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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 will hold a meeting on  
November 4-7, 1998, in Conference  
Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike,  
Rockville, Maryland. The date of this  
meeting was previously published in  
the **Federal Register** on Thursday,  
November 20, 1997 (62 FR 62079).

#### Wednesday, November 4, 1998

**1:00 P.M.-1:15 P.M.: Opening  
Remarks by the ACRS Chairman**  
(Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make  
opening remarks regarding conduct of  
the meeting.

**1:15 P.M.-3:15 P.M.: Proposed Rule  
on the Use of Revised Source Term at  
Operating Plants/Pilot Application of  
Revised Source Term at the Perry  
Nuclear Plant** (Open)—The Committee  
will hear presentations by and hold  
discussions with representatives of the  
NRC staff regarding the proposed rule  
on the use of revised source term at  
operating plants and insights gained  
from the pilot application of the revised  
source term at the Perry Nuclear Power  
plant.

**3:30 P.M.-5:00 P.M.: Assessment of  
Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR)  
Primary Systems Leaks** (Open)—The  
Committee will hear presentations by  
and hold discussions with  
representatives of the NRC staff and its  
contractor regarding results of the study  
on the PWR primary system leaks.

**5:15 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Preparation of  
ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee  
will discuss several proposed ACRS  
reports, including: Annual Report to  
Congress on the NRC Safety Research  
Program; Proposed Resolution of  
Generic Safety Issue 171, "Engineered  
Safety Features Failure for Loss of  
Offsite Power Subsequent to a Loss-of-  
Coolant Accident;" Lessons Learned  
from the Review of the AP600 Passive

Plant Design; Evaluation of the Impact  
of Hydrogen Recombiner Operation on  
Plant Risk; and Development of Risk  
Status for Nuclear Plants Seeking  
Significant Power Uprates.

#### Thursday, November 5, 1998

**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.-10:00 A.M.: Options to  
Revise the Enforcement Policy** (Open)—  
The Committee will hear presentations  
by and hold discussions with  
representatives of the NRC staff  
regarding the options developed by the  
NRC staff to revise the enforcement  
policy.

**10:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M.: NRC Staff's  
Evaluation of the Westinghouse Owners  
Group Topical Report on Risk-Informed  
Inservice Inspection of Piping** (Open)—  
The Committee will hear presentations  
by and hold discussions with  
representatives of the NRC staff  
regarding the staff's evaluation of the  
Westinghouse Owners Group topical  
report on risk-informed inservice  
inspection of piping at nuclear power  
plants, as well as the results of the  
associated pilot applications.

**12:45 P.M.-3:15 P.M.: Discussion of  
Items for Meeting with the Commission**  
(Open)—The Committee will discuss  
anticipated items for the ACRS meeting  
with the NRC Commissioners. [Note:  
The Commission has not yet approved  
the topics for this meeting.]

**3:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Preparation of  
ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee  
will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

#### Friday, November 6, 1998

**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.-10:00 A.M.: Inspection  
Procedures for Graded Quality  
Assurance** (Open)—The Committee will  
hear presentations by and hold  
discussions with representatives of the  
NRC staff regarding the NRC inspection  
procedures for evaluating the  
effectiveness of the licensee's graded  
quality assurance programs.

**10:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M.: Salem  
Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2** (Open)—  
The Committee will hear presentations  
by and hold discussions with  
representatives of the licensee of the  
Salem Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 and  
the NRC staff regarding the issues that  
lead to the shut down of Salem Units 1  
and 2, resolution of issues prior to  
restart, regulatory requirements

currently being implemented by the  
licensee, the current status of the plant,  
and other related matters.

**12:45 P.M.-1:45 P.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, follow-up matters resulting  
from the quadripartite meeting held on  
October 5-9, 1998, and organizational  
and personnel matters relating to the  
ACRS, including qualifications of  
candidates for ACRS membership.  
[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 information the release of which  
would constitute a clearly unwarranted  
invasion of personal privacy.]

**1:45 P.M.-2:30 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.

**2:45 P.M.-3:00 P.M.: Reconciliation of  
ACRS Comments and  
Recommendations** (Open)—The  
Committee will discuss the responses  
from the NRC Executive Director for  
Operations (EDO) to comments and  
recommendations included in recent  
ACRS reports. The EDO's responses are  
expected prior to the meeting.

**3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Preparation of  
ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee  
will continue its discussion of proposed  
ACRS reports.

#### Saturday, November 7, 1998

**8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.: Preparation of  
ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee  
will continue its discussion of proposed  
ACRS reports.

**3:00 P.M.-3:30 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  
September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51968). In  
accordance with these 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 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 of the Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least 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 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) Public Law 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting noted above to discuss 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 information 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 canceled 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 of the Nuclear Reactors Branch (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. EDT.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or viewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

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. and 3:45 p.m. Eastern Time 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 facilities that they use to establish the video teleconferencing link. The availability of video teleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Regulatory Policies and Practices; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Regulatory Policies and Practices will hold a meeting on October 29 and 30, 1998, 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:

*Thursday, October 29, 1998-8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

*Friday, October 30, 1998-8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittees will continue its discussion of proposed options to make 10 CFR Part 50 risk-informed, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Whole Plant Study, and options for developing a risk-informed approach to revising 10 CFR 50.59. The Subcommittees will also review the staff's safety evaluation report for the Westinghouse Owners Group topical report on risk-informed inservice inspection of piping at nuclear power plants, as well as the results of the associated pilot applications. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittees, their consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittees, along with

any of their consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittees will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, its consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Michael T. Markley (telephone 301/415-6885) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.(EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Date: October 7, 1998.

**Sam Duraiswamy,**

*Chief Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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### State of Arkansas Relinquishment of Sealed Source and Device Evaluation and Approval Authority and Reassumption by the Commission

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of reassumption of sealed source and device evaluation and approval authority from the State of Arkansas.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective October 1, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reassumed regulatory authority for sealed source and device evaluations and approvals in the Agreement State of Arkansas in response to a request from the Governor of the State of Arkansas to relinquish this authority.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Lloyd A. Bolling, Jr., Agreement State Project Officer, Office of State Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-2327, Internet: LAB@NRC.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Currently, the State of Arkansas has an Agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which grants the