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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MD, MARCH 9-11

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting March 9-11 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, 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 February 23.

On Thursday, March 9, the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

From 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss a proposed amendment to NRC's rule dealing with license renewal.

From 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss with the NRC staff a proposed rule on obtaining equipment reliability data from licensees.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute to discuss a proposed amendment to the NRC's decommissioning rule for nuclear facilities.

From 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss the significance of a September 1994 event at the Wolf Creek nuclear generating station in Kansas that involved a loss of 9,200 gallons of reactor coolant water while shutdown.

From 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will discuss the status of ACRS activities in developing a methodology for estimating core-damage frequency from seismic events.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

On Friday, March 10, from 8:35 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss the impact of the recent earthquake at Kobe, Japan, on nuclear power plants and other structures in the vicinity.

From 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACRS business.

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to ACRS recommendations.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the committee will discuss subcommittee activities.

From 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the committee will discuss new research needs.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss items of importance to it and the Commission.

On Saturday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the committee will continue its discussion of ACRS reports.

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will continue discussion of items of importance.

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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