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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MD, DECEMBER 8-10

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting December 8-10 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room T2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike.

(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.)

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 published in the Federal Register on November 22.

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

From 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the committee will meet representatives of the NRC staff to discuss its proposed position on loss of spent fuel pool cooling issues associated with the Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss issues related to the use of high burnup nuclear fuel.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Tennessee Valley Authority to discuss resolution of issues related to the shutdown of the Sequoyah nuclear power plant in Tennessee that started in March 1993.

From 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss revisions to the NRC's Part 71 regulation, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material".

From 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will meet to elect a chairman vice-chairman for 1995.

From 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will meet to discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

On Friday, December 9, from 8:35 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the results of core shroud inspections conducted at five boiling water reactor nuclear power plants, plans for future shroud inspections and the results of a weld analysis performed at the Palisades nuclear power plant in Michigan. The five BWR plants are Monticello in Minnesota, Peach Bottom 2 in Pennsylvania, Oyster Creek in New Jersey, Browns Ferry 2 in Alabama and Fitzpatrick in New York.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss cracking found in nuclear components and ongoing and proposed research.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed final Regulatory Guide related to fracture toughness, "Evaluation of Reactor Pressure Vessels with Charpy Upper-Shelf Energy Less than 50 ft. lb."

From 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations related to ACRS recommendations.

From 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 4:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

On Saturday, December 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will hold planning discussions for future activities.

From 12:00 noon to 12:30 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.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: The use of self-contained tape recorders in the meeting room is permitted during open portions of the meeting when a transcript is being kept. The use of still, motion picture and television cameras, the physical installation and presence of which will not interfere with the course of the meeting, will be permitted both before and after the meeting, during any recess, and--at the discretion of the committee chairman--while the meeting is in session.)