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**NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO
MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, SEPTEMBER 2-4**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting September 2-4 in Rockville, Maryland. Issues to be discussed include the impact of probabilistic risk assessment results and insights on the regulatory system, and establishing a benchmark on risk during low-power and shutdown operations.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Room T-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:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

8:45 to 10:15 a.m. -- Power level increase for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Impact of the probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) results and insights on the regulatory system.

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. -- Establishing a benchmark on risk during low-power and shutdown operations.

2:45 to 4:15 p.m. -- Emergency core cooling system strainer blockage.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

8:35 to 10:00 a.m. -- Proposed resolution of generic safety issue 171, "Engineered Safety Feature Failure from Loss of Offsite Power Subsequent to a Loss-of-Coolant Accident."

10:15 to 11:45 am. -- Meeting with the Director of the NRC Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data.

11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations

1:00 to 2:15 p.m. -- Degraded auxiliary feedwater system capability during a rapid downpower event at the Catawba Nuclear Plant, Unit 1.

2: 15 to 3:00 p.m. -- Prioritization of generic safety issues.

3:15 to 4:30 p.m. -- Report of the planning and procedures subcommittee.

4:45 to 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 to 9:15 a.m. -- Future ACRS activities

9:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports

4:00 to 4:30 p.m. -- Miscellaneous

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.

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