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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MD, MAY 4-6

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting May 4-6 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room T2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike.

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 anyone may attend, the committee will consider only oral or written statements arranged in advance and limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of Meeting published in the Federal Register on April 19.

On Thursday, May 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks.

From 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss the status of regulatory reform initiatives that involve a systematic review of reactor regulations, regulatory practices and programs.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss with the staff efforts to evaluate NRC regulations and functions suggested by the National Performance Review, Phase II.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff procedures used for reviewing best-estimate thermal hydraulic codes for emergency core cooling systems.

From 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute a proposed final version of a generic letter on voltage-based repair criteria for Westinghouse steam generator tubes.

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

On Friday, May 5, from 8:35 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff processes used for reviewing and evaluating operating events at nuclear power plants, including foreign events.

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will discuss ACRS planning matters.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to ACRS recommendations.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff proposed final revisions to the license renewal rule concerning the scope of environmental effects.

From 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

On Saturday, May 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss items of importance to the Commission.

From 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., the committee will discuss new research needs.

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.

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/415-7361.)

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