

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of February 1998.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 98th meeting on February 24-26, 1998, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, December 3, 1997 (62 FR 63970).

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows: Tuesday, February 24, 1998—8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, February 25, 1998—8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, February 26, 1998—8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

A. Meeting With NRC's Director, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)

The Committee will meet with the Director to discuss recent developments within the division such as developments at the Yucca Mountain project, rules and guidance under development, available resources, and other items of mutual interest.

B. Viability Assessment

Representatives of the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Project office will discuss the status of the viability assessment being performed for the proposed high-level waste repository. The purpose of this effort is to make an informed assessment of the viability of licensing and constructing a repository at Yucca Mountain, NV.

C. Risk-Informed and, Where Appropriate, Performance-Based Regulation

The Committee will review a proposed Commission paper on the use of risk-informed and, where appropriate, performance-based and less prescriptive regulation by NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards.

D. Implementing Rule for the Proposed Yucca Mountain Repository

The Committee will review the NRC staff's proposed strategy for

development of regulations governing disposal of high-level waste at the proposed Yucca Mountain, NV high-level waste repository.

E. Nuclear Waste Related Research

The Committee will review various aspects of waste related research that is underway or planned in preparation of sending a report to the Commission. Participants may include representatives of the NRC staff, the nuclear industry, and possibly individuals representing foreign programs.

F. Preparation of ACNW Reports

The Committee will discuss planned reports, including comments on the NRC/NMSS staff's high-level waste Issue Resolution Status Report; nuclear waste research activities; risk-informed and, where appropriate, performance-based regulation; the implementing rule for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository; and other topics discussed during this and previous meetings as the need arises.

G. Committee Activities/Future Agenda

The Committee will evaluate topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The Committee will discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.

H. Miscellaneous

The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and organizational activities and complete discussion of 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 ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 1997 (62 FR 46382). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, 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 Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, Mr. Richard K. Major, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information

regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

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. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST.

ACNW 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; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

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John C. Hoyle,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic and Severe-Accident Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic and Severe-Accident Phenomena will hold a meeting on February 18, 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: *Wednesday, February 18, 1998—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will review the elements of the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Programs pertaining to thermal-hydraulics, in support of the ACRS report to the Commission on Safety Research. 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 cancelled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, 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. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301/415-8065) 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.

Dated: February 6, 1998.

Medhat El-Zeftawy,

Acting Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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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 February 19 and 20, 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, February 19, 1998—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion*

of business. Friday, February 20, 1998—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will review the proposed final Standard Review Plan (SRP) Sections and Regulatory Guides for risk-informed, performance-based regulation including individual applications for graded quality assurance, technical specifications, and inservice testing. The Subcommittee will review the matter included in the Staff Requirements Memorandum dated October 16, 1997, regarding elevation of core damage frequency to a fundamental goal and possible revision to the Commission's Safety Goal Policy Statement. The Subcommittee will also review industry-initiated risk-informed pilots related to the development of full-scope probabilistic risk assessments (PRAs) and the use of quantitative health objectives. The Subcommittee may also discuss staff and industry activities in the area of performance-based regulation and efforts to develop standards for PRA quality. 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 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 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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Medhat El-Zeftawy,

Acting Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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PEACE CORPS

Information Collection Requests Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: Notice of public use form review request to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Associate Director for Management invites comments on information collection requests as required pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). This notice announces that the Peace Corps has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request to approve the reinstatement of the National Agency Check Questionnaire for Peace Corps Volunteer Background Investigation (PC-5). Section 22 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) mandates that "all persons employed or assigned to duties under the Act shall be investigated to insure employment or assignment is consistent with national interest in accordance with standards and procedures established by the President." A copy of the information collection may be obtained from Stuart Moran, Office of Volunteer Recruitment and Selection, United States PEACE CORPS, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20526. Mr. Moran may be contacted by telephone at (202) 606-2080. Peace Corps invites comments on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.