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

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting September 9-11 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 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on September 9 at 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 301/492-8029.)

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 August 25.

On Thursday, September 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 9:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss guidelines proposed by the Nuclear Management & Resources Council for evaluations of digital instrumentation and control systems improvements.

From 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss insights gained from foreign regulatory authorities and U.S. military sources on digital instrumentation and control issues.

From 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the activities of the ACRS subcommittee on advanced boiling water reactors.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss matters scheduled for discussion during its meeting with the NRC Commissioners.

From 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed priority rankings of generic issues.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports regarding items considered during this meeting.

On Friday, September 10, 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 a proposed generic letter on the removal of accelerated testing and special reporting requirements for emergency diesel generators from plant technical specifications.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed rulemaking on fracture toughness requirements for reactor pressure vessels for protection against pressurized thermal shock events.

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.

From 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

From 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss miscellaneous matters.

On Saturday, September 11, 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.

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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