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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN BETHESDA, MD, JUNE 9-11

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting June 9-11 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 May 25.

On Thursday, June 9, 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 9:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the details of a National Academies of Science and Engineering proposal to conduct a workshop and obtain information for a study on the use of digital instrumentation and control systems at nuclear power plants.

From 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss their reassessment of fire protection issues, including the status of resolving the Thermo-Lag fire barriers issue.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed revisions to the license renewal rule with representatives of the NRC staff.

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the use of the Environmental Protection Agency's protective action guidelines in its review of nuclear plant activities.

From 3:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports to the NRC on matters considered during this meeting.

On Friday, June 10, 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 the status of ongoing activities associated with the operability of motor-operated valves, check valves and butterfly valves.

From 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a reactor coolant system water-level event at the Sequoyah nuclear power plant in Tennessee in December 1993 and a loss of shutdown cooling event at the Cooper nuclear power plant in Nebraska in March this year.

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will discuss responses from the NRC's Executive Director for Operations to recent ACRS recommendations.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a report on Potter-Brumfield motor-driven relay failures.

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

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will continue discussion of issues of significant importance to the ACRS and the Commission.

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

On Saturday, June 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, the committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 12:00 Noon to 12:30 p.m., the committee will discuss ACRS subcommittee activities.

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

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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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