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**NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MD, SEPTEMBER 7-9**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting September 7-9 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room T2B3, 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 Federal Register on August 22.

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

From 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss an action plan for dealing with metal fatigue.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss with the staff and Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) the adequacy of inspection procedures for evaluating implementation of the NRC's maintenance rule and lessons learned from pilot inspections at nine nuclear power plants.

From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will discuss with the staff, NEI and the Electric Power Research Institute a generic letter on circumferential cracking of steam generator tubes and ongoing and proposed activities to improve techniques to more accurately detect and assess tube defects.

From 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC on matters considered during this meeting and a proposed report on fire protection issues.

On Friday, September 8, from 8:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff proposed changes to the operator licensing examination process.

From 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will discuss a report on thermal hydraulics.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss planning and procedures matters.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) to discuss an INPO process for reviewing and evaluating events at U.S. and foreign nuclear power plants.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to ACRS recommendations.

From 2:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

On Saturday, September 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will resume discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will discuss new research needs, if any.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., the committee will discuss items that are of importance to the NRC.

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. 20555-0001.

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/415-7361.)

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