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## NRC JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING ON JANUARY 13-14 IN ROCKVILLE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Joint Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting to discuss the defense-in-depth philosophy in the regulatory process on January 13-14 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will be held in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North building, at 11545 Rockville Pike, starting at 8:30 a.m. on both days.

The joint subcommittee will discuss the defense-in-depth philosophy in the regulatory process, including its role in the licensing of a high-level waste repository, its role in revising the regulatory structure for nuclear reactors, and how the two issues should be related.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the subcommittee, while written statements will be accepted and made available to the group. Those persons who desire to make oral statements should notify the appropriate ACRS/ACNW staff members listed below five days prior to the meeting.

The ACRS is an advisory committee to the agency, conducting independent, highly technical reviews of safety considerations related to nuclear facilities. The ACNW is an advisory team established by the NRC in 1988 to provide the agency with independent technical review and advice on the disposal of nuclear waste.

Those who seek additional information or schedule updates about this meeting should contact John Sorensen, at 301 415-7372, or Mike Markley, at 301 415-6885.

Other aspects of the meeting will be described in an upcoming edition of the Federal Register. ACRS and ACNW meeting notices, transcripts and letter reports are available on the internet, at <a href="http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW">http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW</a>.