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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, DECEMBER 9-11

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting December 9-11 in Bethesda, Maryland.

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 301/492-4516.)

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 published in the Federal Register on November 30.

On Thursday, December 9, the ACRS chairman will comment on items of current interest.

From 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed supplement to Generic Letter 86-10 on fire endurance testing and the technical differences between the Nuclear Management & Resources Council (NUMARC) and the NRC staff on NUMARC's test program related to the Thermo-Lag fire barrier.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to receive a briefing on an extended station blackout event at the Narora atomic power station in India.

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and General Electric Nuclear Energy (GE) to discuss certified design material for GE's

advanced boiling water reactor in the areas of piping design, human factors and radiation protection.

From 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss water-level instrumentation for GE's advanced boiling water reactor and simplified boiling water reactor designs.

From 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss the status of activities of its subcommittee on advanced boiling water reactors.

From 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC regarding items considered during this meeting.

On Friday, December 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks.

From 8:35 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of the individual plant examination program.

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report on the Electric Power Research Institute's requirements document for advance light-water reactor designs.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with the NRC's Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) to discuss activities of NMSS in the safeguards and security area.

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will discus proposed ACRS reports.

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC's Executive Director for Operations to recent ACRS recommendations.

From 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

On Saturday, December 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

From 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., the committee will discuss the status of ACRS subcommittee activities.

The meeting may includes 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.)