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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, JULY 9-11

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting July 9-11 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 June 29.

On Thursday, July 9, 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 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Westinghouse Electric Company to discuss proposed integral system testing programs for certification of the Westinghouse AP600 standard plant design.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of the inspections, tests, analyses and acceptance criteria program for its implementation.

From 2:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed revision of the severe accident research program plan (NUREG-1365, Revision 1) to update it with regulatory developments.

From 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the committee will meet with the NRC's Director, Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data to discuss items of mutual interest, including the use of "expert systems" in the accident management process, use of simulators at the NRC Training Center (Chattanooga, TN) and the status of implementation of the emergency response data system.

From 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., the committee will meet to discuss future ACRS activities.

From 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed comments to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

On Friday, July 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and the Electric Power Research Institute to discuss proposed EPRI design requirements for evolutionary light-water reactors.

From 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed resolution of generic issue 106, "Piping and Use of Highly Combustible Gases in Vital Areas."

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss technical policy issues identified by the NRC staff which are applicable to certification of standardized nuclear power plant designs.

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will meet with the NRC's Deputy Director for Generic Issues and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, to discuss a proposed mechanism for prioritization of generic issues.

From 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed Standard Review Plan for license renewal and a proposed Regulatory Guide on the form and content of a license renewal application.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed branch technical position on reactor component fatigue considerations for license renewal.

From 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed comments regarding items considered during this meeting.

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

From 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the committee will discuss designated subcommittee activities, including the use of computers in nuclear power plant operations.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will complete discussion of items considered during this meeting.

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 at the beginning of the meeting or by mailing it to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

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