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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, AUGUST 5-7

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting August 5-7 in Bethesda, Maryland.

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 July 27.

On Thursday, August 5, 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 10:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed resolution of generic safety issue 57, "Effects of Fire Protection System Actuation on Safety-Related Equipment," and lessons learned from a probabilistic risk assessment on the chances of a hypothetical fire occurring at the LaSalle nuclear power plant in Illinois.

From 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss an ACRS subcommittee report on fire safety issues associated with General Electric Company's advanced boiling water reactor design.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss responses from the NRC's Executive Director for Operations to recent ACRS recommendations.

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From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss remaining policy issues related to advanced plant designs.

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a policy issue related to emergency planning for advanced light water reactors.

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the committee will meet to discuss proposed assignments for reviewing priority rankings proposed by the NRC staff for a group of generic issues.

From 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will meet with NRC Chairman Ivan Selin to discuss items of mutual interest.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC regarding items considered during the meeting.

On Friday, August 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks.

From 8:35 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed resolution of generic issue 143, "Availability of Chilled Water Systems and Room Cooling."

From 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will discuss the status of ACRS subcommittee activities.

From 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will complete discussion of topics that were not finished during previous meetings.

On Saturday, August 7, from 8:30 a.m. to close of business, the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

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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