

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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MEMORANDUM TO:

Chairman Klein

Commissioner McGaffigan Commissioner Jaczko

Commissioner Lyons

FROM:

Frank P. Gillespie Executive Director

ACRS/ACNW&M

SUBJECT:

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE AND FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

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For additional information, please call me at 415-7360.

Enclosures:

- 1. Draft Federal Register Notice
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Skills in nuclear reactor safety matters, the ability to solve complex technical problems, and the ability to work collegially on a board, panel, or committee. The Commission, in selecting its Committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACRS. ACRS Committee members are appointed for four-year terms and normally serve no more than three terms. For this position the expertise must be at least 10 years of experience in the areas of Materials Engineering, Digital Instrumentation and Control, or Flan Operations. Candidates with pertinent graduate level experience will be given additional consideration. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds, so that the membership on the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee.

Candidates will undergo a through security background check to obtain the security clearance that is mandatory for all ACRS members. The security background check will involve the completion and submission of paperwork to NRC. Candidates for ACRS appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. Because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of a candidate



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