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670TH MEETING

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

(ACRS)

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WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

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The Advisory Committee met at the Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, Room  
T2D30, 11545 Rockville Pike, at 1:00 p.m., Matthew  
Sunseri, Chairman, presiding.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MATTHEW W. SUNSERI, Chairman

RONALD G. BALLINGER, Member

DENNIS BLEY, Member

CHARLES H. BROWN, JR. Member

VESNA B. DIMITRIJEVIC, Member

WALTER L. KIRCHNER, Member

JOSE MARCH-LEUBA, Member

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DAVID A. PETTI, Member

JOY L. REMPE, Member

PETER RICCARDELLA, Member

DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL:

HOSSEIN NOURBAKHS

ALSO PRESENT:

\*Present via telephone

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

1:03 p.m.

CHAIRMAN SUNSERI: The meeting will now come to order. This is the first day in the 670th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

I am Matt Sunseri, the Chair of the ACRS. Members in attendance are Ron Ballinger, Dave Petti, Peter Riccardella, Joy Rempe, Jose March-Leuba, Dennis Bley, Vesna Dimitrijevic and Charlie Brown. Walt Kirchner will be joining us shortly. And I note we have a quorum.

The ACRS was established the Atomic Energy Act and is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The ACRS section of the U.S. NRC public website provides information about the history of the ACRS and provides documents such as our charter, bylaws, federal register notice for meetings, letter reports, transcripts of all full-subcommittee meetings, including all slides presented at the meetings.

The Committee provides its advice on safe matters to the Commission through its publicly available letter reports.

The Federal Register notice announcing this meeting was published on January 14th, 2020 and

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1 provides and agenda and instructions to interested  
2 parties to provide written documents or requests  
3 opportunities to address the Committee.

4 The designated federal official for this  
5 meeting is Hossein Nourbakhsh. Today's meeting, the  
6 Committee will consider the following.

7 Item Number 1, biannual review of NRC's  
8 safety research program and quality review of selected  
9 RES projects.

10 Second topic, NuScale design certification  
11 application safety evaluation.

12 As reflected in the agenda, portions of  
13 the NuScale session may be closed in order to discuss  
14 and protect information designated as sensitive or  
15 proprietary.

16 A phone bridge line has been opened to  
17 allow members of the public to listen in on the  
18 presentations and Committee discussion.

19 We have received no written comments or  
20 requests to make oral statements from members of the  
21 public regarding today's session. There will be an  
22 opportunity for public comment. And we have set aside  
23 ten minutes in the agenda for comments from the public  
24 attending or listening to our meeting.

25 Written comments may be forwarded to Mr.

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1 Hossein Nourbakhsh, the designated federal official.

2 A transcript of the open portion of the  
3 meeting is being kept. And it is requested that the  
4 speakers use the microphones, identify themselves and  
5 speak with sufficient clarity and volume, that they  
6 can be readily heard.

7 At this point, we are ready to move to the  
8 first agenda item. We completed the opening remarks  
9 and now I'll turn to Dr. Joy Rempe for the biannual  
10 review NRC safety research program.

11 Joy.

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