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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 10-12

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a technical meeting on May 10-12 in Washington, D.C., to discuss a number of actions taken as result of the recent accident at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station in Pennsylvania.

The ACRS also will discuss an application from Tennessee Valley Authority for a license to operate the two-unit Sequoyah nuclear station in Tennessee.

The meetings, which are open to the public, will be in Room 1046, 1717 H Street, N.W.

(Agenda items are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 202/634-3265.)

Although meetings of the ACRS are open to the public, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACRS, as 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 April 27.

Thursday, May 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., the committee will meet in open executive session to discuss a subcommittee report on the long-term implications of the Three Mile Island accident and how they may apply to existing and future reactors.

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From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the status of the Three Mile Island nuclear station; the NRC staff evaluation of licensee replies to bulletins from the NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement regarding operational errors and system misalignments identified during the TMI accident; and NRC staff action in response to ACRS recommendations resulting from the accident.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of Babcock and Wilcox Company to discuss I&E bulletins to licensees with B&W power reactors regarding actions to be taken as a result of the TMI accident.

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of Westinghouse Electric to discuss I&E bulletins to licensees with Westinghouse power reactors.

From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the committee will meet in open executive session to consider proposed recommendations to the NRC resulting from the discussions held during the day.

Friday, May 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of Combustion Engineering to discuss I&E bulletins to licensees with CE power reactors.

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of General Electric to discuss an I&E bulletin to licensees with GE power reactors.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the Union of Concerned Scientists to discuss their interpretation of and conclusions regarding events which occurred at Three Mile Island.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the Tennessee Valley Authority to discuss its application for a license to operate the two-unit Sequoyah Nuclear Power Station in Hamilton County, about 12 miles southeast of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The committee also will discuss TVA actions resulting from I&E bulletins pertaining to a review of operational errors and system misalignments identified during the TMI accident.

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From 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed reports regarding Three Mile Island 2 and long-term implications to other light water cooled power reactors; the request for an operating license for the Sequoyah nuclear power plant; and a request from Arizona Public Service for a permit to build Units 4 and 5 at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, located about 36 miles west of Phoenix.

Saturday, May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the committee will meet to continue its discussion of proposed reports.

The meetings 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 at the beginning of the meeting or by mailing it to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Persons may request an opportunity to make an oral statement related to agenda items. The chairman of the committee will rule on such requests. Questions will be asked by members of the committee and its consultants only.

Comments should be based on information on file for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library, 1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga; and the Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Education Building, Commonwealth and Walnut Street, Harrisburg.

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