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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, FEBRUARY 6-8

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a technical meeting February 6-8 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 January 28.

On Thursday, February 6, 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 10:00 a.m., the committee will discuss the impact that policies and practices of Public Utility Commissions have on the safety of nuclear power plants.

From 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Westinghouse Electric Corporation to discuss integral systems testing requirements for Westinghouse's standardized nuclear power plant design designated AP-600.

From 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will meet with senior NRC staff managers to discuss the proposed reconciliation of ACRS recommendations regarding several safety related and regulatory matters such as consistent use of probabilistic risk assessment in the regulatory process, the NRC regulatory impact

survey and criteria related to severe accidents in containment design.

From 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will discuss recent reactor operating experience, including a turbine overspeed failure at the Salem nuclear power plant in New Jersey and a main coolant system leak at the Oconee nuclear station in South Carolina.

From 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed resolution of key technical issues concerning future nuclear power plant designs.

From 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss issues to be addressed in reports related to items considered during this meeting.

On Friday, February 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed use of design acceptance criteria in the certification process for standardized nuclear power plants.

From 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the accident sequence precursor program.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with the Director of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research to discuss various aspects of the NRC safety research program.

From 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed revision to the NRC's Part 100, Appendix A, "Seismic and Geologic Siting Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants."

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will discuss a proposed annual ACRS report to Congress on the NRC safety research program.

From 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed comments on a proposed amendment of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

From 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the committee will discuss ACRS subcommittee activities.

From 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss the preparation of ACRS reports.

On Saturday, February 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will complete preparation of ACRS reports.

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.

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