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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE ELECTS CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) has elected Dr. George M. Hornberger as Chairman and Dr. Raymond G. Wymer as Vice-Chairman.

Dr. Hornberger is presently the Ernest H. Ern Professor of Environmental Sciences at the University of Virginia. His research includes work in catchment hydrology and hydro-chemistry, as well as the transport of colloids in geological media. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in civil engineering from Drexel University in 1965 and 1967, respectively. In 1970, Dr. Hornberger received a Ph.D. in hydrology from Stanford University.

Prior to his retirement in 1991, Dr. Wymer was Director, Chemical Technology Division, at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. His consulting experience includes the areas of radioactive waste management, site remediation and nuclear non-proliferation. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Memphis State University, and his Master of Science and Ph.D degrees from Vanderbilt University.

The ACNW is an advisory group established by the NRC in 1988 to provide the agency with independent technical review and advice on management and disposal of nuclear waste. Members are appointed part-time for four-year terms, and may serve for two consecutive terms. Dr. Hornberger was appointed to the Committee in September 1996, and prior to being elected Chairman, he served as Vice-Chairman for the three previous years.

Other members of the ACNW are:

Dr. B. John Garrick, retired President and Chief Executive Officer of PLG Inc., an international engineering, applied science and management consulting firm.

Mr. Milton Levenson, a former Vice President of Bechtel International and an internationally known nuclear engineering consultant.

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