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

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking qualified candidates for appointment to 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 the safety of existing and proposed nuclear facilities and on the adequacy of proposed reactor safety standards. The Committee's work currently emphasizes safety issues associated with the operation of 103 commercial nuclear power plants in the U.S.; the pursuit of a risk-informed and performance-based regulatory approach; review of license renewal applications; risk-informed revisions to reactor regulations; power uprates; transient and accident analysis codes; materials degradation issues; use of mixed oxide and high burn-up fuels; and technical issues related to advanced reactor designs.

The ACRS membership is drawn from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines needed to conduct broadly based reviews for these facilities, as well as proposed standards and criteria and related research activities. At this time, the Commission is specifically seeking individuals who have at least 15 years of experience in the areas of nuclear engineering, probabilistic risk assessment, and/or plant operations. Candidates with pertinent graduate-level education will be given additional consideration. Individuals should have a demonstrated record of accomplishments in the area of nuclear reactor safety. 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 résumé describing the educational and professional background of the applicant, including any special accomplishments, professional references, current address, and telephone number should be provided. Candidates must be U.S. citizens. All candidates will receive careful attention. An indication of the candidate's ability and willingness to devote the time required (about 80 - 100 days per year) should also be provided. Applications will be accepted until March 15.

Résumés should be sent to the attention of Ms. Sherry Meador, Administrative Assistant, Operations and Support Branch, Mail Stop T2E-26, ACRS/ACNW, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001, or e-mail sam@nrc.gov .

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