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

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting January 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 that will be published in the Federal Register on December 30.

On Thursday, January 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 10:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to receive a briefing on the status of the staff's work on the replacement of analog instrumentation with digital instrumentation in NRC licensed operating nuclear power plants.

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss key policy issues for advanced reactor designs.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss its annual report to Congress on the NRC safety research program.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss an incident at the

Barseback nuclear plant in Sweden which involved the dislodging of thermal insulation inside containment and resulted in partial clogging of two of five emergency core cooling strainers.

From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the committee will complete discussions of the NRC staff's proposed resolution of generic issue 120, "Online Testability of Protection Systems."

From 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss an NRC staff proposal for changing the existing procedures for the NRC investigation of incidents at licensed nuclear facilities.

From 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

On Friday, January 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed revisions to the NRC performance indicator report.

From 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will discuss activities of ACRS subcommittees.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel to discuss matters of mutual interest.

From 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., the committee will discuss the activities of ACRS working groups.

From 1:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss responses received from the NRC on recommendations made in ACRS reports.

From 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

On Saturday, January 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will discuss matters considered but not completed at previous meetings.

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

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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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