



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
WASHINGTON, DC 20555 - 0001

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
Commissioner Svinicki

FROM: Edwin M. Hackett, Executive Director */RA/*
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SOLICIT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER
TO REPLACE OTTO MAYNARD ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
REACTOR SAFEGUARDS (ACRS)

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval to begin the solicitation for a new member to replace Mr. Otto Maynard who has indicated that he would not be available to serve a second term. This request is being forwarded to the Commission ahead of the normal schedule based on the amount of time it takes to find a highly qualified candidate, and complete the hiring process.

Attached are a draft *Federal Register* notice and a draft Press Release that we propose to use to solicit qualified candidates for possible appointment to the ACRS. This solicitation is to replace Mr. Otto Maynard whose first term expires in January 2010 and who has indicated he will not be available to serve a second term.

Based on the Committee's projected workload in the area of new reactors, and the consolidation of the former Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste & Materials into the ACRS, the draft *Federal Register* notice and the draft Press Release states that the Commission is seeking individuals with a minimum of 10 years of broad experience in nuclear engineering coupled with operational exposure to issues relative to new reactor designs pertaining to digital instrumentation and control, civil/structural engineering, or radiation protection.

For additional information, please call me at 415-7360.

Attachments:

1. Draft *Federal Register* Notice
2. Draft Press Release

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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for résumés.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) seeks qualified candidates for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). Submit résumés to Ms. Janet Riner, Executive Secretary, ACRS, Mail Stop T2E-26, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or e-mail Janet.Riner@NRC.GOV .

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACRS is a part-time advisory group, which is statutorily mandated by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. ACRS provides independent expert advice on matters related to the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants and on the adequacy of proposed reactor safety standards. Of primary importance are the safety issues associated with the operation of 104 commercial nuclear power plants in the United States and regulatory initiatives, including risk-informed and performance-based regulations, license renewal, power uprates, and the use of mixed oxide and high burnup fuels. An increased emphasis is being given to safety issues associated with new reactor designs and technologies, including passive system reliability and thermal hydraulic phenomena, use of digital instrumentation and control, international codes and standards used in multinational design certifications, material and structural engineering, nuclear analysis and reactor core performance, and nuclear materials and radiation protection. In addition, the ACRS

may be requested to provide advice on radiation protection, radioactive waste management and earth sciences in the agency's licensing reviews for fuel fabrication and enrichment facilities, and for waste disposal facilities.

The ACRS also has some involvement in security matters related to the integration of safety and security of commercial reactors. See NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/aboutnrc/regulatory/advisory/acrs.html> for additional information about ACRS. Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear reactor safety matters, the ability to solve complex technical problems, and the ability to work collegially on a board, panel, or committee. The Commission, in selecting its Committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACRS. ACRS Committee members are appointed for four-year terms and normally serve no more than three terms. The Commission looks to fill one vacancy as a result of this request. For this position, a candidate must have at least 10 years of broad experience in the area of nuclear engineering coupled with operational exposure to issues relative to new reactor designs such as digital instrumentation and control, civil/structural engineering, or radiation protection relative.

Candidates with pertinent graduate level experience will be given additional consideration. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds, so that the membership on the Committee is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee. Candidates will undergo a thorough security background check to obtain the

security clearance that is mandatory for all ACRS members. The security background check will involve the completion and submission of paperwork to NRC. Candidates for ACRS appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. However, because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of a candidate in ACRS activities, the degree and nature of any such restriction on an individual's activities as a member will be considered in the selection process. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities or discontinuance of certain contracts or grants. Information regarding these restrictions will be provided upon request. A résumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including any special accomplishments, publications, and professional references should be provided. Candidates should provide their current address, telephone number, and e-mail address. All candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to factors such as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 100 days per year to Committee business. Résumés will be accepted until September 30, 2009.

Date

Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking qualified candidates for appointment to its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS).

The ACRS is a part-time advisory group, which is statutorily mandated by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. ACRS provides independent technical review of, and advice on, matters related to the safety of existing and proposed nuclear facilities and on the adequacy of proposed reactor safety standards. Of primary importance are the safety issues associated with the operation of 104 commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, and regulatory initiatives including risk-informed and performance-based regulations, license renewal, power uprates, and the use of mixed oxide and high burnup fuels. An increased emphasis is being given to safety issues associated with new reactor designs and technologies including passive system reliability and thermal hydraulic phenomena, use of digital instrumentation and control, international codes and standards for use in multinational design certifications, material and structural engineering, nuclear analysis and reactor core performance and nuclear materials and radiation. Additionally, the ACRS may be requested to provide advice on radiation protection, radioactive waste management, and earth sciences in the agency's licensing reviews for fuel fabrication and enrichment facilities, and for waste disposal facilities.

Currently, the Commission is seeking an individual with technical expertise in the area of nuclear engineering. The ACRS membership includes individuals who possess specific technical expertise along with a broad perspective in addressing safety concerns. Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as risk

assessment, chemistry, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, materials sciences, health physics, and earth sciences.

For this position, a candidate must have at least 10 years of broad experience in nuclear engineering coupled with operational exposure relative to new reactor designs such as digital instrumentation and control, civil/structural engineering, or radiation protection relative to new reactor designs.

Candidates with pertinent graduate level education will be given additional consideration. Committee members serve a four-year term with the possibility of two reappointments for a total service of 12 years. The Commission seeks to fill this vacancy as a result of this request. Criteria used to evaluate candidates includes education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear engineering, the ability to solve complex technical problems, and the ability to work collegially on a board, panel, or committee. The Commission, in selecting its committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACRS. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with varying views and of diverse backgrounds so that the membership on the committee is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee. Candidates will undergo a thorough security background check to obtain the security clearance that is mandatory for all ACRS members. The security background check will involve the completion and submission of paperwork to NRC. Candidates for ACRS appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. However, because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of a candidate in ACRS activities, the degree and nature of such restriction on an individual's activities as a member will be considered in the selection process. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with

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