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NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission plans to consider qualified candidates for appointment to its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) as openings develop on the Committee. Two openings are scheduled to occur during 1993. The Commission is requesting nominations for qualified candidates to be considered for these positions.

The ACRS was established by Congress to provide the NRC with independent expert advice on matters related to the safety of operating or proposed nuclear power plants. A variety of matters related to the siting, design features (conceptual and detailed), and operations of nuclear power plants located throughout the United States is evaluated by the ACRS. Emphasis is currently being given to safety issues associated with the operation of more than 100 nuclear units in the United States and to features for evolutionary, passive and advanced reactor designs.

The membership is drawn from the variety of engineering and scientific disciplines needed to conduct the Committee's review of these matters as well as of proposed standards, criteria and related research activities. Candidates with experience in fields such as commercial nuclear power plant operations, nuclear engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, electronics, metallurgical engineering, materials science, structural engineering, chemical engineering, computers, instrumentation and control systems, and related fields are being sought. Candidates are selected to provide a balanced technical base for the conduct of Committee activities, consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

For candidates who are actively involved in regulated aspects of the nuclear industry, the extent of their involvement, which might limit their usefulness, will have to be considered. In each case, specific individual financial interests will need to be reconciled with applicable rules and regulations before a final appointment can be completed.

Copies of a resume describing the educational and professional background of the nominee, including any special accomplishments, should be provided. Nominees must be citizens of the United States. An indication of the candidate's ability and willingness to devote the time required should also be provided.

Résumés should be sent to Mr. Raymond F. Fraley, ACRS Executive Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Any questions regarding this announcement should also be directed to Mr. Fraley at (301) 492-8049.