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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MD, APRIL 6-8

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting April 6-8 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 March 24.

On Thursday, April 6, the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

From 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss Westinghouse Electric test and analysis programs associated with its AP600 pressurized water reactor design.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss with the NRC staff a proposed final rule to define the scope of technical specifications for nuclear power plants.

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff a NRC research program being conducted in support of the AP600 design certification.

From 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the committee will discuss with the NRC staff proposed revisions to health effects valuation associated with as low as reasonably achievable programs.

From 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

On Friday, April 7, from 8:35 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss the status of developing a standard review plan, branch technical positions and regulatory guides for digital instrumentation and control systems.

From 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss source term-related technical and licensing issues pertaining to evolutionary and passive nuclear plant designs.

From 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., the committee will meet with the NRC staff to discuss a proposed rulemaking to obtain equipment reliability data from licensees.

From 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will discuss ACRS planning matters.

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to ACRS recommendations.

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

On Saturday, April 8, 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 that are 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.)