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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, FEBRUARY 11-13

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting February 11-13 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 January 27.

On Thursday, February 11, 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 11:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and the Department of Energy to discuss key policy issues identified for resolution with respect to advanced reactor designs such as the MHTGR, PIUS, PRISM and CANDU-3.

From 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss current review schedules for proposed advanced reactor designs.

From 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and the Power Authority of the State of New York to discuss restart of the Fitzpatrick nuclear power plant in New York following an extended shutdown for plant and organizational changes.

From 2:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed charter for and activities of a NRC Regulatory Review Group that will conduct a comprehensive review of power reactor regulations and related NRC process, programs and implementation practices.

From 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed committee candidates.

From 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

On Friday, February 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of work for dealing with potential generic safety issues identified in a multiple system responses program.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel to discuss matters of mutual interest.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC Office of the General Counsel to discuss the impact on ACRS members regarding the implementation of recent Office of Government Ethics government-wide changes to the regulation on the conduct of government employees.

From 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss NRC-sponsored research on organizational factors.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

On Saturday, February 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss the status of ACRS subcommittee assignments.

From 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss responses received from the NRC staff on ACRS recommendations.

The meeting may include closed sessions, if required, to discuss proprietary information.

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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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(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.)