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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET OCTOBER 10 - 12 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a meeting on October 10 - 12 in Rockville, Md., to discuss, among other items, license renewal applications for the Catawba and McGuire nuclear power plants.

The meeting, most of which will be open to the public, will be held in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North building, at 11545 Rockville Pike. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day. A complete agenda is attached.

For additional information contact Dr. Sher Bahadur, at 301-415-0138, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

ACRS MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY

8:30 - 8:35 A.M. Opening Statement by the ACRS Chairman - The ACRS Chairman will make remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 - 10:00 A.M.: Confirmatory Research Program on High-Burnup Fuel (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC Staff and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) regarding the confirmatory research program on high-burnup fuel and the EPRI topical report on reactivity insertion accidents.

10:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.: Overview of European Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR), SWR 1000 (Boiling Water Reactor), Advanced CANDU Reactor (ACR 700) Pre-Application Review (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC Staff and industry on the ESBWR (General Electric 1380 MWe), SWR 1000 (Framatome ANP-Siemens 1000 Mwe) and ACR 700 (Advanced CANDU Reactor 700 Mwe) advanced reactor designs.

1:15 - 2:45 P.M.: Catawba and McGuire License Renewal Application (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and Duke Energy Company regarding the license renewal application and draft Safety Evaluation Report for the Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2 and McGuire Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2.

2:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.: Policy Issues Related to Advanced Reactor Licensing (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding changes to policy issues related to the licensing of advanced reactors resulting from the resolution of ACRS comments and recommendations included in its June 17, 2002 report.

4:15 - 7:00 P.M.: Proposed ACRS Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

FRIDAY

8:30 - 8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open) - The ACRS Chairman will make remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 - 10:00 A.M.: Program Plan for Low-Power Shutdown (LPSD) Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) Model Development and Cancellation of Revision 4i of SPAR Models (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the program plan for LPSD SPAR Model Development, the reasons for canceling plans for the development of revision 4i of the SPAR Models, and insights from the onsite review of the LPSD SPAR model for Surry Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2.

10:15 - 11:30 A.M.: Guidance for Performance-Based Regulation (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the draft NUREG/BR "Guidance for Performance-Based Regulation."

11:30 - 11:45 A.M.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open) - The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to

comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

1:15 - 2:15 P.M.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures

Subcommittee (Open) - The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS.

2:15 - 3:15 P.M.: Report Regarding Recent Operating Events (Open) - Report by the cognizant ACRS member regarding recent operating events of interest.

3:15 - 7:00 P.M.: Proposed ACRS Reports (Open/Closed) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports. Part of the session will be closed to the public.

SATURDAY

8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.: Proposed ACRS Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

1:00 - 1:30 P.M.: Miscellaneous (Open) - The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit. The Committee will also discuss its plans for preparing a "white paper" on the use of PRA in the regulatory decision making process.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at pdr@nrc.gov, or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

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