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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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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.