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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, SEPTEMBER 10-12

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting September 10-12 in Bethesda, MD.

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

As part of the meeting, the committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 11, at NRC headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, to discuss items of mutual interest, including implementation of NRC safety goals for nuclear power plants, the use of design acceptance criteria and inspections, tests, analyses and acceptance criteria in the certification process for advanced light water reactor designs, the status of ACRS reviews and recommendations regarding advanced light-water reactors and the impact of the regulatory process on reactor safety.

(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 August 28.

On Thursday, September 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m., the ACRS chairman will comment on items of current interest.

From 8:35 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the committee will meet with the NRC's Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) to discuss items of mutual interest, including the use of

probabilistic risk assessment in the regulatory process, NRR action regarding an individual plant examination for the Fitzpatrick nuclear power plant in New York, status of implementing the regulatory impact survey and policy implications of the NRC staff decision on the use of statistical methodology in the evaluation of quality assurance records of the Watts Bar nuclear power plant in Tennessee.

From 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., the committee will discuss priorities for preparation of ACRS reports.

From 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss policy issues identified by the NRC staff regarding certification of evolutionary nuclear power plant designs.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the use of probabilistic risk assessment in the regulatory process.

From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the NRC research program regarding environmental qualification of safety grade digital computer protection and control system.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS activities regarding the use of the NRC safety goal policy in determining where unnecessary regulations exist.

From 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will discuss the compatibility of NRC reactor safety goals with risk analysis results regarding core melt.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss items to be taken up at its meeting with the NRC Commissioners.

Friday, September 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the Nuclear Management & Resources Council to discuss the impact of the regulatory process on reactor safety.

From 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will discuss the NRC staff evaluation of risk associated with shutdown and low-power operations at nuclear power plants.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Detroit Edison Company to discuss General Electric Nuclear Energy's generic program supporting power increases for boiling water reactor plants and a

proposed power level increase for the Fermi 2 reactor located near Monroe, MI.

From 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

Saturday, September 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss subcommittee activities.

From 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., the committee will discuss responses of NRC's Executive Director for Operations to ACRS comments and recommendations.

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.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: The use of self-contained tape recorders in the meeting room is permitted during open portions of the meeting when a transcript is being kept. The use of still, motion picture and television cameras, the physical installation and presence of which will not interfere with the course of the meeting, will be permitted both before and after the meeting, during any recess, and--at the discretion of the committee chairman--while the meeting is in session.)