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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, MARCH 2-4

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting March 2-4 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, 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 an upcoming edition of the Federal Register.

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

Here is the complete meeting agenda:

MONDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 to 8:35 a.m. -- Opening remarks by ACRS chairman.

8:45 to 10:15 a.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute regarding a modified approach to fire protection rulemaking.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Discussion with NRC staff on proposed final rule for requirements for shipping packages used to transport vitrified high-level waste.

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff on risk ranking approach for motor-operated valves.

2:45 to 4:15 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff on SECY-98-001 (mechanism for addressing generic safety issues).

4:15 to 6:30 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

8:35 to 10:00 a.m. -- Presentations by NRC staff regarding elevation of the core damage frequency to a fundamental safety goal and modifying the safety goal policy.

10:15 to 12:15 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff on proposed final review plan sections and regulatory guides for risk-informed, performance-based regulations including applications for technical specifications, graded quality assurance and inservice testing.

1:15 to 1:45 p.m. -- Report of the Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment.

1:45 to 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:35 to 10:00 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff of proposed improvements to the senior management meeting process.

10:15 to 11:15 a.m. -- Report of the Planning & Procedures Subcommittee.

11:15 to 12:00 noon -- Future ACRS activities.

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. -- preparation of ACRS reports.

5:00 to 5:30 p.m. -- Miscellaneous.

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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