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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MD, JUNE 8-10

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting June 8-10 in Rockville, Maryland.

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

As part of the opening day's schedule, the committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the conference room at 11555 Rockville Pike to discuss items of mutual interest.

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 May 22.

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

From 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., the committee will discuss topics scheduled for the meeting with the NRC Commissioners.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss ethics regulations which apply to special government employees.

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will discuss with the staff a proposed final policy statement on probabilistic risk assessment.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff a proposed final rule on reactor vessel annealing.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

On Friday, from 8:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff the status of issues associated with the design certification review of the Westinghouse standardized pressurized water reactor, designated AP600.

From 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff policy and technical issues for passive nuclear plant designs.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff prioritization of generic safety issues.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute several fire-protection issues, including a NEI petition for rulemaking, the adequacy of fire barrier penetration seals and a fire event in March 1993 at the Narora nuclear plant in India.

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will discuss planning and procedures matters.

From 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director Operations to ACRS recommendations.

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

From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

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

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

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

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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