

groundwater protection at the Yucca Mountain repository.

C. 1:00—4:45 P.M.: *Preparation of ACNW Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed reports on the following topics:

- ACRS/ACNW November 14, 2001 Joint Subcommittee Meeting on Risk-Informed Regulation in NMSS
- Annual Research Report to the Commission
- Proposed Rule on Probability of an Unlikely Event
- Conservatism

D. 5:00—6:00 P.M.: *Planning for ACNW Retreat* (Open)—The Committee will finalize plans for its February 27—28—March 1, 2002 retreat.

Wednesday, January 9, 2002

E. 8:30—8:35 A.M.: *Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman* (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

F. 8:35—3:00 P.M.: *Discussion of Key Technical Issue (KTI) Status* (Open)—The Committee will be briefed on the status of the KTIs for the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, NV.

G. 3:00—6:00 P.M.: *ACRS/ACNW Office Retreat* (Open)—The Committee will meet with the ACNW technical and operational staffs to discuss issues arising from the ACRS/ACNW Office retreat held on September 19—21, 2001.

H. 6:00—6:15 P.M.: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Note: The 132nd ACNW Meeting scheduled for February 7, 2002, has been tentatively rescheduled for February 5—7, 2002.

For further information contact: Mr. Howard J. Larson, ACNW (Telephone 301/415-6805), between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. EST.

Dated: December 21, 2001.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Meeting: January 29–30, 2002—Pahrump, Nevada: The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board Will Hold a Meeting To Discuss Issues Related to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Characterization of a Potential Repository Site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. A Program Overview and Scientific Updates Will Be Presented. Other Topics Included recently Issued DOE Documents Related to Site Recommendation and Analyses of the DOE's Total System Performance Assessment

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, on Tuesday, January 29, and Wednesday, January 30, 2002, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) will hold a meeting in Pahrump, Nevada, to discuss the status of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) efforts to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as the possible location of a permanent repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. Among other things, representatives of the DOE and other agencies and groups will present scientific updates on research related to Yucca Mountain and on the results of recently issued studies related to the technical basis for a decision by the Secretary of Energy on whether to recommend Yucca Mountain for repository development. The meeting is open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to managing spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The meeting will be held at the Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 North Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada 89048. The pay-phone number for the community center is (775) 727-9991. The meeting sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. on both days.

The full-day session on Tuesday will begin with a general overview of the DOE program and a briefing on the regulatory framework for a site recommendation. These presentations will be followed by scientific updates in several areas, including fluid inclusions, chlorine-36 studies, saturated zone modeling, and other scientific investigations. Discussions of findings of the U.S. Geological Survey, and comments on the DOE's Total System Performance Assessment by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste,

an international peer review group, and others, will follow.

On Wednesday, discussions will continue on recently released documents, including a report by the DOE on uncertainty and the DOE's Technical Update Information Letter Report. Following these presentations, representatives of the NRC will comment on the NRC's "sufficiency" review. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Opportunities for public comment will be provided before lunch on Tuesday and before adjournment on both days. Those wanting to speak during the public comment periods 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, the questions will be answered during the meeting. In addition, on Wednesday, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., Board members will host a "coffee and donuts" get together for members of the public attending the meeting at the Bob Ruud Community Center.

A detailed agenda will be available approximately one week before the meeting. Copies of the agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at www.nwtrb.gov. Beginning on March 4, 2002, transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board's Web site, via e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board staff.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Pahrump Station, 1101 South Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada 89048; (tel) 775-751-5100; (fax) 775-751-1325. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting.

For more information, contact the NWTRB; Karyn Severson, External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 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. The Board's purpose is to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy related to managing the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site

at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its suitability as the location of a potential repository for the permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Dated: December 21, 2001.

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Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Shivery, Director, Washington Service Center, Employment Service (202) 606-1015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 November 19, 2001 (66 FR 57992). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedule C October 1, 2001, through October 31, 2001, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 has been published.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during November 2001:

Broadcasting Board of Governors

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Cuba Broadcasting. Effective October 10, 2001.

Chief of Staff to the Director, Office of Cuba Broadcasting. Effective October 10, 2001.

Department of Agriculture

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective October 8, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. Effective October 10, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary for Rural Development. Effective October 12, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Director of Communications. Effective October 19, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective October 25, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator for Risk Management Agency. Effective October 26, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. Effective October 26, 2001.

Department of the Air Force (DOD)

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force. Effective October 8, 2001.

Department of Commerce

Speechwriter to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective October 1, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, International Trade Administration. Effective October 2, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective October 2, 2001.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Under Secretary for International Trade, International Trade Administration. Effective October 2, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, International Trade Administration. Effective October 2, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Effective October 5, 2001.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information. Effective October 10, 2001.

Senior Advisor to the Director, Minority Business Development Agency. Effective October 12, 2001.

Director of Communications to the Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, International Trade Administration. Effective October 12, 2001.

Director, Congressional and Public Affairs to the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration. Effective October 15, 2001.

Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Trade Development. Effective October 15, 2001.

Deputy Communications Director to the Assistant Secretary for Trade Development. Effective October 22, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration. Effective October 22, 2001.

Chief Of Protocol to the Chief of Staff. Effective October 26, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Promotion services. Effective October 26, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Director of External Affairs. Effective October 30, 2001.

Department of Defense

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel And Readiness). Effective October 2, 2001.

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. Effective October 8, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (White House Liaison). Effective October 8, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). Effective October 22, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (International Technology Security). Effective October 25, 2001.

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. Effective October 25, 2001.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (White House Liaison). Effective October 26, 2001.

Special Assistant for White House Liaison to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (White House Liaison). Effective October 30, 2001.

Speechwriter to the Director, Directorate for Editorial Services. Effective October 31, 2001.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Director, White House Initiative on Hispanic Education. Effective October 2, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Services. Effective October 2, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Education. Effective October 15, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary. Effective October 19, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Briefing. Effective October 19, 2001.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Services to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective October 22, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Director, White House Initiatives on Hispanic Education. Effective October 22, 2001.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental, Constituent Relations and Corporate Liaison to the