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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET ON JUNE 12-14

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting June 12-14 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 June 4 edition of the Federal Register.

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

Here is the complete meeting agenda:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. -- Opening remarks by the ACRS chairman.

1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. -- Discussion with the NRC staff regarding draft Regulatory Guide DG-1047, "Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licensees."

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. -- Discussion with the NRC staff concerning an insights report on individual plant examination.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding findings and recommendations of an NRC inspection team that investigated a loss of offsite power event on February 6 at the Catawba nuclear power plant 2 in South Carolina.

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. -- Discussion of planning and procedures matters.

6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed reports to the NRC.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

8:35 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding issues associated with steam generators.

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Discussion with NRC staff and Tennessee Valley Authority concerning issues that led to the shutdown of Browns Ferry nuclear power plant 3 in Alabama and the corrective actions taken by TVA before restart.

11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. -- Discussions of responses from the NRC's executive director for operations to ACRS recommendations.

12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

8:35 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff and Health Physics Society regarding health effects of low-levels of ionizing radiation.

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff concerning policy associated with the use of potassium iodide after a severe accident and the potential risk associated with its use.

12:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

Persons wishing to submit statements on any of these topics 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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