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

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting March 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 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 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 published in the Federal Register on February 28.

On Thursday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks regarding the meeting.

From 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.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 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and General Electric Nuclear Energy to discuss final design approval of the advanced boiling water reactor (ABWR) design.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss matters scheduled for its meeting with the NRC Commissioners.

From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on final design approval for the ABWR and the proposed source term for advanced light water reactors.

On Friday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks.

From 8:35 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of resolving issues identified by a multiple system responses program.

From 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the committee will receive a briefing by representatives of the NRC staff regarding results of an augmented inspection team (AIT) investigation of a turbine generator failure at the Fermi 2 nuclear power plant in Michigan on December 25, 1993.

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will receive a briefing by representatives of the NRC staff regarding results of an AIT investigation of a December 27, 1993 loss of offsite power and steam generator dryout event at the McGuire nuclear power plant in North Carolina.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to recent ACRS recommendations.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss recent revisions of Los Alamos National Laboratory's probabilistic seismic hazard methodology for the Eastern United States.

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACRS business.

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

On Saturday, March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will complete its reports for the meeting.

From 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss the status of ACRS subcommittee activities.

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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.)