

November 30, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Paul E. Bird, Director
Office of Human Resources

FROM: John T. Larkins, Executive Director
ACRS/ACNW \RA\

SUBJECT: PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN DIVERSITY
PUBLICATIONS TO SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FOR
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of this memorandum is to request assistance from your office to ensure that the Commission receives as diverse a candidate pool as possible from which to fill anticipated vacancies on the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) during calendar year 2001.

Our past attempts to have advertisements (ads) placed in the standard diversity publications the NRC uses to solicit applications to fill vacancies have met with minimal success. We were told that the ads could not be placed either because our deadlines for the submission of applications conflicted with the periodicals' deadline dates for submission of ads or because there was insufficient time between the periodicals' publication/distribution dates and the date our vacancy closed for interested persons to respond timely. To alleviate these problems, we request that an ongoing ad soliciting applications for both ACRS and ACNW membership be placed in all of the standard diversity publications during calendar year 2001.

Attached are two draft *Federal Register Notices* (FRNs) requesting submission of resumes by qualified candidates for each advisory committee. The FRNs briefly describe the committees, the tasks they perform and the qualifications for membership. For additional information and coordination of the ads to be placed, please have your staff contact Carol Harris, Chief, Operations Support Branch, ACRS/ACNW, at telephone number 415-7370. Your timely assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Attachments:
As stated

Draft *Federal Register* Notice

**U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS**

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for resumes.

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

ADDRESS: Submit resumes to: Ms. Sherry Meador, Technical Secretary,
ACRS,
Mail Stop T2E-26, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress established the ACRS to provide the NRC with independent expert advice on matters related to the safety of existing and proposed NRC-licensed nuclear facilities and on the adequacy of nuclear safety standards. The Committee's work currently emphasizes safety issues associated with the operation of the NRC-licensed facilities; risk-informed and performance-based regulatory approaches; technical issues related to standard plant designs and plant

license renewal applications; the need for and applications of safety-related research; and safety-related NRC rules and regulatory guidance.

The ACRS membership includes individuals who possess specific technical expertise in relevant fields along with a broad perspective in addressing safety concerns.

Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as nuclear power plant operations, nuclear engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, chemical engineering, metallurgical engineering, structural engineering, materials science, and instrumentation and process control systems. At this time, candidates are being sought who have 15-20 years of experience, including graduate level education.

Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear safety matters, and the ability to solve complex technical problems. The Commission, in making its selections, considers its need for an individual's specific expertise in relationship to work expected to be before the ACRS. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds, so that the membership on the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee.

Candidates for ACRS appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. Because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of ACRS members in ACRS activities, the

degree and nature of any such restriction on an individual's activities as a member will be considered in the selection process. 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 or discontinuance of certain contracts or grants. Information regarding these restrictions will be provided upon request.

A resume describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including any special accomplishments and professional references should be provided. Candidates should provide their current address, telephone number, and e-mail address. All candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to such factors as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 50-100 days per year to Committee business. Applications will be accepted and considered as vacancies occur.

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Andrew L. Bates
Advisory Committee Management Officer

Draft *Federal Register* Notice

**U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE**

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for resumes.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking candidates

for appointment to its Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW).

ADDRESS: Submit resumes to: Ms. Sherry Meador, ACRS/ACNW, Mail Stop T2E-26, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission established the ACNW to provide independent technical review of and advice on matters related to the management of nuclear waste, including all aspects of nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission. This includes activities related to both high-and low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities, including the licensing, operation, and closure of the facilities, rulemakings, and associated regulatory guides and technical positions developed to clarify the intent of NRC's high- and low-level waste regulations. The ACNW also reviews performance assessment evaluations of waste disposal facilities.

Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as risk assessment, chemistry, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, materials sciences, and the earth sciences.

Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear waste management matters, and the ability to solve complex technical problems. The Commission, in making its selections, considers its need for an individual's specific expertise in relationship to work expected to be before the ACNW. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds, so that the membership on the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee.

Candidates for ACNW appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. Because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of ACNW members in ACNW activities, the degree and nature of any such restriction on an individual's activities as a member will be considered in the selection process. 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 or discontinuance of certain contracts or grants. Information regarding these restrictions will be provided upon request.

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