

40,000 MWD/MTU for assemblies with IFMs for 12 foot cores
25,000 MWD/MTU for assemblies in 14 foot cores

upon first reaching the limit(s) and approximately every 2,500 MWD/MTU until the end of cycle. In addition, end-of-cycle rod drop time tests and drag testing of all rodded fuel assemblies should be performed. Licensees are requested to submit their anticipated schedule for testing within 30 days of the date of this bulletin supplement. Within 30 days after completion of each set of testing, licensees are requested to submit a report that summarizes the data and documents the results obtained.

In order to meet the current licensing basis for each facility, the ability to insert the control rods needs to be demonstrated for burnups greater than those presented in the bulletin supplement. This ability can be demonstrated through testing at intervals specified above, or by a rigorous engineering analysis.

Required Response

Pursuant to Section 182a, the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.54(f), all licensees of Westinghouse and Babcock and Wilcox designed plants must submit the following written information under oath and affirmation:

Within 30 days of the date of this bulletin supplement, a response indicating whether the requested actions will be taken and a schedule indicating when the actions will be performed. Licensees who choose not to take the requested actions must describe in their response any alternative course of action that they propose to take, including the basis for the acceptability of the proposed alternative course of action, and the schedule for completion of the alternative.

If, in the course of responding to this bulletin, a licensee determines that it is not in compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, the licensee is expected to take corrective actions in accordance with the requirements of Section XVI of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix B.

Address the required written responses to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001. In addition, submit a copy of the response to the appropriate regional administrator.

Related Generic Communications

NRC Information Notice 96-12, "Control Rod Insertion Problems" NRC

Bulletin 96-01, "Control Rod Insertion Problems."

Backfit Discussion

This bulletin supplement transmits an information request pursuant to the provisions of Section 182a of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.54(f) to determine whether addressees are taking appropriate action to ensure continued operability of the control rods. To the extent that the actions requested herein by addressees are considered backfits, the backfits are justified under the compliance exception of the backfit rule, that is, 10 CFR 50.109(A)(4)(i).

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Section XI, "Test Control" requires that "a test program shall be established to assure that * * * structures, systems, and components will perform satisfactorily * * *" The requested actions previously described will assure that adequate shutdown margin is maintained and that the control rods will satisfactorily perform their intended function of effectively terminating the fission process during all operating conditions in accordance with the current licensing basis for each facility.

The objective of the actions requested in this bulletin supplement is to verify that licensees are complying with the current licensing basis for the facility with respect to shutdown margin and control rod drop times. The issuance of the bulletin is justified on the basis of the need to verify compliance with the current licensing basis with respect to shutdown margin and control rod drop times.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of May, 1997.

Seymour H. Weiss,

Acting Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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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 June 11-13, 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).

Wednesday, June 11, 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.-10:45 a.m.: Digital Instrumentation and Control Systems (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final Standard Review Plan (SRP) sections, Branch Technical Positions (BTPs), Regulatory Guides (RGs) associated with digital instrumentation and control systems, the staff's safety evaluation report on the Electric Power Research Institute topical report on acceptance of commercial grade digital equipment for nuclear safety applications, and the staff's incorporation of the insights from the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council (NAS/NRC) Phase 2 study into the proposed final SRP sections, BTPs, and RGs.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Consequences of Reactor Water Cleanup System Line Break Outside the Containment (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the results of the study performed by the staff on the consequences of reactor water cleanup system line break outside the containment. The staff will also discuss the problems associated with automatic isolation of reactor water cleanup system piping at the Monticello nuclear power plant.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: PRA Implementation Plan (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the PRA Implementation Plan with emphasis on risk-informed initiatives in the areas of training and inspection, as well as an overview of the proposed risk-based inservice inspection program.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.: Proposed Staff Position on the Severe Accident Rulemaking (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed staff position on generic rulemaking associated with severe accidents.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

4:45 p.m.—7:00 p.m.: *Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)*—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Thursday, June 12, 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.—10:00 a.m.: *Proposed Regulatory Approach Associated with Steam Generator Tube Integrity (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute regarding the proposed regulatory approach for addressing steam generator tube integrity issues and related matters.

Other interested parties will participate, as appropriate.

10:15 a.m.—12:00 noon: *Proposed Final Generic Letter on Assurance of Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final Generic Letter on Assurance of Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps as well as the NRC staff's resolution of public comments on this matter.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.: *Proposed Generic Letter on Potential for Degradation of Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Spray Systems Following a Loss-of-Coolant Accident (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed Generic Letter on Potential for Degradation of Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Spray Systems Following a Loss-of-Coolant Accident due to Construction and Protective Coatings Deficiencies and Foreign Material in the Containment, and related matters.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

2:45 p.m.—3:00 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, including the EDO response to ACRS comments and recommendations included in the April 8, 1997 ACRS report regarding Proposed Regulatory Guidance Related to Implementation of 10 CFR 50.59.

3:00 p.m.—3:30 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.

3:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.: *Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)*—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Friday, June 13, 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, qualifications of candidates nominated for appointment to the ACRS, 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 information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.)

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon: *Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)*—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

12:00 noon—1:00 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 1998.

1:00 p.m.—1:30 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 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 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 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. EDT.

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>.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of May 19, 26, June 2, and 9, 1997.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of May 19

Tuesday, May 20

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

2:00 p.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste