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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, MARCH 11-13

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting March 11-13 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 March 3.

On Thursday, March 11, 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 10:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of current license renewal issues.

From 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the need for and progress toward the staff's development of standards and criteria for digital instrumentation and control systems.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed ACRS reports on NRC-sponsored research on organizational factors.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Omaha Public Power District

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to discuss a July 3, 1992 event at the Ft. Calhoun nuclear power plant in Nebraska during which the reactor shutdown and a pressurizer safety valve stuck open.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a quality management standard used by the European community and how it differs from the quality standards being used in the U.S. nuclear industry.

From 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed ACRS report on NRC staff activities in defining standards and requirements for computer-based instrumentation and control systems.

On Friday, March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., the committee will discuss the status of ACRS subcommittee assignments, including alternate plugging criteria for degraded steam generator tubes, piping design improvements for advanced nuclear plant designs, a proposed priority ranking of generic issue 152, "Design Basis for Valves that Might be Subjected to Significant Blowdown Loads," and a pressurized water reactor version of a thermal hydraulic code with emphasis on analytical and test programs in support of the certification effort for Westinghouse Electric Corporation's advanced nuclear power plant design designated AP600.

From 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss the use of advanced audio-visual technology.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the committee will discuss responses received from the NRC staff on ACRS recommendations.

From 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will discuss a report of its Planning and Procedures Subcommittee.

From 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

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On Saturday, March 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., the committee will discuss items considered but not completed at previous meetings.

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.)