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AGENDA 728th ACRS MEETING September 3-5, 2025 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD

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WEDESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

1)	8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open) (WK/MB) 1.1) Opening statement 1.2) Agenda and items of current interest		
2)	8:35 AM – 10:30 AM	Palisades Nuclear Plant Restart Activities (Open/Closed) (GH/QN) 2.1) Remarks from Subcommittee Chairman 2.2) Committee deliberation 2.3) Preparation of reports		
		[NOTE: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C 552b(c)(4), a portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary.]		
3)	10:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Committee Deliberation on Palisades Nuclear Plant Restart Activities (Open/Closed) (GH/QN) 3.1) Committee deliberation 3.2) Preparation of reports		

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Breaks and Lunch at discretion of the Chairman

4) 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Wrap-Up of Current ACRS Activities on the Seabrook Alkali-Silica Reaction Topic (Open) (GH/QN)

- 4.1) Remarks from Subcommittee Chairman
- 4.2) Committee deliberation
- 4.3) Preparation of reports
- 5) 3:00 PM 5:00 PM <u>Committee Deliberation on Current ACRS Activities on the</u> Seabrook Alkali-Silica Reaction Topic (Open) (GH/QN)
 - 5.1) Committee deliberation
 - 5.2) Preparation of reports

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

6) 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Planning and Procedures Session/Future ACRS Activities/ Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations/Preparation of Reports (Open/Closed) (WK/MB)

- 6.1) Discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee
- 6.2) Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments
- 6.3) Discussion of the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters
- 6.4) Preparation of reports
- 6.5) Other committee business

[NOTE: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), a portion of this meeting may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS.]

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

7) 8:30 PM – 5:00 PM <u>Preparation of Reports</u> (Open/Closed) (WK/MB)

7.1) Preparation of reports

7.2) Other committee business

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NOTES:

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232(b)), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold this Full Committee meeting. In addition, the ACRS is implementing Executive Order (EO) 14300, "Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission," dated May 23, 2025. Section 4.(b) of the EO states, in part, that the functions of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) shall be reduced to the minimum necessary to fulfill ACRS's statutory obligations and that review by ACRS of permitting and licensing issues shall focus on issues that are truly novel and noteworthy. The ACRS will only undertake other work as directed by the Commission in accordance with Sections 29 and 182b of the Atomic Energy Act.

Participants on the line will be muted except when the Chairman opens the meeting to public comment. When appropriate, members of the public and representatives of the nuclear industry may provide their views during the briefings. Presentation time should not exceed 50 percent of the total time allocated for a given item. The remaining 50 percent of the time is reserved for discussion. One (1) electronic copy of the presentation materials should be provided to the ACRS in advance of the briefing. Public Comments should be limited to 5 minutes each.

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