

Room at the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of August 1999.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 112th meeting on September 14-15, 1999, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, September 14, 1999—8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15, 1999—8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The following topics will be discussed:

**A. ACNW Planning and Procedures—**The Committee will hear a briefing from its staff on issues to be covered during this meeting. The Committee will also consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The Committee will discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.

**B. Risk Communications—**The Committee will continue to prepare for sessions with the local stakeholders to be held this fall in the Las Vegas, Nevada, area.

**C. Results of the Arthur Andersen Review of the Division of Waste Management Activities—**The Deputy Director, NMSS, will discuss the results of recent strategic planning activities within the Division of Waste Management and potential impacts on ACNW activities.

**D. Progress Report on Waste Management Research Program Plan—**The Office of Research will present its plan to the Committee, which it believes is consistent with the recommendations in NUREG-1635, the most recent joint ACNW/ACRS report on NRC research activities.

**E. Decommissioning Standard Review Plan (SRP) and Dose Modeling—**NMSS will provide a scheduled update of its progress in this area. Included will be a

discussion of the draft SRP modules and the status of dose models.

**F. Division of Waste Management Fiscal Year 2000 Budget and Operating Plan Overview—**NMSS managers will present an overview of their priorities as defined by available resources for Fiscal Year 2000.

**G. Preparation of ACNW Reports—**The Committee will discuss planned reports on the following topics: a White Paper on Near-Field Chemistry issues, a joint ACRS/ACNW letter report on an NMSS approach to risk-informed, performance-based regulation in NMSS, and other topics discussed during this and previous meetings as the need arises.

**H. Meeting with the Director, Division of Waste Management—**The Committee will meet with the Director informally to discuss items of mutual interest.

**I. Miscellaneous—**The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51967). 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, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW, Dr. Richard P. Savio, 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 Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW, 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 Dr. Savio 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 therefor can be obtained by contacting Dr. Richard P. Savio, Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW (Telephone 301/415-7363), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EDT at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: August 6, 1999.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Reactor Safety Chapter of the Strategic Plan Workshop

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment/notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is requesting public comment on the draft Nuclear Reactor Safety Chapter of the NRC Strategic Plan. The NRC is conducting a workshop on August 20, 1999, to give stakeholders an opportunity to meet with agency representatives to ask questions and comment on the Nuclear Reactor Safety Chapter of the Strategic Plan that the Commission has under consideration. This workshop is open to the public and all interested parties may attend.

**DATES:** August 20, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** One White Flint North, NRC Commission Hearing Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James L. Blaha, Mail Stop O16-E15, U.S.

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### Background

As part of the Government Performance and Results Act, the NRC is required to update its strategic plan triennially. The NRC's first strategic plan was issued in September 1997. Since that time, the NRC has implemented a Planning, Budgeting and Performance Measurement (PBPM) process which focuses on becoming more performance-based and outcome-oriented. The Nuclear Reactor Safety Chapter of the NRC Strategic Plan reflects this approach to long-range planning, as well as institutionalizing regulatory reforms that have been initiated within the last 18 months. The Nuclear Reactor Safety chapter has progressed to a point that further improvement will be enhanced by stakeholder input.

In the Fall of 1997 the agency undertook an effort to review and revise its strategic plan to better align and link the goals and strategies and to improve the logic and functionality of the strategic plan. The revision, however, did not fully consider the issues raised during the NRC's July 30, 1998, hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety; the July 17, 1998, Commission meeting with stakeholders; the Chairman's August 7, 1998, tasking memorandum; or the progress achieved to make NRC planning and budgeting more outcome-oriented. Since that time, the agency has begun an internal review to address these issues. This has resulted in a draft of selected portions of the strategic plan.

The draft of the Strategic Plan reflects revisions that focus on the Nuclear Reactor Safety arena and reflects the progress to date. Updates to this plan reflect changes in Commission policy over the past year, stakeholder input, as well as the development of new performance goals and measures. Also included in this package are edits to the front end sections that describe the Agency's mission, strategic goals, management goals, and strategic arenas. The Nuclear Reactor Safety Chapter reflects the new focus on four performance goals and the key strategies to be used to achieve these goals. Once completed, this chapter will be used as a model to revise and finalize the other program arena chapters.

This draft of the strategic plan is intended to reflect the results from the change process which has occurred over the past 18 months and which continues

at the NRC. It also describes how this paradigm shift will become an integral part of NRC's future planning, budgeting, and performance management. A schedule to facilitate dialogue among the Commission staff, stakeholders, and Congress is provided below:

### *Revisions to the Nuclear Reactor Safety (NRS) Chapter of the Strategic Plan*

August 3: Issue draft NRS chapter to stakeholders for comment

August 20: Stakeholder Workshop on NRS chapter

Early September: Revised NRS chapter to Commission

Late September: Senate Oversight hearing

The remaining Strategic Plan chapters (Nuclear Materials Safety, Nuclear Waste Safety, International Nuclear Safety Support) will be revised over the next year.

### **Stakeholder Input to the NRS Chapter of the Strategic Plan**

While NRC recognizes work is yet to be finished, further improvements to the draft Strategic Plan will benefit from stakeholder input. The NRC is particularly interested in stakeholder views on the four performance goals and their associated measures and strategies. The draft specifically identifies a number of performance measures for which stakeholder input will be especially useful.

Stakeholder input is requested on the following broad areas:

- Do strategic goals, management goals, and performance goals address the appropriate areas requiring emphasis?
- Are the strategies to achieve these goals adequate to achieve success?
- Are the performance measures adequate to indicate whether we are achieving our goals? Are there better measures?
- Do goals and strategies reflect NRC's commitment to institutionalize change and become more performance based?

### **August 20, 1999 Workshop**

NRC will be conducting a public workshop on August 10, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. in Rockville, Maryland, in the Commission Hearing Room to discuss the Nuclear Reactor Safety Chapter of the Strategic Plan. The NRC staff will answer questions and receive comments. Members of the public are invited to attend. Those wishing to participate in discussions are urged to contact Jim Blaha at 301-415-1703 to facilitate agenda planning.

In addition to participating in the workshop, stakeholders may submit written comments on the draft of the Strategic Plan to the NRC. Comments are requested by August 27, 1999. The draft Strategic Plan, as well as the ability to provide comments electronically, are available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/INITIATIVES/1999/index.html>. Comments may also be provided in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Debra J. Corley, Mail Stop O-16E15, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Stakeholder comments will be considered in another update of the draft Nuclear Reactor Safety chapter. This update will be provided to the Commission and made publically available prior to our Senate oversight hearing planned for September 1999. Stakeholders will also have other opportunities to comment on the NRC Strategic Plan which is required to be submitted to Congress by September 2000 in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act.

The NRC is accessible to the White Flint Metro Station. Visitor parking near the NRC buildings is limited.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of August, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Frank J. Miraglia, Jr.,**

*Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Programs, Office of Executive Director for Operations.*

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## **OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

### **Proposed Information Collection Activities OMB Circular A-21; Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) invites comment on the proposed information request. This request proposes a standard format for submitting facilities and administrative rate proposals by educational institutions and will be required by OMB Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions." The standard format would assist institutions in completing their proposals more efficiently and help the