

## TH28 Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards – The Latest Chapter

The mission of the USNRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) is to provide objective and independent advice to the Commission on nuclear safety and technical matters. The ACRS is a statutory committee specifically authorized by the Atomic Energy Act. The Committee began operations in 1957, serving the USNRC's predecessor, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).

The focus of the Session will be on some recent changes in the ACRS Charter and operations. In 2009, the ACRS charter was changed to reflect adding the responsibilities of the former Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNW&M). In addition, since 2008, the ACRS has been fully staffed with 15 members to accommodate a much increased workload with a particular focus on new reactor licensing.

The Session will include speakers from the ACRS, USNRC staff, industry, and others who will focus on the unique challenges and opportunities associated with implementing the mission of the ACRS at a time of significant change for the USNRC and industry.

**Session Chair:** Edwin Hackett, Executive Director, NRC/ACRS

### **Speakers/Panelists:**

ACRS - The Latest Chapter

*Presentation View*

*Handout View*

*Said Abdel-Khalik, Chairman, NRC/ACRS*

ACRS Contributions to the New Reactor Licensing Process

*Presentation View*

*Handout View*

*Frank Akstulewicz, Deputy Director for Licensing Operations, Division of New Reactor Licensing, NRC/NRO*

Beaver Valley Containment Liner Experience

*Presentation View*

*Handout View*

*Mark Manoleras, Director, Beaver Valley Site Engineering, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company*

The Role of the ACRS: A Public Interest View

*Presentation View*

*Handout View*

*Edwin Lyman, Senior Staff Scientist, Union of Concerned Scientists*

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