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Panel meeting: Spent fuel transportation safety

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on the Waste Management System will meet November 19-20, 1997, to examine the safety issues surrounding spent fuel transport. The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

The first day will include presentations on the federal regulatory framework under which transportation will take place, transportation planning and practices (using a specific example), and risk analysis (with emphasis on methodologies). Representatives from the Department of Transportation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Sandia National Laboratories, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory have been invited to make the presentations, along with several private consultants. On the second day, the presenters will participate in a round-table discussion of their topics. Representatives of the state of Nevada, the environmental community, the Department of Energy, and other stakeholder groups also will participate. The meeting will end around noon. A detailed agenda will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting by fax or email, or on the Board's web site at www.nwtrb.gov.

Time has been set aside for comments and questions from the public. While time may be limited by the number of people wishing to speak, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Those wishing to speak should register at the meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike & Washington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22204; Tel (703) 521-1900; Fax (703) 521-0332. A block of rooms has been reserved for this meeting, but you must make reservations with the hotel no later than October 28, 1997. Please mention that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's panel meeting to receive the preferred rate.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available via e-mail, on computer disk, or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning December 18, 1997. For more information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, Virginia 22201-3367; (Tel) 703-235-4473; (Fax) 703-235-4495; (E-mail) info@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste.

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