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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, MAY 5-7

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a technical meeting May 5-7 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 that will be published in the Federal Register on April 25.

On Thursday, May 5, 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 its advanced reactor design designated System 80+.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed policy statement on the use of probabilistic risk assessment.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss proposed modifications to the NRC rulemaking process.

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the Department of Energy to discuss a first-

From 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed rule on shutdown and low-power operations of nuclear power plants.

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

On Friday, May 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:35 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks.

From 8:35 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss issues related to spent fuel pool cooling for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Pennsylvania.

From 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the committee will discuss the conduct of ACRS business.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will discuss issues of significant importance to the ACRS and the Commission.

From 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC to recent ACRS recommendations.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 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.

From 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., the committee will discuss miscellaneous matters.

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.

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