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## **NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET SEPTEMBER 5 - 8 IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a meeting September 5 - 8 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss, among other items, the agency's reactor oversight process.

The meeting, most of which is open to the public, will be held in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North building, at 11545 Rockville Pike. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day. A complete agenda is attached.

For additional information on the meeting or schedule changes, please contact Dr. Sher Bahadur at 301-415-0138. ACRS meeting notices, transcripts and letters are available on the internet, at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRS/ACNW>.

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## ACRS Meeting Agenda

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 8:30 - 8:35 A.M.     Opening Remarks by the ACRS Vice Chairman (Open)
- 1.1) Opening statement
  - 1.2) Items of current interest
  - 1.3) Priorities for preparation of ACRS reports
- 8:35 - 10:00 A.M.     Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191,  
“Assessment of Debris Accumulation on PWR Sump Pump  
Performance” (Open)
- 2.1) Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman
  - 2.2) Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of GSI-191.
- Representatives of the nuclear industry will provide their views, as appropriate.
- 10:00 - 10:20 A.M.**     \*\*\***BREAK**\*\*
- 10:20 - 12:00 Noon     EPRI Report on Resolution of Generic Letter 96-06 Waterhammer  
Issues (Open/Closed)
- 3.1) Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman
  - 3.2) Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) regarding the EPRI Report, TR-113594, “Resolution of Generic Letter 96-06 Waterhammer Issues.” [Note: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss EPRI proprietary information]
- 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.**     \*\*\***LUNCH**\*\*\*
- 1:00 - 1:30 P.M.     Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)
- Discussion of the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters.
- 1:30 - 2:00 P.M.     Subcommittee Report (Open)
- Report by the Chairman of the Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena Subcommittee on the results of the meeting held on July 17-18, 2001 at the Oregon State University.
- 2:00 - 2:30 P.M.**     \*\*\***BREAK**\*\*\*
- 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.     Reactor Oversight Process (Open)
- 6.1) Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman
  - 6.2) Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the use of performance indicators in the reactor oversight process, initial implementation of the significance determination process (SDP), and technical adequacy of the SDP to contribute to the reactor oversight process.
- Representatives of the nuclear industry will provide their views, as appropriate.
- 4:00 - 4:20 P.M.**     **BREAK**
- 4:20 - 7:00 P.M.     Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)
- Discussion of proposed ACRS reports on:
- 7.1) EPRI Report on Resolution of Generic Letter 96-06

- Waterhammer Issues
- 7.2) Reactor Oversight Process
- 7.3) Proposed Resolution of GSI-191, Assessment of Debris Accumulation on PWR Sump Pump Performance

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2001**

- 8:30 - 8:35 A.M.     Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)
- 8:35 - 9:00 A.M.     Peer Review of PRA Certification Process
  - 9.1)   Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman
  - 9.2)   Report by Mr. Markley, ACRS Senior Staff Engineer, regarding the application of the PRA certification process described in NEI 00-02, "Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Peer Review Process Guidance," for the North Anna Power Station that was conducted by the Westinghouse Owners Group and discussed with the licensee on July 16-20, 2001 in Richmond, Virginia.
- 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.    Meeting with the NRC Commissioner Merrifield (Open)  
Meeting with Commissioner Merrifield to discuss items of mutual interest.
- 10:00 - 10:20 A.M.**   **\*\*\*BREAK\*\*\***
- 10:20 - 12:00 Noon   TRACG Best-Estimate Thermal-Hydraulic Code (Open/Closed)
  - 11.1)  Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman
  - 11.2)  Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and GE Nuclear Energy regarding the General Electric TRACG best-estimate code and its application for anticipated operational occurrences transient analyses. **[NOTE: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss General Electric Proprietary Information.]**
- 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.**   **\*\*\*LUNCH\*\*\***
- 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.     Proposed Final Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.78 (DG-1089), "Main Control Room Habitability During a Postulated Hazardous Chemical Release" (Open)
  - 12.1)  Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman
  - 12.2)  Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final revision to Regulatory Guide 1.78. Representatives of the nuclear industry will provide their view, as appropriate.
- 2:00 - 2:20 P.M.**   **\*\*\*BREAK\*\*\***
- 2:20 - 7:00 P.M.     Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)  
Discussion of proposed ACRS reports on:
  - 13.1)  TRACG Best-Estimate Thermal-Hydraulic Code
  - 13.2)  Reactor Oversight Process
  - 13.3)  Proposed Resolution of GSI-191, Assessment of Debris Accumulation on PWR Sump Pump Performance
  - 13.4)  EPRI Report on Resolution of Generic Letter 96-06 Waterhammer Issues
  - 13.5)  Proposed Final Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.78

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001**

- 8:30 - 8:35 A.M.     Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)
- 8:35 - 9:30 A.M.     Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures

Subcommittee (Open)

15.1) Discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future ACRS meetings.

15.2) Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS.

9:30 - 6:00 P.M.

Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)

**12:00-1:00 P.M.**

**LUNCH**

Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports listed under Item 13.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2001**

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)

Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports listed under Item 13.

11:30 - 12:00 Noon

Miscellaneous (Open)

Discussion of matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

**12:00 Noon**

**Adjourn**

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