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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, AUGUST 8-10

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's independent Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a technical meeting August 8-10 in Bethesda, MD.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Room P-110, 7920 Norfolk Avenue.

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/492-8049.)

Although meetings of the ACRS are open to the public, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACRS, an advisory group to the Commission, conducts independent, highly technical reviews of safety considerations related to nuclear facilities. While members of the public may attend the meeting, the committee will consider only oral or written statements limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of Meeting published in the Federal Register on July 29.

On Thursday, August 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., the ACRS chairman will comment on items of current interest.

From 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of NRC staff and Pacific Gas and Electric Company to discuss the results of a long-term seismic reevaluation program for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant located near San Luis Obispo, CA.

From 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss recent reactor operating experience, including a loss of off-site power at the Vermont Yankee nuclear station.

From 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will discuss key technical issues with respect to certification of advanced nuclear plant designs, including the evolutionary and passive light-water reactor designs.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., the committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report to the Commission on the NRC safety research program.

Friday, August 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Southern California Edison Company to discuss the proposed conversion of the provisional operating license for the San Onofre I nuclear power plant, located near San Clemente, CA, to a full-term operating license.

From 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss the results of and proposed regulatory changes resulting from a regulatory impact survey of NRC licensees.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of nuclear power plant licensees' corrective measures to deal with the NRC station blackout rule.

From 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed adoption of the N+2 concept (redundant safety trains) for electric systems design for future nuclear power plants.

From 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will discuss the scope and nature of the ACRS review regarding certification of evolutionary and advanced nuclear power plant designs, including the General Electric advanced boiling water reactor.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

Saturday, August 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss a proposed supplementary report to the NRC on generic issue 130, "Essential Service Water System Failures at Multi-Unit Sites."

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will complete preparation of reports regarding items considered during this meeting.

The meeting may include closed sessions, if required, to discuss proprietary information.

Persons wishing to submit statements regarding the agenda may do so by providing a readily reproducible copy to the committee at the beginning of the meeting or by mailing it to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(NOTE TO EDITORS: The use of self-contained tape recorders in the meeting room is permitted during open portions of the meeting when a transcript is being kept. The use of still, motion picture and television cameras, the physical installation and presence of which will not interfere with the course of the meeting, will be permitted both before and after the meeting, during any recess, and--at the discretion of the committee chairman--while the meeting is in session.)

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