

with implementation of the proposed mitigation measures that could eliminate or lessen the potential environmental impacts. The DEIS is a preliminary analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed action and its alternatives. The Final EIS and any decision documentation regarding the proposed action will not be issued until public comments on the DEIS have been received and evaluated. Notice the availability of the Final EIS will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of September, 2007.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Scott C. Flanders,**

*Deputy Director, Environmental and Performance Assessment Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) will hold a meeting on October 2, 2007, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

#### **Tuesday, October 2, 2007—8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon**

The Subcommittee will discuss the next generation Probabilistic Safety Assessment software and model representation standards. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of ABS Consulting, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and ARBoost Technologies regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Dr. Hossein P.

Nourbakhsh, (Telephone: 301-415-5622) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: September 13, 2007.

**Cayetano Santos,**

*Branch Chief, ACRS.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice**

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 (ACRS) will hold a meeting on October 4-6, 2007, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 (71 FR 66561).

#### **Thursday, October 4, 2007, Conference Room T-2b3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, MD**

*8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Digital Instrumentation and Controls (I&C) Project Plan and Interim Staff Guidance* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) regarding Digital I&C interim staff guidance on Cyber Security, Diversity & Defense in Depth, Highly Integrated Control Room—Communications, and Highly Integrated Control Room—Human Factors, as well as the Digital I&C Project Plan.

*10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Draft Generic Letter 2007-XX, "Managing Gas Intrusion in ECCS, Decay Heat Removal, and Containment Spray Systems"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the Draft Generic Letter 2007-XX, "Managing Gas Intrusion in ECCS, Decay Heat Removal, and Containment Spray Systems."

*1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.: Dissimilar Metal Weld Issue* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and nuclear industry regarding the advanced finite

element analysis performed by the industry to provide basis for leak-before-break and the associated NRC staff's evaluation.

*3:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.: Draft ACRS Report on the NRC Safety Research Program* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the draft ACRS report on the NRC Safety Research Program.

*5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

#### **Friday, October 5, 2007, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, MD**

*8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.-11 a.m.: Meeting with NEI, EPRI, and INPO to Discuss Industry Activities* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of NEI, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and Institute of Nuclear power Operations (INPO) regarding industry activities.

*11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee* (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. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

*1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters.

*1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: Draft Final Report on Quality Assessment of Selected NRC Research Projects* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the draft final ACRS report on the results of the quality assessment of the NRC research projects on: Fatigue Crack Flaw Tolerance in Nuclear Power Plant Piping; Cable Response to Live Fire (CAROLFIRE) Testing; and Technical Review of On-Line Monitoring Techniques for Performance Assessment.

*2:30 p.m.-7 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

#### **Saturday, October 6, 2007, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, MD**

*8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

*12 p.m.-12:30 p.m.: Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss 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.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October

2, 2006 (71 FR 58015). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Cognizant ACRS staff named below five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the 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 Cognizant ACRS staff 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 Cognizant ACRS staff if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, as well as the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Giriga S. Shukla, Cognizant ACRS staff (301-415-8439), between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., (ET). ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov), or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or [http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas/](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/ACRS&ACNW/Mtg/schedules/agendas/).

Video teleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., (ET), at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the video teleconferencing link. The availability of video teleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: September 17, 2007.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

### **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** C. Penn, Group Manager, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Human Resources, Division for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between July 1, 2007, and July 31, 2007. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

### **Schedule A**

(b)(1) Positions of Resident Country Directors and Deputy Resident Country Directors. The length of appointments will correspond to the length or term of the compact agreements made between the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the country in which MCC will work, plus one additional year to cover pre- and post-compact agreement related activities. Effective July 16, 2007.

### **Schedule B**

No Schedule B appointments were approved for July 2007.

### **Schedule C**

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during July 2007.

#### *Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President*

##### Office of Management and Budget

BOGS70014 Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 17, 2007.

BOGS70017 Special Assistant to the Director Office of Management and Budget. Effective July 20, 2007.

##### Office of the United States Trade Representative

TNGS70004 Executive Assistant to the United States Trade Representative. Effective July 10, 2007.

TNGS70005 Director of Scheduling and Advance to the United States Trade Representative. Effective July 18, 2007.

#### *Section 213.3304 Department of State*

DSGS61098 Legislative Analyst to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective July 06, 2007.

DSGS61241 Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs. Effective July 06, 2007.

DSGS67921 Special Assistant to the Chief of Protocol. Effective July 20, 2007.

DSGS61243 Special Assistant to the Director, Policy Planning Staff. Effective July 23, 2007.

DSGS61062 Foreign Affairs Officer (Visits) to the Chief of Protocol. Effective July 26, 2007.

DSGS61202 Senior Advisor to the Coordinator for International Information Programs. Effective July 26, 2007.

DSGS61058 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary Oceans, International Environment and Science Affairs. Effective July 27, 2007.

DSGS61036 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective July 30, 2007.

#### *Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury*

DYGS00465 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary (Management) and Chief Financial Officer. Effective July 06, 2007.

DYGS00467 Associate Director to the White House Liaison. Effective July 27, 2007.

DYGS00498 Deputy Executive Secretary to the Deputy Chief of Staff and Executive Secretary. Effective July 27, 2007.

#### *Section 213.3306 Department of Defense*

DDGS17055 Public Affairs Specialist to the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs. Effective July 05, 2007.

DDGS17063 Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. Effective July 05, 2007.

DDGS17052 Confidential Assistant to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering. Effective July 06, 2007.

DDGS17057 Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective July 09, 2007.

DDGS17058 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). Effective July 09, 2007.

DDGS17064 Protocol Specialist to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Protocol. Effective July 09, 2007.

DDGS17062 Special Assistant to the Director, Department of Defense Office of Legislative Counsel. Effective July 11, 2007.

DDGS17050 Advisor to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy