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External Affairs

Transportation — Topic of Third Public Hearing

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on Transportation & Systems (T&S Panel) will hold its third public hearing on transportation issues on August 15, 1991, in Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain the views of citizens who might be affected by the transportation of spent fuel and defense high-level waste should a permanent repository for such waste be built at the site under evaluation by the Department of Energy (DOE) at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Members of the public are invited to make presentations to the panel from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. in the Grand Ballroom I, The Registry Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado, 80207; (303) 321-3333. An *information sheet* on how to participate is attached.

This is the T&S Panel's third in a series of public hearings that have been scheduled to help panel members gain a better understanding of the public's concerns about the movement of radioactive waste that would take place if the site at Yucca Mountain were chosen as a final disposal site. The first two hearings were held in Amargosa Valley, Nevada, in August 1990 and Reno, Nevada, in November 1990, respectively.

Those wishing to participate in the hearing may do so by (1) preparing written testimony in advance of the hearing and presenting it to the panel or (2) speaking briefly before the panel on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis. In lieu of appearing before the members of the panel, interested persons also may submit written statements for the record until November 30, 1991.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was established by the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its civilian nuclear waste disposal program. In this same amendment, Congress directed the DOE to characterize one site, at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for possible development of a permanent underground repository for spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste.

Transcripts of the public hearing will be available beginning September 5, 1991, on a library-loan basis from the Board librarian.

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