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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, NOVEMBER 7-9

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a technical meeting November 7-9 in Bethesda, MD.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Room P-110, 7920 Norfolk Avenue.

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/492-8049.)

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 October 30.

On Thursday, November 7, 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 and General Electric Company to discuss selected features of GE's advanced boiling water reactor, including auxiliary and power conversion systems, radioactive waste management and the reactor water cleanup system.

From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the level of design detail needed to conduct a licensing review under the NRC's Part 52 regulation.

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss vendors' test programs

to support design certification of advanced, passive light water reactors.

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss their proposed resolution of Generic Issue 121, "Hydrogen Control for Pressurized Water Reactor Dry Containments."

From 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the committee will discuss future activities of the ACRS.

From 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss key technical issues applicable to future nuclear power plants that are in need of early resolution.

Friday, November 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will discuss recent operating experience at nuclear power plants, including the loss of uninterruptible power supplies which occurred August 13 at the Nine Mile Point nuclear station in New York.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of the NRC severe accident research program.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss the status of assigned subcommittee activities, including steam generator tube degradation.

From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports regarding items considered during this meeting.

From 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of key technical issues applicable to future nuclear plants that are in need of early resolution.

Saturday, November 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports regarding items considered during this meeting.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will complete discussion of issues considered during this meeting.

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 at the beginning of the meeting or by mailing it to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

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