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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

COMSECY-01-0013

April 17, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO:

Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

*Allowed subject to
Commission Merrifield's
edits.
[Signature]
4/23/01*

FROM:

John T. Larkins *[Signature]*
Executive Director, ACRS/ACNW

SUBJECT:

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Attachments:

1. Draft *Federal Register* Notice
2. Draft Press Release Information

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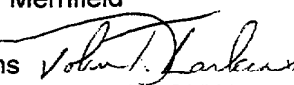
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DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

NRC INVITES PUBLIC TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking qualified candidates for an appointment to its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) to fill a vacancy.

The ACRS was established by Congress to provide the NRC with independent expert advice on matters related to the safety of existing and proposed nuclear facilities and on the adequacy of the proposed reactor safety standards. Emphasis is currently being given to safety issues associated with the operation of 103 commercial nuclear units in the United States; risk-informed and performance-based regulatory approaches; license renewal applications; risk-informed revisions to 10 CFR Part 50; power uprates; transient and accident analysis codes; use of mixed oxide and high burnup fuels; and advanced reactor designs. X

The ACRS membership is drawn from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines needed to conduct the broadly based reviews for these facilities, as well as proposed standards and criteria and related research activities. At this time, the Commission is specifically seeking individuals with 15-20 years of experience, including graduate level education, in the area of thermal hydraulics. Candidates are selected to provide a balanced technical base consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. X

Because conflict-of-interest regulations restrict the participation of members actively involved in the regulated aspects of the nuclear industry, the degree and nature of any such involvement will

be weighed. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities issued by nuclear industry entities, or discontinuance of industry-funded research contracts or grants.

A resumé describing the educational and professional background of the nominee, including any special accomplishments, professional references, current address, and telephone number should be provided. ^{Candidates} ~~Nominees~~ must be citizens of the United States. All candidates will receive careful consideration. An indication of the candidate's ability and willingness to devote the time required (approximately 80-100 days per year) should also be provided. Applications will be accepted until July 16, 2001.

Copies of resúmes of nominees should be sent to the attention of Ms. Sherry Meador, Administrative Assistant, Operations Support Branch, ACRS/ACNW, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001.


Draft *Federal Register* Notice

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SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR
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AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Request for ~~resumés~~  X

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ADDRESS: Submit ~~resumés~~  to: Ms. Sherry Meador, Administrative Assistant, Operations X
Support Branch, ACRS/ACNW, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS, CALL: 1-800-952-9678. Please refer to Announcement Number 60000001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress established the ACRS to provide the NRC with independent expert advice on matters related to the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants and on the adequacy of the proposed reactor safety standards. The Committee work currently emphasizes safety issues associated with the operation of 103 commercial nuclear units in the United States; the pursuit of a risk-informed and performance-based regulatory approaches; license renewal applications; risk-informed revisions to 10 CFR Part 50; power uprates; transient and accident analysis codes; use of mixed oxide and high burnup fuels; and advanced reactor

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Date _____

Andrew L. Bates
Advisory Committee Management Officer