

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting

In accordance with the purposes of sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on March 6–8, 1997, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the Federal Register on Thursday, January 23, 1997 (62 FR 3539).

Thursday, March 6, 1997

8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman

(Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting and comment briefly regarding items of current interest. During this session, the Committee will discuss priorities for preparation of ACRS reports.

8:45 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: Capability of RELAP5/MOD 3 Code to Assess the AP600 Design

(Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the capability of the RELAP5/MOD 3 code to assess the adequacy of the AP600 passive plant design.

The Committee may hear presentations by representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, as appropriate.

Note: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss Westinghouse proprietary information.

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: AP600 Test Data from ROSA and Oregon State University (OSU)–APEX Test Facilities

(Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the issues associated with the release of test data from ROSA and OSU–APEX test facilities to the public.

The Committee may hear presentations by representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, as appropriate.

Note: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss Westinghouse proprietary information and matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

1:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m.: Arthur Andersen Report, "Recommendations to Improve the Senior Management Meeting Process"

(Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the results of the Arthur Andersen study that was performed to evaluate the Senior NRC Management Meeting Process for assessing the performance of operating nuclear plants.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation and Related Matters

(Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed Standard Review Plan (SRP) Sections, Regulatory Guides, and other matters associated with the risk-informed, performance-based regulation.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

4:45 p.m.–7:15 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports

(Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Friday, March 7, 1997

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman

(Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–9:45 a.m.: Independent Safety Assessment of the Main Yankee Atomic Power Station

(Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the results of independent safety assessment of the Main Yankee Atomic Power Station.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

9:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council (NAS/NRC) Phase 2 Study Report

(Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the Chairman of the NAS/NRC Committee regarding the results of the NAS/NRC Phase 2 Study on the digital instrumentation and control systems.

Other member(s) of the NAS/NRC Committee, representatives of the NRC staff and nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.: Department of Energy's (DOE's) Tritium Production Program

(Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of DOE regarding DOE's tritium production program.

Representatives of the NRC staff will participate, as appropriate.

2:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.: Future ACRS Activities

(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.

3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations

(Open)—The Committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports. The EDO responses are expected to be provided to the ACRS prior to the meeting.

3:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports

(Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Saturday, March 8, 1997

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee

(Open/Closed)—The Committee 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.

Note: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee, and matters the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports

(Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.: Strategic Planning

(Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of items of significant importance to NRC, including rebaselining of the Committee activities for FY 1997.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were

published in the Federal Register on October 1, 1996 (61 FR 51310). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) P.L. 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting noted above to discuss proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), and to discuss matters the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EST.

ACRS meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672 or ftp.fedworld. These documents and the meeting agenda are also available for downloading or reviewing on the

internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

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Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a proposed revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide is a proposed Revision 3 to Regulatory Guide 1.134, and it is temporarily identified as DG-1068, "Medical Evaluation of Licensed Personnel at Nuclear Power Plants." The guide will be in Division 1, "Power Reactors." This regulatory guide is being revised to endorse an updated ANSI/ANS-3.4-1996, "Medical Certification and Monitoring of Personnel Requiring Operator Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," which describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for determining the medical qualifications of applicants for initial or renewal operator or senior operator licenses for nuclear power plants and for notifying the NRC of an operator's incapacitating disability or illness.

The draft guide has not received complete staff review and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Public comments are being solicited on the guide. Comments should be accompanied by supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by March 17, 1997.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Comments may be submitted electronically, in either ASCII text or Wordperfect format (version 5.1 or later), by calling the NRC Electronic Bulletin Board on FedWorld. The bulletin board may be accessed using a personal computer, a modem, and one of the commonly available communications software packages, or directly via Internet.

If using a personal computer and modem, the NRC subsystem on FedWorld can be accessed directly by dialing the toll free number: 1-800-303-9672. Communication software parameters should be set as follows: parity to none, data bits to 8, and stop bits to 1 (N,8,1). Using ANSI or VT-100 terminal emulation, the NRC NUREGs and RegGuides for Comment subsystem can then be accessed by selecting the "Rules Menu" option from the "NRC Main Menu." For further information about options available for NRC at FedWorld, consult the "Help/Information Center" from the "NRC Main Menu." Users will find the "FedWorld Online User's Guides" particularly helpful. Many NRC subsystems and data bases also have a "Help/Information Center" option that is tailored to the particular subsystem.

The NRC subsystem on FedWorld can also be accessed by a direct dial phone number for the main FedWorld BBS, 703-321-3339, or by using Telnet via Internet, fedworld.gov. If using 703-321-3339 to contact FedWorld, the NRC subsystem will be accessed from the main FedWorld menu by selecting the "Regulatory, Government Administration and State Systems," then selecting "Regulatory Information Mall." At that point, a menu will be displayed that has an option "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" that will take you to the NRC Online main menu. The NRC Online area also can be accessed directly by typing "/go nrc" at a FedWorld command line. If you access NRC from FedWorld's main menu, you may return to FedWorld by selecting the "Return to FedWorld" option from the NRC Online Main Menu. However, if you access NRC at FedWorld by using NRC's toll-free number, you will have full access to all NRC systems but you will not have access to the main FedWorld system.

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