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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, OCTOBER 10-12

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a technical meeting October 10-12 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 September 27.

On Thursday, October 10, 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 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Pacific Gas & Electric Company to discuss the results of a long-term seismic reevaluation program for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in California.

From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and General Electric Company to discuss an incident on May 29 during which the potential for criticality (nuclear chain reaction) was possible at the GE nuclear fuel fabrication facility in Wilmington, NC.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with the Director of NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards to discuss items of mutual interest, including the status of an application by Louisiana Energy Services to build and operate an uranium enrichment facility near Homer, LA, and NRC-GE interaction during the GE-Wilmington facility incident.

From 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss key technical issues regarding evolutionary, passive and advanced nuclear power plant designs in need of early resolution.

On Friday, October 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., the committee will discuss proposed NRC regulatory guides which would provide guidance for implementing recently revised standards for protection against radiation.

From 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss experience with the NRC reactor operator requalification program.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss the NRC staff's proposed resolution of generic issue 113, "Dynamic Qualification of Large Bore Hydraulic Snubbers."

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 2:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of key technical issues related to evolutionary, passive and advanced nuclear power plant designs in need of early resolution.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss assigned ACRS subcommittee activities, including Electric Power Research Institute reactor setpoint methodology for future nuclear plants.

On Saturday, October 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will continue discussion of key technical issues related to evolutionary, passive and advanced reactor designs.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will complete discussion of issues 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.)