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Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

The ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment will hold a meeting on December 15-16, 1999, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, December 15, 1999—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will discuss the staff's programs for risk-based analysis of reactor operating experience, including special studies for common-cause failure analyses, system and component analyses, accident sequence precursor analyses, and related matters.

Thursday, December 16, 1999—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will discuss NRC staff efforts in the area of risk-informed technical specifications and associated industry initiatives proposed by the Risk-Informed Technical Specification Task Force. 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 Subcommittee, its 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 Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be

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

The Subcommittee 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. (EST). 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.

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Paul A. Boehnert,

Acting Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NRC Coordination Meeting With Standards Development Organizations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The NRC has committed through its Strategic Plan to utilize consensus standards to increase the involvement of licensees and others in the NRC's regulatory development process, consistent with the provisions of Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-113, the National Technology and Transfer Act of 1995, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and Conformity Assessment." As part of this commitment, periodic coordination meetings with key standards development organizations (SDOs) and other stakeholders will be held to foster better communication of SDOs' ongoing activities, and NRC needs regarding standards development and their use.

DATES: December 8, 1999—Registration will be from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will last approximately four hours.

LOCATION: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters, Two White

Flint North, Room T-3B45, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738.

CONTACT: Wallace E. Norris, USNRC, Telephone: (301) 415-6796; Fax: (301) 415-5074; Internet: wen@nrc.gov.

ATTENDANCE: This meeting is open to the general public. All individuals planning to attend, including SDO representatives, are requested to preregister with Mr. Norris by telephone or e-mail and provide their name, affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address.

PROGRAM: The purpose of the meeting is to foster better communication between SDOs and NRC regarding standards development and use. By holding periodic coordination meetings, the SDOs will be able to describe their ongoing and planned activities, and the NRC will be able to discuss activities and issues related to specific standards that are being developed or revised to meet its regulatory needs. The meeting will be coordinated by the NRC Standards Executive.

The first meeting between NRC and SDOs was held on May 26, 1999. The following issues were identified at the May 26, 1999, for discussion at this meeting:

(1) *Policy:* A proposal for the participating organizations to fill the void resulting from the dissolution of the ANSI Standards Nuclear Board (SNB) by addressing policy issues such as standards implementation problems, needs, and priorities was favorably discussed. It is requested that SDO representatives consider processes for implementing this proposal.

(2) *Timeliness:* The length of time between identification of the need for a standard and endorsement by the NRC is excessive. Some SDOs are presently implementing trial standards development and approval programs in an attempt to speed up the process. A status summary is requested from those organizations implementing trial programs.

(3) *Pub. L. 104-113:* Questions related to implementation of the public law were raised. To provide direction in implementing Pub. L. 104-113 and OMB Circular A-119, the NRC issued Management Directive 6.5, "NRC Participation in the Development and Use of Consensus Standards," on November 2, 1999. A copy of the Management Directive will be provided to those in attendance, and NRC staff will provide an overview.

(4) *Status:* A continuing item will be SDO discussion of standards under development to address emerging issues.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of November, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

NRC Standards Executive.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of November 29, December 6, 13, and 20, 1999.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of November 29

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 29.

Week of December 6—Tentative

Wednesday, December 8

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 13—Tentative

Wednesday, December 15

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Dr. John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

Thursday, December 16

9 a.m. Meeting on NRC Response to Stakeholders' Concerns Location: (NRC Auditorium, Two White Flint North)

Friday, December 17

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of RES Programs, Performance, and Plans (Including Status of Thermo-Hydraulics) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Jocelyn Mitchell, 301-415-5289)

Week of December 20—Tentative

Wednesday, December 22

11:30 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

* The schedule for Commission meeting is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet

at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY, Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from November 6, 1999, through November 19, 1999. The last biweekly notice was published on November 17, 1999 (64 FR 62704).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in

10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By January 3, 2000, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and