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May 5, 2022

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Hanson  
Commissioner Baran  
Commissioner Wright

FROM: Scott W. Moore, Executive Director **Scott W. Moore**  
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

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

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The purpose of this memorandum is for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) to request Commission approval to re-solicit, with a different focus, for a position that the Commission originally approved in Staff Requirements – COMSECY-21-0009. The ACRS also requests the Commission’s approval to solicit for a second position at the same time.

In COMSECY-21-0009, “Request to Solicit for the Appointment of a New Member on the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards,” dated July 16, 2021, ACRS requested the Commission’s approval to solicit for a vacancy. The Committee specifically sought individuals with extensive experience in nuclear fuel cycle chemistry, structural integrity, and/or metallurgy applicable to nuclear facilities and/or nuclear power plant systems or components. The Commission approved ACRS’ request in SRM-COMSECY-21-0009, dated July 22, 2021. Subsequently a *Federal Register* notice was published last fall that closed in December 2021.

In accordance with NRC’s process to fill advisory committee vacancies, a screening panel and the Committee reviewed and discussed applications received in response to the solicitation. See Enclosure 1 for details.

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While deliberating about the applicants, members also discussed the ACRS' current skill requirements. Members concluded that the Committee's needs had changed since the Commission approved SRM-COMSECY-21-0009 in July 2021. With an increased emphasis being given to safety issues associated with new light water and non-light water reactor design technologies, ACRS applicants are now needed with broader experience in nuclear safety, rather than the specialties identified in mid-2021. "Generalists" with distinguished experience in multiple fields of nuclear reactor and/or nuclear fuel cycle safety will be most effective over the next few years, on the type of review work currently before the ACRS and projected to come to the Committee.

To address these solicitation results and changing requirements, the ACRS requests the Commission's approval to re-solicit for the position, with a different description of the experience being sought. The revised solicitation would focus on the need for applicants with broad nuclear safety experience. Enclosure 1 provides detailed information.

In addition to seeking the Commission's approval to re-solicit for the previously approved position, the ACRS also requests Commission approval to solicit for a second vacancy at the same time. The Committee proposes that the second position also be for an experienced "generalist," with a similar skill set. The ACRS' workload is expected to increase over the next few years, commensurate with the reactor business lines' increases in applications. Additional members would help the Committee maintain challenging review schedules along with the NRC staff. Currently, the Committee is at 10 out of a possible 15 members. Filling two more positions would return Committee strength to 12 members.

If the Commission approves this request to solicit for two positions on the Committee, ACRS staff will continue to work with the Offices of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO), Public Affairs, Small Business and Civil Rights (SBCR), and the Secretary to issue a *Federal Register* notice and develop a draft press release. See Enclosures 2 and 3. 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 Inclusive Diversity Strategic Plan (formerly Comprehensive Diversity Management Program). Also, in response to SRM-COMSECY-21-0009, ACRS staff met with OCHCO and SBCR to address hiring practices to ensure existing criteria for screening, such as minimum years of experience, are not decreasing diversity of the candidate pool for these selections. ACRS subsequently updated the solicitation wording. If the solicitation is

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approved, ACRS staff will continue to work with OCHCO and SBCR to advertise the position widely, in order to recruit from a diverse, highly qualified group of potential applicants.

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Enclosures:

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

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS DATED: MAY 5, 2022

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Enclosure 1: ACRS Request to Solicit for New  
Members (non-publicly available) **ML22123A298**

Enclosure 2: Draft Federal Register Notice **ML22123A297**

Enclosure 3: Draft Press Release **ML22123A296** **\*via email**

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