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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET SEPT. 8-10 IN ROCKVILLE, MD; NEW MEMBER APPOINTED

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a public meeting Sept. 8-10 in Rockville, Md., to discuss several issues of interest. Meeting topics include:

- Near-term task force report regarding the events at the Fukushima Dai-Ichi site in Japan
- Technical basis and rulemaking language associated with low-level waste disposal and site-specific analysis
- Safety evaluation report associated with revisions to the AP1000 reactor design control document amendment and revisions to the US advanced pressurized water reactor design certification
- Comanche Peak proposed nuclear reactor combined license application
- Draft revision to the regulatory guide on protection against turbine missiles at nuclear plants

The meeting will be held in Room T2-B1 in the Two White Flint North building at NRC Headquarters at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. The sessions on Sept. 8 and 9 will run from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Portions of the meeting may be closed to discuss information that includes classified, proprietary, or personnel matters. A complete [ACRS agenda](#) is available on the NRC website.

Anyone with questions or those wanting to make oral statements during the meeting should notify Ilka Berrios at (301) 415-3179. For video conferencing services, contact Theron Brown, at (301) 415-8066.

The Commission recently appointed Mr. Gordon (Dick) Skillman to the ACRS for a four-year term. Skillman, a professional engineer for more than 45 years, has significant expertise in nuclear power plant design, operations and organizational systems of commercial nuclear power sites. He has served on nuclear safety oversight boards and councils for many years and has been directly involved in actions at 27 of the 104 commercial nuclear plants in the United States. He earned his reactor operator's license and senior reactor operator's license from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, and served on the nuclear merchant ship NS Savannah as a reactor operator, steam plant operator, health physicist and water chemist.

Upon completion of his sailing obligation, he joined the Babcock and Wilcox Company, where he contributed as an engineer and manager for the Nuclear Power Generation Division in Lynchburg, Va. and Mannheim, Germany. He was an immediate responder to the Three Mile Island, Unit 2 (TMI-2) accident, served on the stabilization and clean-up team for TMI-2 under both Babcock and Wilcox and GPU Nuclear Corp. He also served as a director in multiple positions at the operational Three Mile Island nuclear plant, Unit 1(TMI-1). Following the sale of TMI-1, Skillman establish Skillman Technical Resources, Inc where he serves as its president and principal officer providing consultation and oversight services to the nuclear industry including response to the Davis Besse vessel head degradation event, the design and construction of the national enrichment facility in Hobbs, New Mexico and the preparation of the application for the renewal amendment of the design certification for the US ABWR.

Skillman received a bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the United States Merchant Marine Academy. For the past four decades, his primary technical focus was on nuclear steam system supplier design, fluid system design, heat transfer and fluid flow, and his consulting focus has been effectiveness of nuclear-plant engineering organizations and process. Skillman is a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The other members of the ACRS include:

- Dr. Said Abdel-Khalik, (Chairman), Southern Nuclear Distinguished Professor, George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.
- Dr. Joseph S. Armijo (Vice-Chair), adjunct professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno, Nev.
- Mr. John W. Stetkar (Member-at-Large), Principal of Stetkar & Associates, Lake Forest, Calif..
- Dr. Sanjoy Banerjee, professor of Chemical Engineering, University of California at Santa Barbara, Calif.
- Dr. Dennis C. Bley, president of Buttonwood Consulting, Inc., and principal of The WrethWood Group, Oakton, Va.
- Mr. Charles H. Brown, senior advisor for Electrical Systems with BMT Syntek Technologies, Inc., in Arlington, Va.
- Dr. Michael Corradini, professor of the Department of Engineering Physics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
- Dr. Dana A. Powers, senior scientist, Nuclear Facilities Safety Department, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, N.M.
- Mr. Harold B. Ray, retired executive vice president of Southern California Edison, Rosemeade, Calif.
- Dr. Joy L. Rempe, directorate fellow and group leader at the Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho Falls, Ind.
- Dr. Michael T. Ryan, independent consultant in radiological sciences and health physics Lexington, S.C.
- Dr. William J. Shack, retired associate director, Energy Technology Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Ill.
- Mr. John Sieber, retired senior vice president, Nuclear Power Division, Duquesne Light Co, Pittsburgh, Pa.

All [ACRS biographies](#) are available on the NRC website.

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