from the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) will brief the Committee on the draft guidance prepared as part of the

Decommissioning Planning and Rulemaking.

*2:45 p.m.-4 p.m.: Corrosion of Waste Package and Spent Fuel Dissolution in a Repository Environment* (Open)—NRC staff representatives from the Division of High-Level Waste and Repository Safety (DHLWRS), Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, will brief the Committee on waste package corrosion and spent fuel dissolution under potential repository conditions.

*4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss potential and proposed ACNW&M letter reports.

### Wednesday, February 13, 2008, Room T-2B3

*8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW&M Chairman* (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

*8:35 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: ACNW&M Meeting with NRC Commissioner Peter B. Lyons* (Open)—Commissioner Lyons will address the Committee on current topics and issues of common interest.

*9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW&M Letter Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss potential and proposed ACNW&M letter reports.

*1 p.m.-5 p.m.: ACNW&M Working Group Meeting on Managing Low Activity Radioactive Waste (LAW)* (Open)—The purpose of this Working Group Meeting is to understand how low-activity radioactive waste (LAW) is being managed in the United States, and to determine if there are ways to improve its management.

*1 p.m.-1:15 p.m.: Greetings and Introductions* (Open)—Introductory remarks by Dr. Michael Ryan.

*1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Session I: What is LAW* (Open)—Dr. Michael Ryan will provide an overview of the expected goals for the Working Group Meeting, the planned technical sessions, and introduce the invited speakers. Two presentations will follow Dr. Ryan's overview.

*2:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.: Session II: Risk-Based Approaches to the Regulation of LAW* (Open)—This session includes four presentations.

### Thursday, February 14, 2008, Room T-2B3

*8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.: ACNW&M Working Group Meeting on Managing Low Activity Radioactive Waste (LAW)* (Open)—Continued from the previous day.

*8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Session III: Alternative Disposal Methods for LAW* (Open)—Several case studies will be discussed during this session.