

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.

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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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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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