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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232 b.), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on January 6-8, 1977, in Room 1046, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The agenda for the subject meeting will be as follows:

Thursday, January 6, 1977

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.: Executive Session (Open) - The Committee will discuss the status of its activities with respect to several generic matters including safeguards provisions related to nuclear facilities; environmental effects of the light water reactor fuel cycle; and review of proposed NRC siting policy. The Committee will discuss the disciplines required to conduct an ACRS review.

9:00 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.: Executive Session (Closed) - The Committee will meet in closed executive session to exchange and discuss the personal opinions of individual members leading to the formulation of advice and recommendations regarding selection of candidates for appointment to the ACRS and the classification of safeguards information related to nuclear facilities.

9:15 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.: Executive Sesion (Open) - The Committee will hear and discuss the report of the ACRS Subcommittee and consultants who may be present regarding the request for an Operating License for the

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Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station. Portions of this session will be closed if required to discuss Proprietary Information related to this plant and safeguards provisions for this Station.

9:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.: Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station (Open)

The Committee will hear presentations of the NRC Staff and the Applicant related to the request for an Operating License for this Station. Portions of this session will be closed if required to discuss Proprietary Information related to this Station and to discuss safeguards provisions for this plant.

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.: ACRS Meeting with NRC Commissioners

(Open/Closed) - The Committee will meet with the Commissioners in open session to discuss the status of ACRS activities with respect to several generic matters including safeguards provisions for nuclear facilities, the environmental effects of the LWR fuel cycle and review of NRC siting policy.

The Committee will meet with the Commissioners in closed session to discuss the classification of safeguards information related to nuclear facilities and the basis for selection of ACRS members.

2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.: Executive Session (Open) - The Committee will hear and discuss the report of the ACRS Subcommittee and consultants who may be present regarding the request for an Operating License for the North Anna Power Station Units 1 and 2. Portions of this session will be closed if required to discuss Proprietary Information related to this plant and safeguards provisions for this Station.

3:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.: North Anna Power Station Units 1 and 2 - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC Staff and the Applicant related to the request for an Operating License for this Station. Portions of this session will be closed if required to discuss Proprietary Information related to this plant and safeguards provisions for this Station.

Friday, January 7, 1977

8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.: Executive Session (Open) - The Committee will hear and discuss the report of the ACRS Subcommittee on Regulatory Activities. This will include discussion of proposed Regulatory Guides and regulatory activities such as evaluation of steam generator tube integrity for pressurized water reactors; radiation surveillance programs in Babcock and Wilcox Company pressurized water reactors, and proposed review of the seismic design basis for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1 and the Humboldt Bay Nuclear Plant Unit 3.

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon: Meeting with Representatives of the NRC

Staff (Open) - The Committee will meet with representatives of the NRC Staff to hear presentations and to discuss matters related to resolution of selected safety issues related to light water reactors, the NRC-ACRS decisionmaking process, recent reactor operating experience and licensing actions, and the future schedule for ACRS activities. Members of the Staff will report to the ACRS regarding safety research in the Federal Republic of Germany related to reactor containment.

1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.: Executive Session (Open) - The Committee

will hear and discuss the reports of its Subcommittees and consultants who may be present regarding the request for approval of Exxon Nuclear Company reload fuel for pressurized water reactors and for operation of the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Unit 1 with Exxon Nuclear Company reload fuel. Portions of this session will be closed if required to discuss Proprietary Information regarding these matters and safeguards provisions related to the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant.

1:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.: Exxon Nuclear Company Reload Fuel for

Pressurized Water Reactors (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC Staff and the Exxon Nuclear Company regarding proposed

reload fuel for use in pressurized water reactors. Portions of this session will be closed if required to review Proprietary Information related to the design, fabrication or operation of this type fuel.

3:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.: Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Unit 1 (Open)

The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC Staff and the Applicant regarding the operation of the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant at full power with reload fuel provided by the Exxon Nuclear Company. Portions of this session will be closed if necessary to discuss Proprietary Information related to this plant and safeguards provisions for this session.

5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.: Executive Session (Closed) - This portion of the meeting will be closed to discuss prospective candidates for appointment to the Committee.

Saturday, January 8, 1977

8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.: Executive Session (Closed) - The Committee will meet in closed executive session to exchange and discuss personal opinions and recommendations leading to the formulation of advice with respect to items considered at this meeting. Proposed ACRS activities and reports on generic matters such as the environmental effects of the LWR fuel cycle and selected safety issues related to LWR reactors will be discussed.

I have determined in accordance with Subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 that it is necessary to close portions of the meeting as noted above to protect material, which has been designated national security information and is classified under E.O. No. 11652 (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1)), and to protect proprietary data (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)), to protect the free exchange of opinion during the Committee's deliberative process (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5)), and discussion of information which, if written, would fall within the provisions of exemption 5 of 5 U.S.C. 552(b) (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5)), to preserve the confidentiality of procedures for the protection of information related to safeguarding of special nuclear material and the basis for appointment of ACRS members which is intra-agency and/or personnel policy information (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(2) and (5)), and to protect information which, if released, would represent an undue invasion of privacy (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)). These closed sessions will consist primarily of deliberative discussion among the Committee members leading to the formulation of advice and recommendations to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Separation of factual information and information considered exempt from disclosure under exemption (1), exemption (2), exemption (4), exemption (5), and exemption (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552(b) from the individual advice, opinion or recommendations of ACRS members and consultants during this discussion is not considered practical.

Practical considerations may dictate alterations in the above agenda or schedule. The Chairman of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a manner that in his judgment will facilitate the orderly conduct of business, including provisions to carry over an incompletd open session from one day to the next.

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards is an independent group established by Congress to review and report on each application for a construction permit and on each application for an operating license for a reactor facility and on certain other nuclear safety matters. The Committee's reports become a part of the public record. Although ACRS meetings are ordinarily open to the public and provide for oral or written statements to be considered as a part of the Committee's information gathering procedure concerning the health and safety of the public, they are not adjudicatory type hearings such as are conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety & Licensing Board as part of the Commission's licensing process. ACRS meetings do not normally treat matters pertaining to environmental impacts outside the safety area.

With respect to public participation in the open portion of the meeting, the following requirements shall apply:

- (a) Persons wishing to submit written statements regarding the agenda items may do so by providing a readily reproducible copy

to the Committee at the beginning of the meeting. Comments should be limited to safety related areas within the Committee's purview. Persons desiring to mail written comments may do so by mailing a readily reproducible copy thereof in time for consideration at this meeting. Comments postmarked no later than December 22, 1976, to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 will normally be received in time to be considered at this meeting. Background information concerning items to be considered at this meeting can be found in documents on file and available for public inspection at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555 and at the following Public Document Rooms:

Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station

Ida Rupp Public Library  
310 Madison Street  
Port Clinton, OH 43452

North Anna Stations Units 1 and 2

1. Louisa County Courthouse  
Louisa, VA 23093
2. Alderman Library  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

D. C. Cook Unit 1

Maude Preston Palenske Memorial Library  
500 Market Street  
St. Joseph, MI 49085



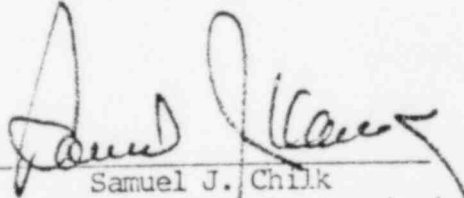
- (b) Those persons wishing to make oral statements regarding agenda items at the meeting should make a request to do so prior to the meeting, identifying the topics and desired presentation time so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The Committee will receive oral statements in safety related areas within the Committee's purview at an appropriate time chosen by the Chairman of the Committee.
  
- (c) Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting or portions of the meeting have been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by a prepaid telephone call on January 5, 1977, to the Office of the Executive Director of the Committee (Telephone: 202-634-1371) between 8:15 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Eastern Time. It should be noted that the above schedule is tentative, based on the anticipated availability of related information, etc. It may be necessary to reschedule items to accommodate required changes. The ACRS Executive Director will be prepared to describe these changes on January 5, 1977.
  
- (d) Questions may be propounded only by members of the Committee and its consultants.

- (e) The use of still, movie, and television cameras, the physical installation and presence of which will not interfere with the course of the meeting, will be permitted both before and after the meeting and during any recess. The use of such equipment will not, however, be allowed while the meeting is in session.
- (f) Persons with agreements or orders permitting access to proprietary information other than safeguards information may attend portions of ACRS meetings where this material is being discussed upon confirmation that such agreements are effective and relate to the material being discussed.

The Executive Director of the ACRS should be informed of such an agreement at least 3 days prior to the meeting so that the agreement can be confirmed and a determination can be made regarding the applicability of this agreement to the material that will be discussed during the meeting. Minimum information provided should include information regarding the date of the agreement, the scope of material included in the agreement, the project or projects involved, and the names and titles of the persons signing the agreement. Additional information may be requested to identify the specific agreement involved. A copy of the executed agreement should be provided to the Executive Director at the beginning of the meeting.

(g) A copy of the transcript of the open portion(s) of the meeting where factual information is presented will be available for inspection during the following workday at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC. Copies of the minutes of the meeting will be made available for inspection at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC, on or after April 10, 1977. Copies may be obtained upon payment of appropriate charges.

December 17, 1976  
(Date)

  
Samuel J. Chilk  
Secretary to the Commission