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## DR. RICHARD S. DENNING APPOINTED TO NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has appointed Dr. Richard S. Denning to its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). As part of this 10-person committee, Dr. Denning will serve as an independent advisor to the Commission on the safety aspects of nuclear facilities and the adequacy of safety standards.

In 1967, Dr. Denning joined Battelle Memorial Institute, where his research concentrated on international safety, risk assessment, sabotage assessment and nonproliferation assessment. He became a member of the Ohio State University faculty in 1999 and served as chair of the Nuclear Engineering Graduate Studies Program from 1999 to 2001. He continues to teach and work with graduate students on research projects.

An internationally recognized expert in the fields of risk analysis and severe accident behavior of nuclear reactors, he has been a principal contributor to previous NRC research activities, including the first study of commercial reactor risk and the Severe Accident Research Program. Throughout his professional career, Dr. Denning has been associated with a variety of advisory committees on reactor and non-reactor nuclear facility safety, including the Department of Energy's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Facility Safety.

For more information about the ACRS, including information about future meetings, go to <a href="http://www.nrc.gov/who-we-are/organization/acrsfuncdesc.html">http://www.nrc.gov/who-we-are/organization/acrsfuncdesc.html</a>.