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NRC SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES  
FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking qualified candidates for its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). Three openings are expected in 1996. One or two openings may be filled by reappointment of incumbents.

Congress established the ACRS to provide the Commission with independent expert advice on matters related to regulatory policy and the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants. Committee work currently emphasizes safety issues associated with the operation of the more than 100 nuclear units in the United States and technical and policy issues related to evolutionary and passive standard plant designs.

The ACRS membership includes individuals from national laboratories, academic and research institutions, industry and consulting engineering firms who possess specific technical expertise along with a broad perspective in addressing safety concerns.

Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as nuclear power plant operations, nuclear, mechanical, electrical, chemical, metallurgical and structural engineering, materials science, and instrumentation and process control systems. At this time, candidates are being sought with specific expertise in the areas of nuclear power plant operations and instrumentation and process control systems.

Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear safety matters, and the ability to solve problems. Additionally, the Commission considers the need for specific expertise in relationship to current and future tasks, availability of candidates to serve and possible conflicts of interest. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with varying views so that the membership on the committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the point of views represented and the functions to be performed by the committee.

Because conflict of interest regulations restrict the participation of members actively involved in the regulated aspects of the nuclear industry, the degree and nature of any such involvement will be weighed. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment to the committee. This may result in the candidate being required to divest himself or herself of securities issued by nuclear industry entities, or discontinue or limit involvement in NRC or industry-funded research contracts or grants, based on a determination of possible conflict of interest.

Copies of a résumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including special accomplishments, professional references, current address, and telephone number should be provided. All qualified candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to such factors as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 50-100 days per year to committee business.

Résumés should be sent to Ms. Jude Himmelberg, Office of Personnel, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Application materials may be obtained by calling 1-800-952-9678. Refer to Announcement Number 95-1000. Applications will be accepted until November 24.

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