

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. Also, it will discuss status of the appointment of members to the ACRS. 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 person named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, 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 therefore can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff person, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: 301/415-7360) 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 on the working day prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: January 19, 1995.

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Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Agenda

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 meetings on February 9-10, 1995, in Conference Room T2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The dates of these meetings were previously published in the **Federal Register** Notice on Wednesday, December 28, 1994 (59 FR 66977).

Thursday, February 9, 1995

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.-10:15 A.M.: *Emergency Procedure Guidelines (EPGs) for BWR Core Power Stability/ATWS* (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, BWR Owner's Group, and General Electric Nuclear Energy (GENE) regarding the NRC staff Safety Evaluation Report on the modifications to the EPGs to address BWR core power stability/ATWS.

A portion of this session may be closed to discuss GENE proprietary information applicable to this matter.

10:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon: *Environmental Qualification Requirements for Digital Instrumentation and Control (I&C) Systems* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the activities of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research related to environmental qualification requirements for digital I&C systems.

Representatives of the industry will participate, as appropriate.

1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.: *Analysis of Reactor Water Cleanup (RWCU) System Line-Break Accident for Operating BWRs* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the potential risks associated with and RWCU system pipe break outside of primary containment and the associated staff activities to evaluate this issue.

2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.—*Proposed Final Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.118, "Periodic Testing of Electric Power and Protection Systems"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final revision 3 to Regulatory Guide 1.118, with emphasis on the differing views between the NRC staff and the industry.

Representatives of the industry will participate, as appropriate.

3:15 P.M.-4:15 P.M.: *Potential Research Issues for CANDU3* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding potential research issues for the CANDU3 design.

Representatives of the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited Technologies will participate, as appropriate.

4:15 P.M.-5:15 p.m.: *Operating Plants vs. Safety Goals* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the Commission's request for further guidance and insight in determining where the current population of operating plants fall within the safety goals.

5:30 P.M.-6:45 P.M.: *Appointment of New Members* (Open/Closed)—The Committee will discuss the qualifications of candidates nominated for appointment to the ACRS.

A portion of this session will be closed to discuss information the release of which

would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Friday, February 10, 1995

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.-9:30 A.M.: *Amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute regarding the proposed final amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a to incorporate by reference the 1992 Edition with the 1992 Addenda of both Subsections IWE and IWL, Division 1, Section XI of the ASME Code that deal with inspection of concrete and metal containments.

9:30 A.M.-10:15 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 internal organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS staff members.

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

10:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M.: *Future ACRS Activities* (Open)—The Committee will discuss topics proposed for consideration during future ACRS meetings.

11:00 A.M.-11:15 A.M.: *Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations* (Open)—The Committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to ACRS comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports.

11:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.: *Preparation of ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on certain matters considered during this meeting, including a possible report on performance/risk-based regulation.

1:15 P.M.-5:30 P.M.: *Preparation of ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on certain matters considered during this meeting.

5:30 P.M.-5:45 P.M.: *New Research Needs* (Open)—The Committee will discuss new research needs, if any, identified during this meeting.

5:45 P.M.-6:00 P.M.: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and complete discussions of topics 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 5, 1994 (59 FR 50780). 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 question may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff.

Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the ACRS Executive Director, Dr. John T. Larkins, 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 ACRS Executive Director 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 ACRS Executive Director if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

I have determined in accordance with Subsection 10(d) P.L. 92-463 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 that involves 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 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 the ACRS Executive Director, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone 301-415-7361), between 7:30 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. EST.

Dated: January 20, 1995.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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[Docket No. 50-482]

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, Wolf Creek Generating Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating License No. NPF-42, issued to Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (the licensee), for operation of the Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS) located in Coffee County, Kansas.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow implementation of a hand geometry biometric system of site access control such that photograph identification badges can be taken off site.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated November 23, 1994, for exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power plant reactors against radiological sabotage."

The Need for the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55, paragraph (a), the licensee shall establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization.

Paragraph (1) of 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," specifies that "licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area * * *." It is specified in 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) that "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort." It also states that an individual not employed by the licensee (i.e., contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without escort provided the individual "receives a picture badge upon entrance into the protected area which must be returned upon exit from the protected area * * *."

Currently, unescorted access into protected areas of the WCGS is controlled through the use of a photograph on a combination badge and keycard. (Hereafter, these are referred to as badges). The security officers at the entrance station use the photograph on the badge to visually identify the individual requesting access. The badges for both licensee employees and contractor personnel who have been granted unescorted access are issued upon entrance at the entrance/exit location and are allowed to take badges off site.

The licensee proposes to implement an alternative unescorted access control system which would allow all individuals with unescorted access to keep their badges with them when departing the site.

An exemption from 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) is required to permit contractors to take their badges off site instead of returning them when exiting the site.

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. Under the proposed system, each individual who is authorized to unescorted entry into protected areas would have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their badge number in the access control system. When an individual enters the badge into the card reader and places the hand on the measuring

surface, the system would record the individual's hand image. The unique characteristics of the extracted hand image would be compared with the previously stored template to verify authorization for entry. Individuals, including licensee employees and contractors, would be allowed to keep their badges with them when they depart the site.

Based on a Sandia report entitled "A Performance Evaluation of Biometric Identification Devices" (SAND91-0276 UC-906 Unlimited Release, printed June 1991), and on its experience with the current photo-identification system, the licensee stated that the false acceptance rate of the proposed hand geometry system is comparable to that of the current system. The licensee stated that the use of the badges with the hand geometry system would increase the overall level of access control. Since both the badge and hand geometry would be necessary for access into the protected area, the proposed system would provide for a positive verification process. Potential loss of a badge by an individual, as a result of taking the badge off site, would not enable an unauthorized entry into protected areas. The licensee will implement a process for testing the proposed system to ensure continued overall level of performance equivalent to that specified in the regulation. The Physical Security Plan for WCGS will be revised to include implementation and testing of the hand geometry access control system and to allow licensee employees and contractors to take their badges off site.

The access process will continue to be under the observation of security personnel. A numbered picture badge identification system will continue to be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escorts. Badges will continue to be displayed by all individuals while inside the protected area.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluent that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action involves features located entirely