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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, NOVEMBER 5-7

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting November 5-7 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 October 29.

On Thursday, November 5, 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 10:15 a.m., the committee will discuss a proposal of the NRC staff regarding the resolution of current issues associated with regulatory analysis.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss the NRC staff's proposed guidelines for prioritization of generic issues.

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and the New York Power Authority to discuss an individual plant examination for the Fitzpatrick nuclear power plant in New York and its comparison with a NRC diagnostic evaluation of the plant.

From 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will discuss the NRC staff's proposal regarding risk-based regulatory requirements.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS positions on matters considered during this session.

On Friday, November 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will meet with the NRC's Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards to discuss topics of mutual interest, including the status of industry and NRC proposals for revising security requirements for nuclear power plants and the status of high-level radioactive waste storage and disposal programs.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss recent events and incidents which have occurred at nuclear power plants in the U.S. and to receive a brief description of a loss of feedwater event at the Fukushima nuclear facility in Japan.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on items discussed during this meeting.

From 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss an analysis of a selected number of operating events and the impact of human performance.

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss an analysis of selected common-mode failure events that have occurred in nuclear facilities.

From 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss the activities of ACRS subcommittees.

On Saturday, November 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss ACRS reports.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss replies from the NRC Executive Director for Operations regarding ACRS recommendations.

From 12:00 noon to 1:30 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 or by mailing it to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

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