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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, APRIL 2-4

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a technical meeting April 2-4 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 March 25.

On Thursday, April 2, the ACRS chairman will comment on items of current interest.

from 8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report regarding a draft safety evaluation report for certification of General Electric Company's advanced boiling water reactor design.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed ACRS report to the NRC on an alternate plan for implementation of NRC's safety goal policy for nuclear power plants.

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a NRC staff evaluation of risk from low power and shutdown operations at nuclear power plants (NUREG-1449).

From 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the use of probabilistic risk assessment in the regulatory process.

From 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with NRC Chairman Ivan Selin to discuss topics of mutual interest regarding ACRS activities.

From 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed plans to review policy issues identified by the NRC staff that apply to certification of advanced light water reactor designs.

From 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS positions and reports regarding items considered during this meeting.

Friday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and GE to discuss its generic program supporting power level increases in GE operating boiling water reactors.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the NRC's program to eliminate regulatory requirements that are a burden without reducing public health and safety.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of a proposed ACRS report on the draft safety evaluation report for certification of GE's advanced boiling water reactor design.

From 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will meet with the Directors of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research to discuss items of mutual interest, including a full-height, full-pressure integral system testing program for Westinghouse Electric Corporation's passive nuclear power plant design designated AP-600.

From 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report on an alternate plan for implementation of the NRC's safety goal policy for nuclear power plants.

From 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed positions and reports regarding items considered during this meeting.

Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

From 12:00 noon to 12:45 p.m., the committee will discuss ACRS subcommittee activities.

From 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will complete discussion of 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.

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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.)