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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, FEBRUARY 10-12

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting February 10-12 in Bethesda, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Room P-110, 7920 Norfolk Avenue.

As part of the meeting, the committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on February 10 at the NRC headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, to discuss matters of mutual interest.

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/492-4516.)

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 February 2.

On Thursday, February 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks regarding the meeting.

From 8:35 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., the committee will discuss matters scheduled for discussion with the NRC Commissioners.

From 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a draft Commission paper related to the source term to be used for advanced light-water reactors.

From 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Management & Resources Council to discuss a proposed final rule on protection against malevolent use of vehicles at nuclear power plants.

From 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed NRC staff plan to implement recommendations of the Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Working Group and PRA-related recommendations of the Regulatory Review Group.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

On Friday, 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 9:45 a.m., the committee will meet with the NRC's Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and senior managers of General Electric Nuclear Energy regarding the status of the NRC staff review of the advanced boiling water reactor (ABWR) design.

From 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the ABWR design.

From 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss rod control system failure, including a May 27, 1993 event at the Salem 2 nuclear power plant in New Jersey during which a single failure in the rod control system resulted in the withdrawal of a single rod from the core while the operator was applying a rod insertion signal.

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will discuss a draft of the annual ACRS report to Congress on the NRC safety research program.

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 4:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

On Saturday, February 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will complete ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

From 12:00 noon to 12:15 p.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC's Executive Director for Operations to recent ACRS recommendations.

From 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., the committee will discuss the status of ACRS subcommittee activities.

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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(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.)