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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET OCTOBER 5-7 IN ROCKVILLE, MD

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting October 5-7 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room T2B3 in the NRC's Two White Flint North Building, 11545 Rockville Pike.

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 anyone may attend, the committee will consider only oral or written statements arranged in advance and limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of meeting published in the September 22 edition of the Federal Register.

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

Here is the meeting agenda:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. — Opening remarks by the ACRS chairman.

8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. — Discussion with the NRC staff of a proposed final Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.152, "Criteria for Programmable Digital Computer Systems Software in Safety-Related Systems of Nuclear Power Plants."

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Discussion of items of mutual interest with the NRC's Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, including the impact of the proposed fiscal year 1996 budget reduction on continuing and proposed research programs.

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. — Discussion with the chairman of a National Academy of Sciences committee of findings and recommendations in an engineering study of the application of digital instrumentation and control technology to nuclear power plants.

3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. — Discussion with the NRC staff of a shutdown cooling event that occurred in July at the Hope Creek nuclear power plant in New Jersey.

5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. — Discussion of proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:35 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. — Discussion of foreign reactor events involving human factors issues with NRC staff representatives.

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. — Discussion with NRC staff of a supplement to a generic letter dealing with individual plant examinations of external events for severe accident vulnerabilities at nuclear power plants.

11:45 a.m. to noon — Discussion of responses to ACRS recommendations from the NRC Executive Director for Operations.

1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. — Discussion of planning and procedures matters.

1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. — Discussion of future ACRS activities.

2:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. — Continued discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. — Resumed discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. — Discussion of items of importance to the NRC, including rebaselining of committee activities for fiscal year 1996-97.

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. 20555-0001.

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