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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, JANUARY 9-11

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a technical meeting January 9-11 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 that will be published in the Federal Register on January 2, 1992.

On Thursday, January 9, 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 10:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Westinghouse Electric Corporation to discuss integral systems testing requirements to support certification of the Westinghouse AP-600 advanced nuclear power plant design.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with the Director of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to discuss items of mutual interest.

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed use of design acceptance criteria for certification of standardized nuclear power plant designs.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed NRC metrication policy with respect to nuclear facility licensing and regulation.

From 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will discuss replies from the NRC Executive Director for Operations regarding reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss a proposed ACRS annual report to Congress on the NRC safety research program.

From 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the committee will discuss anticipated ACRS activities.

Friday, January 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss draft NRC papers regarding (1) a proposed revision to Part 100, decoupling siting from design; (2) a proposed update of the source term, calculation of distance factors for power and test reactor sites;; (3) proposed site characteristics to be used in Part 100; and (4) a proposed definition of a large release in accordance with the NRC safety goal policy.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss advanced reactor safety features and their impact on public acceptance of nuclear power as an energy option.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of the proposed use of design acceptance criteria for standardized nuclear power plant designs.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed NRC final policy statement on integrated schedules.

From 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss ACRS reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

From 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss key technical issues applicable to future nuclear power plants.

Saturday, January 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

From 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., the committee will discuss items related to ACRS activities.

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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(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.)