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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting September 30-October 2 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in conference room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North building at 11545 Rockville Pike.

Here is the complete agenda:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

8:45 - 10:15 a.m. -- NRC safety research programs.

10:30 - noon -- Combustion Engineering Owners Group proposal to eliminate the post-accident sampling system requirements.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. -- Rulemaking and review plans associated with the development of risk-informed revisions to 10 CFR Part 50.

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. -- Proposed resolution of generic safety issue (GSI) -148, "Smoke Control and Manual Fire Fighting Effectiveness."

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. -- Break and preparation of draft ACRS reports.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. -- Joint ACRS/Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste report on the proposed framework for risk-informed regulations in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 - 8:35 a.m. -- Opening remarks by the ACRS Chairman.

8:35 - 10:00 a.m. -- Proposed resolution of generic safety issue (GSI)-23, "Reactor Coolant Pump Seal Failures."

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. -- Proposed final amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a, "Codes and Standards."

1:15 - 2:45 p.m. -- Proposed regulatory guide on design bases information.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. -- Proposed resolution of generic safety issue B-55, "Improved Reliability of Target Rock Safety Relief Valves."

4:00 - 5:15 p.m. -- Break and preparation of draft ACRS reports.

5:15 - 7:15 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 - 10:15 a.m. -- Discussion of ACRS meeting with the Commission.

10:15 - 11:00 a.m. -- Report of the planning and procedures subcommittee.

11:00 - 11:15 a.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

11:15 a.m. - Noon -- Subcommittee Chairmen reports.

Noon - 12:45 p.m. -- Reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations.

12:45 - 5:00 p.m. -- Discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

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

Although meetings of the ACRS are open, they are not a part of the agency's normal hearing process. The ACRS, an advisory committee 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 described in a Notice of Meeting published in an upcoming edition of the Federal Register. ACRS meeting agendas, transcripts, and letter reports are available on the internet, at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Those seeking information on opportunities to present oral statements or on schedule changes, should contact Sam Duraiswamy, at 301-415-7364.

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