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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, JULY 8-10

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting July 8-10 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, 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 an upcoming edition of the Federal Register.

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

Here is the complete meeting agenda:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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

8:45 to 10:30 a.m. -- Presentation and discussion with representatives from General Electric Nuclear Energy, the Northern States Power Co., and NRC staff regarding Monticello Nuclear Generating Station's application for power uprate.

10:45 TO 12:15 P.M. -- Discussion of proposed changes to 10 CFR 50.59 (Changes, Tests and Experiments).

1:15 to 3:45 p.m. -- Discussions with representatives from Westinghouse Electric Company on the AP600 reactor.

4:00 to 5:30 p.m. -- Fire barrier penetration seals and related matters.

5:45 to 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

8:45 to 10:30 a.m. -- BWR pressure vessel shell weld inspections.

10:45 to 12:15 p.m. -- Presentation by the Director of the NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on its operating plan.

1:15 to 1:45 p.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

1:45 to 2:00 p.m. -- Reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations.

2:00 to 2:30 p.m. -- Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee.

2:45 to 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. -- preparation of ACRS reports.

3:00 to 4:30 p.m. -- Review of technical papers to be presented at the Quadripartite meeting to be held in Japan on October 5-9. Papers to be discussed include safety of future nuclear power plants, safety of aging plants, steam generator operating experience, assessment of computerized systems, safety of high burn-up and mixed oxide fuels/ fuel behavior under reactivity induced accidents, risk significance of low-power and shutdown events and probabilistic safety assessment and risk-based regulation.

4:30 to 5:00 p.m. -- Miscellaneous.

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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