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NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission plans to consider qualified candidates for appointment to its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) as openings develop on the Committee or changes in membership are needed during 1992. Five openings will occur on the Committee this year. The Commission is requesting nominations for qualified candidates to consider for these positions.

The ACRS was established by the Congress to provide the NRC with independent expert advice on matters related to the safety of operating or proposed nuclear power plants. A variety of matters related to the siting, design features (conceptual and detailed), and operations of large nuclear power plants located throughout the United States are evaluated by the ACRS. Emphasis is currently being given to safety issues associated with the operation of more than 100 nuclear units in the United States and to design features for evolutionary, passive and advanced reactors.

The membership is drawn from the variety of engineering and scientific disciplines needed to conduct the broadly based review for these facilities as well as proposed standards and criteria, and related research activities. Candidates with experience in fields such as commercial nuclear power plant operations, nuclear engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, electronics, metallurgical engineering, materials science, structural engineering, chemical engineering, computers, instrumentation and control systems, and related fields are being sought. Candidates are selected to provide a balanced technical base consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

In order to expand the pool of candidates available for consideration as nominees, the Commission will consider individuals actively engaged in technological fields applicable to the design and operation of advanced nuclear power plants. There are no absolute prohibitions that would preclude persons who are involved in regulated aspects of the nuclear industry and

such applicants will be judged in terms of the extent to which such involvement might limit their usefulness. In each case, specific individual financial interests will need to be reconciled with applicable rules and regulations before final appointment can be completed.

A resume describing the educational and professional background of the nominee, including any special accomplishments, should be provided. Nominees must be citizens of the United States. An indication of the candidate's ability and willingness to devote the time required should also be provided.

Copies of resumes of nominees should be sent to Mr. Raymond F. Fraley, ACRS Executive Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Any questions regarding this announcement should be directed to Mr. Fraley, (301) 492-8049.

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