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## **NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking qualified candidates for appointment to two vacancies on its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS).

The ACRS was established by Congress to provide the NRC with independent expert advice on matters related to licensing and the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants. The Committee's work currently emphasizes safety issues associated with the operation of 103 commercial nuclear power plants in the United States; the pursuit of a risk-informed, and performance-based regulatory approach; review of license renewal applications; digital instrumentation and control systems; and technical issues related to standard plant designs.

The ACRS membership is drawn from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines needed to conduct the broadly based review for these facilities, as well as proposed standards and criteria and related research activities. At this time, the Commission is specifically seeking to fill two vacancies with expertise in structural mechanics/materials engineering and metallurgy applicable to nuclear power systems, and the application of risk methods related to nuclear safety issues. Candidates are selected to provide a balanced technical base consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Because conflict-of-interest regulations restrict the participation of members actively involved in the regulated aspects of the nuclear industry, the degree and nature of any such involvement will be weighed. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities issued by nuclear industry entities, or discontinuance of industry-funded research contracts or grants.

A resumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including any special accomplishments, professional references, current address and telephone number should be provided. Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear safety matters, and the ability to solve problems. Candidates must be citizens of the United States. All candidates will receive careful consideration. An indication of the candidate's ability and willingness to devote the time required (approximately 60-100 days per year) should also be provided. Applications will be accepted until September 29, 2000.

Copies of resués of nominees should be sent to the Office of Human Resources, ATTN: Robin Avent, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001.

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