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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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July 16, 2021

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Hanson  
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FROM: Scott W. Moore, Executive Director  
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SOLICIT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW  
MEMBER ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR  
SAFEGUARDS

This memorandum is to request approval to begin the solicitation process to replace Dr. Peter Riccardella on the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). Dr. Riccardella's term ends on August 31, 2021, and after two terms on the Committee and recently serving in several leadership positions, he has indicated his intent not to seek reappointment at the end of this term. Dr. Riccardella has served as the ACRS' authority on structural integrity. In addition, the Committee has relied on Dr. Riccardella's contributions to seismic reviews, including fracture mechanics at nuclear power plants.

The ACRS is anticipating the need to support advanced reactor concepts involving fuel designs and coolant chemistry significantly different than the current operating reactors. Considering ACRS members' current specialties as well as recent and future work, the Committee proposes to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Riccardella's departure with a member whose experience is in nuclear fuel cycle chemistry, structural integrity, and/or metallurgy applicable to nuclear facilities and/or nuclear power plant systems or components. See the enclosure for more detailed information.

If the Commission approves our request to solicit for a position on the ACRS, we will work closely with the Offices of the Chief Human Capital Officer, Public Affairs, Small Business and

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Civil Rights, and the Secretary to issue a Federal Register Notice and develop a draft press release. Additionally, in SRM-COMSECY-13-0013, the Commission provided direction that for future ACRS vacancies, the ACRS should strengthen its efforts to improve the Committee's diversity through its implementation of the NRC's Comprehensive Diversity Management Program. If the solicitation is approved, I plan to advertise the position widely in order to recruit from a diverse, highly qualified group of potential applicants. For additional information or questions, please call me at 415-0613.

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Enclosures:

1. ACRS Request to Solicit for a New Member  
(non-publicly available)
2. Draft Federal Register Notice
3. Draft Press Release

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