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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MD, FEBRUARY 9-10

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has scheduled a technical meeting February 9-10 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room T2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike.

Although meetings of the ACRS are open to the public, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACRS, 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 January 25.

On Thursday, February 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., the ACRS chairman will make opening remarks.

From 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and General Electric Nuclear Energy to discuss a safety evaluation report. It deals with modifications to guidelines for handling anticipated transients without scram events in boiling water reactors that are accompanied by core power instability.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss environmental qualification requirements for digital instrument and control systems.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss the potential risks associated with a pipe break outside primary containment for boiling water reactors.

From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff to discuss a proposed final revision to Regulatory Guide 1.118, "Periodic Testing of Electric Power and Protection Systems."

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From 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the committee will meet with representatives of the NRC staff and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited Technologies to discuss potential research issues for its CANDU3 reactor design.

From 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the committee will discuss a Commission request for further understanding in determining where the current number of operating plants fall within safety goals.

From 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the committee will discuss the qualifications of candidates nominated for appointment to the ACRS.

On Friday, February 10, from 8:35 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the committee will meet with NRC representatives and the Nuclear Energy Institute to discuss a proposed final amendment to Part 50 of NRC regulations that deals with inspection of concrete and metal containments.

From 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACRS business.

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the committee will discuss future ACRS activities.

From 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the committee will discuss responses from the NRC to ACRS recommendations.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports to the NRC.

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

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/415-7361.)

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