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Bartlett, Leroy, Environmental Groups, Industry to Voice Views at NWTRB January Meeting

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) has invited Dr. John W. Bartlett, Director of the DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), and Mr. David H. Leroy, recently confirmed Nuclear Waste Negotiator, as well as representatives of industry, environmental organizations, public policy groups, and state interests to speak at the Board's meeting on January 16 and 17, 1991, on the disposal of high-level radioactive waste (HLW). The meeting will be held at the Westpark Hotel, 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22209; (703) 527-4814. Sessions will begin at 9:00 A.M. Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers.

On January 16, the Board will hear presentations on HLW issues from groups and individuals including Mr. Michael Martinez, Southern States Energy Board; Mr. Michael Wilson, State of Florida Public Service Commission; Mr. Dan W. Reicher, Natural Resources Defense Council; Mr. Leon Lowery, Environmental Action; Ms. Susan Wiltshire, J.K. Associates; and Dr. Colin Heath, an expert on radioactive waste management. Mr. Leroy also has been invited to make a statement that day. As Nuclear Waste Negotiator, Mr. Leroy will be working with governors, Native Americans, and others in an effort to find a host state for a monitored retrievable storage facility for HLW, and possibly for a repository. On January 17, Dr. Bartlett has been invited to provide an overview of the OCRWM program, including priorities and strategies, budget allocation, program staffing, and the effects of litigation on site-evaluation activities at Yucca Mountain. Mr. Dwight Shelor, Associate Director of Systems and Compliance for the OCRWM, also has been invited to comment on system integration and on his plans for interacting with the Board in the coming year.

The NWTRB was established in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the scientific and technical validity of activities undertaken by the DOE's civilian radioactive waste management program.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available on a library-loan basis beginning February 7, 1991. For information regarding the transcripts, please contact Ms. Victoria Reich, NWTRB librarian.