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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET NOVEMBER 7 - 9 IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a meeting on November 7 - 9 in Rockville, Md., to discuss, among other items, design features of the Westinghouse AP1000 advanced nuclear reactor and risk-informed improvements to standard technical specifications.

The meeting, most of which is 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, please contact Dr. Sher Bahadur, at 301-415-1038, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

ACRS AGENDA

THURSDAY

8:30 - 8:35 A.M. Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)

Opening Statement

Items of current interest

8:35 - 10:00 A.M. Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-189, "Susceptibility of Ice Condenser and Mark III Containments to Early Failure from Hydrogen Combustion During a Severe Accident" (Open)

Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman

Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff on the results of their additional analyses and proposed recommendations for resolving GSI-189.

Representatives of the nuclear industry may provide their views, as appropriate.

10:00 - 10:15 A.M. *BREAK*****

10:15 - 11:45 A.M. Early Site Permit Process (Open)

Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman

Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding Early Site Permit Process.

Representatives of the nuclear industry may provide their views, as appropriate.

11:45 - 12:15 P.M. Peach Bottom License Renewal Application (Open)

Report by the Subcommittee Chairman regarding the October 30, 2002 Plant License Renewal Subcommittee meeting on the license renewal application for the Peach Bottom Nuclear Plant, Units 2 and 3.

12:15 - 1:15 P.M. *LUNCH*****

1:15 - 3:15 P.M. Westinghouse AP1000 Design (Open)

Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman

Briefing by and discussions with representatives of Westinghouse regarding the design features of and test information on, the AP1000

design. The NRC staff will provide a status report regarding its review schedule.

3:15 - 3:30 P.M. *BREAK*****

3:30 - 5:00 P.M Risk-Informed Improvements to Standard Technical Specifications

(Open)

Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman

Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding staff's progress on risk-informed improvements to Standard Technical Specifications and related matters.

Representatives of the nuclear industry may provide their views, as appropriate.

5:00 - 5:15 P.M. *BREAK*****

5:15 - 6:00 P.M. Report Regarding Recent Operating Events (Open)

Report by the Cognizant ACRS member regarding recent operating events of interest.

6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)

Discussion of proposed ACRS reports on:

Proposed Resolution of GSI-189

Early Site Permit Process

Risk-Informed Improvements to Standard Technical Specifications

FRIDAY

8:30 - 8:35 A.M. Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)

8:35 - 12:00 Noon Organizational and Personnel Matters (Closed)

The Committee will discuss organizational and personnel matters as well as the potential improvements to internal ACRS policies and procedures.

[NOTE: This session will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

12:00 - 1:00 P.M. *LUNCH*****

1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Safeguards and Security Activities (Closed)

[THIS SESSION WILL BE HELD IN ROOM T-8E8]

Report by the Subcommittee Chairman regarding matters discussed at the October 31 meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Safeguards and Security.

Discussion of the content of a proposed report to the Commission on Safeguards and Security matters.

[**NOTE:** This session will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) to protect national security information.]

4:00 - 4:15 P.M. *BREAK*****

4:15 - 5:00 P.M. Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures

Subcommittee (Open)

Discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future ACRS meetings.

Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

5:00 - 5:15 P.M. Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)

Discussion of the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters.

5:15 - 5:30 P.M. *BREAK*****

5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)

Discussion of proposed ACRS reports on:

Proposed Resolution of GSI-189

Early Site Permit Process

Risk-Informed Improvements to Standard Technical Specifications

SATURDAY

8:30 - 10:00 A.M. Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)

Continue discussion of the proposed ACRS reports listed under previous item.

10:00 - 10:15 A.M. *BREAK*****

10:15 - 12:15 P.M. Annual ACRS Report on the NRC Safety Research Program (Open)

Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman regarding matters discussed at the November 6, 2002 Subcommittee meeting.

Discussion of a draft ACRS report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program.

12:15 - 12:30 P.M. *BREAK*****

12:30 - 1:00 P.M. Miscellaneous (Open)

Discussion of 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.

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