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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET DECEMBER 7-8 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting December 7-8 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room 2B3 in the NRC's Two White Flint North Building at 11545 Rockville Pike.

As part of the meeting, the committee will meet with NRC Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 8 in Room 2B3 to discuss her regulatory views and philosophy. Following that meeting, the ACRS will meet with the Chairman and Commissioner Kenneth C. Rogers from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, White Flint North Building, 11555 Rockville Pike. They will discuss items of mutual interest, including fire protection, nondestructive examination techniques and a study by the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council regarding digital instrumentation and control.

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 November 28 edition of the Federal Register.

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

Here is the complete meeting agenda:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

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 on a proposed final generic letter on inadequate testing of electronic circuits that automatically start safety equipment in nuclear power plants.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Discussion with the NRC staff regarding resolution of Multiple System Responses Program issues.

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. -- Discussions with the Director of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation concerning risk/performance-based regulations, a risk-based inspection program and activities of the nuclear industry supporting risk/performance-based regulations, and the status of staff review of Westinghouse Electric's AP600 advanced pressurized water reactor design and General Electric's simplified boiling water reactor design.

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. -- Discussion of planning and procedures matters.

3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. -- Discussion of future ACRS activities.

4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed reports to the NRC.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:35 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. -- Resume discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. -- Prepare for meeting with the NRC Chairman.

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. -- Prepare for meeting with the NRC Commissioners.

3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. -- Election of officers for calendar year 1996.

3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

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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