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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET AUGUST 8-10

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting August 8-10 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 July 3 edition of the Federal Register.

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

Here is the complete meeting agenda:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

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

8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. -- Discussion with the NRC staff, General Electric (GE) and ABB-Combustion Engineering (ABB-CE) regarding proposed changes to designs of GE's advanced boiling water reactor and ABB-CE's System 80+ reactor.

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff and Westinghouse Electric concerning staff positions on three policy issues dealing with prevention and mitigation of severe accidents, post-72-hour actions and external reactor vessel

cooling. The committee will also discuss the status of resolving seven technical issues pertaining to Westinghouse's AP600 reactor design.

2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding risk-informed inservice testing requirements and performance-based regulations.

4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. -- Discussion of a report by the chairman of the ACRS subcommittee on instrumentation and control systems.

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed reports to the NRC.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

8:35 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff concerning risk-based analysis of reactor operating experience.

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding its review of safety issues associated with spent fuel pool cooling systems.

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Discussion of planning and procedures matters.

1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. -- Discussion of responses from the NRC's executive director for operations to ACRS recommendations.

2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

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

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. -- Discuss items of significance to NRC.

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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