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NRC NAMES MR. PETER R. DAVIS
TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has appointed Mr. Peter R. Davis, President of PRD Consulting in Idaho Falls, ID, to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS).

The ACRS was established in 1957 by the Congress to advise the former Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), and subsequently the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, with regard to the safety aspects of proposed and existing nuclear facilities and the adequacy of related safety standards. The ACRS also performs such other special assignments as the Commission may request, including the review of related research programs.

Mr. Davis was born on November 9, 1938, in Sheridan, WY. He received his AA degree in Physics from Sheridan (Wyoming) College in 1959, and a B.S. in Physics from the University of Wyoming in 1961.

In 1961, he was selected to participate in a special program established by the AEC, which included on-the-job training at what is now the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL), plus full-time attendance at the Oak Ridge (TN) School of Reactor Technology (ORSORT). Upon graduation from ORSORT, he was assigned by the AEC to the Idaho Operations Office where he was a reactor engineer in the Reactor Safety Branch.

In 1969, he joined the staff of Phillips Petroleum Company, the prime INEL reactor safety contractor, and was assigned to the LOFT (Loss-of Fluid-Test) project. During his employment at INEL, he was promoted to positions of increasing responsibility, culminating as manager of the Licensing Support Program Office. In 1974, he joined a consulting company in Idaho Falls, and in 1982 he founded PRD Consulting, where he is currently President. He has been responsible for and active in many projects related to thermal-hydraulic analysis of reactor safety experiments and probabilistic risk assessment activities for reactors and nuclear facilities.

Mr. Davis is a member of the American Nuclear Society, the Idaho Academy of Science and the Society for Risk Assessment. He was appointed a consultant to the ACRS in 1980.

A list of other ACRS members follows:

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Paul G. Shewmon, Professor Emeritus, Material Science and Engineering Department, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH;

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. James C. Carroll, retired Manager, Nuclear Operations Support Department, Pacific Gas & Electric, San Francisco, CA;

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Dr. Harold W. Lewis, Professor Emeritus of Physics, Department of Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA;

Mr. William J. Lindblad, retired President Portland General Electric, Portland, OR;

Mr. Carlyle Michelson, retired Principal Nuclear Engineer, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, TN, and retired Director, Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC;

Dr. J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Applied Mathematics and Mathematical Physics, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA;

Mr. Charles J. Wylie, retired Chief Engineer, Electrical Division, Duke Power Company, Charlotte, NC.

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