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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, APRIL 30 - MAY 2

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

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

8:45 to 10:45 a.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff on the Revised Human Performance and Reliability Plan.

11:00 to 12:30 p.m. -- Elevation of the core damage frequency to a fundamental safety goal and proposed modifications to the safety goal policy statement.

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. -- Discussions with representatives of the Oak Ridge National laboratory on the HASCAL atmospheric

dispersion dose assessment computer code, including a demonstration.

3:15 to 4:45 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff and its contractors regarding NUREG/CR-6523, probabilistic accident consequences uncertainty analysis.

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports. During this session, the committee also will discuss a proposed ACRS report on the NRC Safety Research program and a white paper on ACRS views regarding fire protection issues.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

8:35 to 10:15 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff of severe accident mitigation design alternatives, the draft of NUREG-1555, "Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews of Nuclear Power Plants."

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff on proposed final standard review plan section and regulatory guide for risk-informed inservice inspection.

11:15 to 12:15 p.m. -- Presentation by Dr. Robert Henry of Fauske & Associates, Inc., regarding use of dynamic benchmarking for preserving thermal-hydraulic code test data.

1:15 to 2:45 p.m. -- Proposed final amendment to 10 CFR part 55, "Initial Licensed Operator Examination Requirements."

2:45 to 3:15 p.m. -- Future ACRS activities.

3:15 to 3:30 p.m. -- Reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations.

3:45 to 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:30 to 9:00 a.m. -- Report of the Planning & Procedures Subcommittee.

9:00 to 3:30 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

3:30 to 4:00 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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