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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, APRIL 7-9

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting April 7-9 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 March 24.

On Thursday, April 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks regarding the meeting.

From 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and ABB-Combustion Engineering to discuss the final design approval for ABB-CE's advanced reactor design designated System 80+.

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed final rule on protection against malevolent use of vehicles at nuclear power plants.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the vulnerability of nuclear power plants to clogging of recirculation sump strainers and actions taken by the staff to rectify the problem.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss implementation of recommendations of a probabilistic risk assessment working group.

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will hear a report of its Planning and Procedures subcommittee.

From 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC on matters considered during the meeting.

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

From 8:35 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Carolina Power and Light Company to discuss problems that led to the shutdown of the Brunswick nuclear power plant in North Carolina, including the core shroud cracking issue.

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC to recent ACRS recommendations.

From 12:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss issues of significant importance to the ACRS and the Commission.

On Saturday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss the status of ACRS subcommittee activities.

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.

(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.)