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Vermont Department of Public Service Announces February 28, 2022 Special Meeting of the Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel to discuss Advisory Opinion on Consent-Based Siting of Interim Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage Facilities.

Montpelier, VT – The Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (VT NDCAP) will hold a Special Meeting on Monday evening, February 28, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM to review and potentially approve an Advisory Opinion in response to the US Department of Energy’s (DOE’s) December 2021 Request for Information (RFI) on using a Consent-Based Siting Process to identify Federal Interim Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage Facilities. The Advisory Opinion to be considered was developed by the Panel’s Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Committee (FNWPC) and is [available online](#) at:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/vt-ndcap-draft-advisory-opinion-usdoe-consent-based-siting-request-information>

Further information on the [DOE Request for Information](#) is available at:

<https://www.energy.gov/ne/consent-based-siting>

In compliance with [Act 78 of the 2022 Vermont Legislature](#), this Special Meeting will be conducted as a webcast and teleconference via Zoom. [Connectivity info to join the meeting](#) by computer or smart device is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84989288210?pwd=S3NEYnNEcWI3VEhGUWZ0bHdodWttQT09>

Meeting ID: **849 8928 8210**
Webcast Passcode: **uRMzy5**

Connectivity info to join the meeting by phone (suggested for those with poor internet connectivity) is as follows:

Phone number: **(646) 558-8656 -or- (301) 715-8592**
Meeting ID: **849 8928 8210**
Audio Passcode: **848854**

In support of the Advisory Opinion discussion, Drs. Kimberly Petry and Erica Bickford of DOE’s Office of Nuclear Energy will brief the Panel on DOE’s current Consent-Based Siting

effort for consolidated interim spent nuclear fuel storage. Additionally, Dr. Thomas Webler of the Social and Environment Research Institute will discuss “Challenges and Opportunities of Consent-Based Siting.” Since this Special Meeting will focus on Consent-Based Siting, no NorthStar or state agencies’ reports on recent Vermont Yankee decommissioning activities will be made.

The [complete agenda for the February 22, 2022 meeting](#) may be viewed at:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/updated-meeting-agenda-2-28-2022>

Panel votes on these agenda items may occur.

Meeting materials will be posted on the [VT NDCAP webpage](#) at <http://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap> as they become available in the “Meeting of February 28, 2022” section. (The Advisory Opinion draft is already posted.) Downloading meeting materials prior to the meeting start is suggested for those with poor internet connectivity. Questions or comments on the Advisory Opinion draft may be sent to the Panel before, during or after the meeting by emailing PSD.NDCAP@vermont.gov. All emails sent to VT NDCAP become public record.

All VT NDCAP meetings (and its committee meetings) are open to the public. This meeting will be recorded for subsequent public review. Questions regarding access to this meeting may be directed to Tony Leshinskie, Vermont State Nuclear Engineer at anthony.leshinskie@vermont.gov or by calling (802) 272-1714.

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