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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET MARCH 7-9

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting March 7-9 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room 2B3 in the NRC's Two White Flint North Building at 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 February 22 edition of the Federal Register.

The meeting may include closed sessions, if required, to discuss proprietary information.

Here is the complete meeting agenda:

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. -- Opening remarks by the ACRS chairman.

8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. -- Discussion with the NRC staff regarding proposed regulatory guidance documents related to digital instrumentation and control systems.

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. -- Discussion with the NRC staff and Department of Energy (DOE) regarding details of DOE pilot projects for annealing reactor vessels.

11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff concerning adequacy of individual plant examinations.

1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding NRC program to evaluate the applicability of a computer code to perform accident analyses of the Westinghouse Electric AP600 advanced pressurized water reactor design.

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding fire protection issues, including a probabilistic risk assessment associated with the risk of fires during a self-induced station blackout.

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. -- Discussion of planning and procedures matters.

4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed reports to the NRC.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding probabilistic risk assessment and its use in the regulatory decision-making process.

9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC Staff concerning resolution of generic safety issue 78, "Monitoring of Fatigue Transient Limits for the Reactor Coolant System."

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. -- Discussion of responses from the NRC's executive director for operations to ACRS recommendations.

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

1:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

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. 20555-0001.

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/415-5024.)

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