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NRC SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES
FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking qualified candidates to fill prospective vacancies on its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS).

Congress established the ACRS to provide the NRC with independent expert advice on matters related to regulatory policy and the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants. The Committee work currently emphasizes safety issues associated with the operation of 110 commercial nuclear power plants in the United States; risk-informed, performance-based regulatory approach; digital instrumentation and control systems; and technical and policy issues related to standard plant designs.

The ACRS membership includes individuals from national laboratories, academia and industry who possess specific technical expertise along with a broad perspective in addressing safety concerns.

Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as nuclear power plant operations, nuclear engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, chemical engineering, metallurgical engineering, structural engineering, materials science, and instrumentation and process control systems. At this time, candidates are being sought with 15-20 years of specific experience in the areas of computational fluid dynamics, thermal hydraulics, and risk assessment as related to plant operations.

Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear safety matters, and the ability to solve problems. Additionally, the Commission considers the need for specific expertise in relationship to current and future tasks, availability of candidates to serve, and possible conflicts of interest. Consistent with the

requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with varying views so that the membership on the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the point of views represented and functions to be performed.

Because conflict-of-interest regulations restrict the participation of members actively involved in the regulated aspects of the nuclear industry, the degree and nature of any such involvement will be weighed. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities issued by nuclear industry entities, or discontinuance of industry-funded research contracts or grants.

Copies of a resume describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including special accomplishments, professional references, current address and telephone number should be provided. All qualified candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to such factors as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 50-100 days per year to Committee business.

Resumes should be sent to Ms. Jude Himmelberg, Office of Personnel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Application materials may be obtained by calling 1-800-952-9678. Refer to Announcement Number 97-1001. Applications will be accepted until December 21, 1996.

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