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SG&G Panel Workshop on ESF Design and Construction Meeting Site Changes to Las Vegas

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's (the Board) Panel on Structural Geology & Geoengineering has changed the location of its November 4-5, 1992, workshop on ESF design and construction strategies from Denver to Las Vegas, Nevada. The workshop, which is open to the public, will be held at the Plaza-Suite Hotel, 4255 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109; (702) 369-4400. However, a block of *sleeping rooms* has been reserved at nearby Sheffield Inn, 3970 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109; (702) 796-9000.

The workshop will focus on alternative design and construction strategies for the proposed exploratory studies facility (ESF) at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The Wednesday, November 4, and Thursday, November 5, sessions will begin at 8:00 A.M. and end at approximately 6 P.M.

Four sessions have been scheduled, each of which will consist of a brief status update by DOE staff followed by an informal round-table discussion. Session topics include (1) the design and development of the baseline ESF and alternative strategies — ESF layout, cost, and schedule will be considered; (2) testing needs and the best use of the ESF design and development stage for determining the suitability of the site and for site characterization; (3) current and potential strategies for managing the design, development, and construction of the ESF; and (4) a wrap-up session to help define a preferred ESF design and construction strategy that will provide visual access to the underground in fiscal year 1993. Representatives from the DOE and its contractors and from the construction industry have been invited, and expert consultants to the Board also will attend.

Transcripts of the workshop will be available on a library-loan basis from Victoria Reich, Board librarian, beginning December 17, 1992. For further information, contact Paula N. Alford, Director, External Affairs, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 910, Arlington, Virginia 22209; (703) 235-4473.
