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Infiltration is Focus of NWTRB Panel Meeting in March

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on Postclosure Performance will meet in Berkeley, California, on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. The meeting agenda will focus on the U. S. Department of Energy's (DOE) infiltration estimates for the proposed repository site for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The Board will review the results of new infiltration studies undertaken by DOE because of quality assurance questions that were raised about DOE's previous infiltration analyses. Information from the meeting will be used by the Board to evaluate effects of the new analysis on the technical validity of DOE infiltration estimates. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by DOE related to nuclear waste disposal, as stipulated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987.

The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 200 Marina Blvd.; Berkeley, CA 94710; tel: 510-548-7920; fax: 510-548-7944. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel for meeting participants. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. Reservations should be made by February 23, 2007, to ensure receiving the meeting rate.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and to conclude at approximately 6:00 p.m. Presentations will be made by technical and scientific investigators from the University of Nevada-Reno, the U.S. Geological Survey, and DOE and its contractors.

Time will be set aside at the end of the meeting for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Interested parties also will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to the Board. As time permits, submitted questions relevant to the discussion may be asked by Board members.

A final agenda detailing meeting times, topics, and participants is available on the Board's Web site, www.nwtrb.gov. Copies of the meeting agenda also can be requested by telephone.

Transcripts of the meetings will be available on the Board's Web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board's staff, beginning on April 9, 2007.

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