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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 May 5-8 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 meeting schedule:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- 1:00 1:15 p.m. -- Opening remarks by the ACRS Chairman;
- 1:15 1:45 p.m. -- Electric Power Research Institute application of risk-informed methods to inservice inspection of piping;
- 1:45 2:45 p.m. -- Proposed final revision to 10 CFR 50.59 (changes, tests and experiments);
- 3:00 4:30 p.m. -- Safety evaluation for the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant license renewal application;
- 4:30 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

- 8:30 8:35 a.m. -- Opening remarks by ACRS Chairman;
- 8:30 9:15 a.m. -- Proposed resolution of generic safety issue 158, "performance of safety related power-operated valves under design bases conditions;"
- 9:15 10:00 a.m. -- Proposed resolution of generic safety issue 165, "spring-actuated safety relief valve reliability;"
- 10:15 11:45 a.m. -- Fire protection functional inspection program;
- 12:45 p.m. 2:15 p.m. -- Westinghouse Owners Group proposal for modification of core damage assessment guidelines and post-accident sampling system requirements;
- 2:15 6:30 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

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

8:35 - 9:30 a.m. -- Tutorial on instrument setpoints;

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. -- Reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations;

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. -- Report of the planning and procedures subcommittee;

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. -- Future ACRS activities;

11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports;

2:00 - 2:30 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 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 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.

Those seeking information on whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled should contact Dr. Richard P. Savio, 301-415-7363.

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