

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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Honorable John A. McCone
Chairman
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: THE ACRS SUBCOMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Dear Mr. McCone:

As Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards for this year I would like to inform you of the subcommittee procedures which we plan to utilize as a means of reducing the time and frequency of full committee meetings.

During the last few months we have established subcommittees for each power and test reactor case brought before the Committee for review. As each new case is presented a subcommittee of three or more members will be appointed by the Chairman to critically review the site, design, and operating factors related to health and safety of the public.

It is our intention to have the subcommittee meet with the staff and applicant to analyze and review each case thoroughly. When the staff and subcommittee are satisfied that all factors in regard to health and safety of the public have been resolved the case will be presented to the full ACRS. The subcommittee would like to have the HEB staff assigned to each case present during the meeting with the applicant. The subcommittee will of course have the privilege of meeting alone and making an independent judgment on each case. The subcommittee should have the opportunity to visit the proposed site and the applicant's facilities in cooperation with the staff.

On a basis of this system the full committee will not usually take action upon any case until its subcommittee and the HEB staff are fully satisfied that the applicant is ready for a final review.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Leslie Silverman

Leslie Silverman
Chairman