

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Joint Subcommittee Meeting; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS and ACNW Joint Subcommittee will hold a meeting on January 13-14, 2000, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, January 13, 2000—8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Friday, January 14, 2000—8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Joint Subcommittee will discuss the defense-in-depth philosophy in the regulatory process, including its role in the licensing of a high-level waste repository, its role in revising the regulatory structure for nuclear reactors, and how the two applications should be related to each other. The discussion will also include the role of defense in depth in the regulation of nuclear materials applications, and other related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committees.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Subcommittee. 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/ACNW staff members 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 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 these matters.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Subcommittee's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant senior fellow, John N. Sorensen (telephone 301/415-7372) between 8 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. (EST) or by e-mail JNS@NRC.gov or staff engineer, Michael T. Markley (telephone: 301-415-6885). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above-named individuals one to two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the proposed agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

Howard J. Larson,

Acting Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-754-MLA and ASLBP No. 00-774-02-MLA]

General Electric Company; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and Sections 2.1201 and 2.1207 of Part 2 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding:

General Electric Company, Vallecitos Nuclear Center

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by Tri-Valley CAREs, the Western States Legal Foundation, Save Our Sunol, and Citizens Along the Roads and Tracks.

The request was filed in response to a notice of consideration by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of a request for renewal of the 10 CFR Part 70 license for the General Electric Vallecitos Nuclear Center. The renewal application requests authorization to receive and possess special nuclear material and to use special nuclear material in research and development activities involving chemical and physical analysis. The notice of consideration of the renewal application and opportunity for hearing was published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 45,289 (Aug. 19, 1999).

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Alan S. Rosenthal. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.722, 2.1209, Administrative Judge Thomas D. Murphy has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with Judge Rosenthal and Judge Murphy in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1203. Their addresses are:

Administrative Judge Alan S. Rosenthal,
Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Administrative Judge Thomas D. Murphy, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of December 1999.

G. Paul Bollwerk III,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1086