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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET ON MAY 23-25

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting May 23-25 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room 2B3 in the NRC's Two White Flint North Building at 11545 Rockville Pike.

As part of the meeting, the committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on May 24 in the NRC's One White Flint Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, to discuss items of mutual interest. The items include the use of independent plant examinations of nuclear power plants, fire protection issues, proposed changes to NRC regulations dealing with reactor siting criteria and documents related to digital instrumentation and control systems.

Although meetings of the ACRS are open to the public, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACRS, an advisory group to the Commission, conducts independent, highly technical reviews of safety considerations related to nuclear facilities. While anyone may attend, the committee will consider only oral or written statements arranged in advance and limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of Meeting published in the May 6 edition of the Federal Register.

The meeting may include closed sessions, if required, to discuss proprietary information.

Here is the complete meeting agenda:

THURSDAY, MAY 23

8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. -- Opening remarks by the ACRS chairman.

8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. -- Discussion with the NRC staff regarding a report on insights of individual plant examination, with emphasis on safety goal issues.

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff concerning a proposed rule on operations at nuclear power plants during shutdowns and the results of a study of shutdown risk at two nuclear plants that agreed to participate in the analysis-- Surry in Virginia and Grand Gulf in Mississippi.

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding sections of the NRC's standard review plan, regulatory guides and branch technical positions related to digital instrumentation and control systems in nuclear power plants.

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff concerning the status of resolving and implementing recommendations of the NRC's Regulatory Review Group.

4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed reports to the NRC.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

8:35 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. -- Discussion of items for meeting with the NRC Commissioners.

11:a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Discussion of planning and procedures matters.

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. -- Discussion of responses from the NRC's executive director for operations to ACRS recommendations.

1:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. -- Discussion of items of significant importance to the NRC.

Persons wishing to submit statements on any of these topics may do so by providing a readily reproducible copy to the committee or by mailing it to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling 301/415-5024.)

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