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NRC's ACRS Elects 2026 Leadership, Announces New Member and Confirms Meeting Schedule

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has elected Greg Halnon as Chairman, David Petti as Vice-Chairman and Craig Harrington as Member-at-Large. In addition, ACRS has also appointed Annie Kammerer to a four-year term, and confirmed a schedule of 10 meetings in 2026.

Kammerer currently serves as chief of the Nuclear Power Branch in the Office of the Chief of Engineers at Department of the Army headquarters, bringing more than 20 years of experience in seismic hazard evaluations, probabilistic risk analysis, soil-structure interaction and risk-informed engineering for nuclear power plants. Her career includes leading microreactor technical development at the Pentagon, consulting for the commercial nuclear industry and national laboratories, and seven years with the NRC, where she led major seismic and tsunami research efforts and authored key federal guidance, including Regulatory Guide 1.208 and NUREG-2117. She holds three degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, including a doctorate in geotechnical earthquake engineering.

The ACRS, a group of experienced technical experts, advises the Commission, independently from the NRC staff, on safety issues related to licensing and operation of nuclear power plants as well as issues of health physics and radiation protection. The confirmed ACRS 2026 full-committee [meetings schedule](#) and the complete list of [ACRS members](#), with biographies, are available on the NRC [website](#).

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The global gold standard for nuclear regulation, the NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.