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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET OCTOBER 2-3

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting October 2-3 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, OCTOBER 2

- 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. -- Opening remarks by the ACRS chairman.
- 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff on proposed human performance and reliability implementation plan.
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Discussion with NRC staff on proposed resolution of a differing professional opinion concerning steam generator integrity.
- 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC staff and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute on proposed changes related to 10 CFR 50.59 and proposed revision 1 to generic letter 91-18.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:35 to 10:00 a.m. -- Meeting with Director of NRC Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data, discussion of accident sequence precursor program, and other AEOD programs.
- 10:15 to 10:30 a.m. -- Report by the chairman of the Thermal Hydraulic Phenomena Subcommittee.
- 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. -- Reconciliation of ACRS comments and recommendations.
 - 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. -- Future ACRS activities.
- 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. -- Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business.
- 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. -- Planning to review the safety research program.
 - 1:45 to 7:00 p.m. -- Preparation of ACRS reports.

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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.

ACRS meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC Main Menu." The direct dial access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672 or ftp.fedworld. These documents and the meeting agenda are also available on the Internet at www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW.