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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 March 10-13 in Rockville, Maryland.

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

Here is the complete meeting schedule:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:30 8:45 a.m. -- Opening remarks by the ACRS Chairman;
- 8:45 10:15 a.m. -- Status of the proposed final revision to 10 CFR 50.59 (changes, tests, and experiments);
- 10:30 a.m. noon -- Westinghouse best-estimate large-break loss-of-coolant-accident methodology;
- 1:00 4:15 p.m. -- Phase 1 standard for probabilistic risk assessment quality;
- 4:30 7:15 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS Reports.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:30 8:35 a.m. -- Opening remarks by ACRS Chairman;
- 8:35 10:00 a.m. -- Event reporting requirements rule;
- 10:15 11:45 a.m. -- Reevaluation of the generic safety issue process;
- 1:00 2:30 p.m. -- Fuel burnup extension licensing framework/NRC participation in the CABRI reactor fuels research program;
- 2:45 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:30 8:35 a.m. -- Opening remarks by ACRS Chairman;
- 8:35 10:00 a.m. -- Guidance for implementing the revised enforcement policy;
- 10:15 11:45 a.m. -- Safety evaluation report on the topical report regarding tritium production core;
- 11:45 a.m. noon -- Reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations;
- 1:00 1:30 p.m. -- Report of the planning and procedures subcommittee;
- 1:30 2:00 p.m. -- Future ACRS activities;
- 2:00 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- 8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports;
- 3:00 3:30 p.m. -- Miscellaneous.

Although meetings of the ACRS are open, they are not part of the agency'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. ACRS meeting agendas, transcripts and letter reports are available on the internet, at http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW

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

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