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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET APRIL 11-13

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting April 11-13 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.

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 March 25 edition of the Federal Register.

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

Here is the complete meeting agenda:

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

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 proposed final revisions to NRC regulations related to reactor site criteria.

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding domestic and foreign research activities in the severe accident area.

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff concerning NRC's graded quality assurance program.

3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. -- Discussion of planning and procedures matters.

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed reports to the NRC.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:35 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding items of mutual interest, including activities associated with the development of risk-informed and performance-based regulations, risk-based performance indicators and spent fuel pools.

10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff regarding activities of NRC's Spent Fuel Project Office, including decommissioning, health effects of low-level radiation and a proposed standard review plan for dry cask storage systems.

11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Discussion of responses from the NRC's executive director for operations to ACRS recommendations.

1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. -- Discussion with Westinghouse Electric and NRC staff regarding the Westinghouse best-estimate emergency core cooling system computer code for thermal hydraulics.

2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. -- Discussions with the Nuclear Energy Institute concerning experience gained through use of the NRC's RuleNet in the rulemaking process.

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

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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