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**NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, NOVEMBER 6-7**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting November 6-7 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:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

8:45 to 10:15 a.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff on the use of uncertainty versus point values in the PRA-related decision-making process.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Discussions with NRC staff on proposed final generic letter regarding loss of reactor coolant inventory and associated potential for loss of emergency mitigation functions while in a shutdown condition.

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. -- Meeting with NRC's Acting Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Effectiveness.

2:45 to 4:15 p.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff on the Safety Research Program.

4:30 to 7:00 p.m. -- Presentation of ACRS reports.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:35 to 9:35 a.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff on severe accident management.

9:35 to 10:30 a.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff on staff actions related to the development of a revised fire protection rule.

10:45 to 11:15 a.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

11:15 to 11:30 a.m. -- Reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations.

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee.

1:00 to 1:30 p.m. -- Miscellaneous matters.

1:30 to 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

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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.

ACRS meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on the Internet at www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW.

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