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## NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is looking for qualified candidates for possible appointment to its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). Currently, there is one opening on the committee and another vacancy is anticipated within the next several months.

The ACRS was established by Congress to provide the Commission with independent expert advice on matters related to regulatory policy and the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants. A variety of matters related to the siting, design features, and operations of nuclear power plants located throughout the United States have been evaluated by the ACRS. The committee work currently emphasizes safety issues associated with the operation of more than 100 nuclear units in the U.S. and to technical and policy issues related to evolutionary and passive standard plant designs.

Traditionally, the membership of the ACRS has included individuals from national laboratories, academic and research institutions, industry and consulting engineering firms having specific technical expertise and a broad perspective in addressing systems concerns.

The members of ACRS are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines. Candidates are being sought with experience in such fields as nuclear power plant operations, nuclear engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, electronics, metallurgical engineering, materials science, structural engineering, chemical engineering, process control systems and related fields.

At this time, the Commission has expressed particular interest in candidates with specific expertise in the areas of reactor accident analysis, digital instrumentation and control or advanced computer applications. Criteria used by the Commission to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear safety matters and the ability to apply one's skills to problems outside of one's specific area of expertise. Additionally, the Commission considers the need for specific expertise in relationship to the tasks that lie ahead, 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 on reactor safety issues.

Because members actively involved in the regulated aspects of the nuclear industry might be of limited use to the committee, the degree and nature of any such involvement will be considered. Each qualified nominee'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, discontinue research projects, and/or limit involvement in certain types of contracts, based on a determination of possible conflict of interest.

Copies of a resume describing the educational and professional background of the nominee, including any special accomplishments and professional references, should be provided. All qualified nominees will receive full consideration, and appointment will be made without regard to factors such as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or handicapped condition. Nominees must be citizens of the United States.

Resumes should be sent to Ms. Jude Himmelberg, Office of Personnel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Any questions regarding this announcement should also be directed to Ms. Himmelberg at 1-800-368-5642, or if calling from the Washington area, 301/492-4682 until July 7. After that date, her number will change to 301/415-7119. Applications will be accepted until August 31.

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