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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, OCTOBER 8-10

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting October 8-10 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 1.

On Thursday, October 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m., the ACRS chairman will comment on items of current interest.

From 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed resolution of boiling water reactor core power oscillations which can occur under certain operating conditions and the impact of an anticipated transient without scram during such an event.

From 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., the committee will receive a briefing from representatives of the NRC staff on NRC-sponsored research on environmental qualification of safety-grade digital computer protection and control systems.

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report on NRC staff action with respect to inspections, tests, analyses and acceptance criteria for General Electric's advanced boiling water reactor design.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss priorities for preparation of ACRS reports during this meeting.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed NRC staff branch technical position on environmental qualification of electric equipment for license renewal.

From 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the form and content of a design certification rule.

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 NRC staff responses to ACRS recommendations.

On Friday, October 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed regulatory analysis and a draft Regulatory Guide, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," and a Nuclear Management & Resources Council document, "Industry Guidelines for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants."

From 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., the committee will discuss the preparation of ACRS reports.

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the results of an NRC pilot simulator examination program and proposed changes to the NRC rule regarding recertification of nuclear power plant operators.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the committee will receive a briefing from representatives of an NRC working group on the status of tasks related to the use of probabilistic risk assessment in the NRC regulatory process.

From 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed design acceptance criteria in the areas of man/machine interface and control and protection systems.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will receive a briefing by representatives of the NRC staff regarding lessons learned from the review and evaluation of the integrity of the Yankee Rowe (MA) nuclear reactor pressure vessel.

From 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will discuss ACRS subcommittee activities.

On Saturday, October 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

From 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will complete discussions 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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