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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, AUGUST 6-8

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting August 6-8 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 July 30.

On Thursday, August 6, 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 11:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and General Electric Company to discuss selected inspections, tests, analyses and acceptance criteria for GE's advanced boiling water reactor design.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a supplement to Generic Letter 83-28, "Required Actions Based on Generic Implications of Salem ATWS Events" and a differing professional opinion. The proposed supplement concludes that certain licensee actions completed in response to GL 83-28, which was issued after a failure of reactor trip breakers during start-up of the Salem 1 nuclear power plant in New Jersey in February 1983, have been effective in improving reactor trip breaker reliability and that

life testing and periodic replacement of the breakers are no longer needed.

From 1:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed revision to Regulatory Guide 1.101, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Nuclear Reactors."

From 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC regarding the NRC severe accident research program plan, policy issues pertaining to certification of evolutionary light-water reactor designs, schedule/plans for review of GE's advanced boiling water reactor design and proposed resolution of Generic Issue 106, "Piping and Use of Highly Combustible Gases in Vital Areas."

Friday, August 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss requirements proposed by Electric Power Research Institute for evolutionary light-water reactors.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed elimination of NRC regulatory requirements marginal to safety.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC, including a proposed Standard Review Plan for nuclear power plant license renewal and reactor component fatigue considerations for license renewal.

From 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will meet with the NRC's Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) to discuss topics of mutual interest, including the status of actions regarding nuclear plant inspections resulting from the NRC regulatory impact survey, NRR action regarding an individual plant examination for the Fitzpatrick nuclear power plant in New York and use of probabilistic risk assessment by the NRC staff.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

Saturday, August 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the committee will discuss activities of ACRS subcommittees regarding designated assignments, including the use of computers in nuclear power plant control and safety systems.

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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