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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, MARCH 5-7

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a technical meeting March 5-7 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 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 5 at the NRC Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, to discuss an ACRS report on the use of design acceptance criteria during design certification reviews, the status of proposed plans for implementation of the NRC quantitative safety goals for nuclear power plants, and ACRS-NRC staff interface.

(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 February 26.

On Thursday, March 5, 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 discuss a proposed ACRS action plan to review and report on policy issues identified by the NRC staff for certification of passive nuclear power plants.

From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss integral systems testing requirements for Westinghouse Corporation's standardized nuclear power plant design designated AP-600.

From 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., the committee will discuss topics to be taken up with the NRC Commissioners.

From 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., the committee will discuss priority rankings proposed by the NRC staff for a group of generic issues.

From 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

On Friday, March 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and General Electric Company to discuss its proposed design for an advanced boiling water reactor.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will discuss a proposed alternate plan for implementation of the NRC quantitative safety goal policy.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC regarding the NRC safety research program and matters considered during this meeting.

On Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC.

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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during any recess, and--at the discretion of the committee chairman--while the meeting is in session.)