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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 March 1-3, 2001, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, November 17, 2000 (65 FR 69578).

#### Thursday, March 1, 2001

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: *Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman*—(Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-10 a.m.: *RETRAN-3D Thermal-Hydraulic Transient Analysis Code* (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and the NRC staff regarding the EPRI RETRAN-3D thermal-hydraulic transient analysis code, associated staff's Safety Evaluation Report, and resolution of issues previously raised by the ACRS.

**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed to discuss EPRI proprietary information.

10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.: *Interim Review of the License Renewal Application for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Entergy Operations, Inc., and the NRC staff regarding the license renewal application for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 and the associated staff's Safety Evaluation Report.

12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: *Spent Fuel Pool Accident Risk at Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding significant findings and recommendations of the final report on spent fuel pool accident risk at decommissioning plants, new developments, status of developing proposed options, and related matters.

2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.: *Management Directive 6.4 Associated with the Revised Generic Issue Process* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding Management

Directive 6.4 related to the Revised Generic Issue process, results of the case study performed to determine the effectiveness of using the Management Directive to implement the revised Generic Issue process, and related matters.

4 p.m.-7 p.m.: *Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on the NRC Safety Research Program and on Regulatory Effectiveness of the Anticipated Transients Without Scram (ATWS) Rule.

#### Friday, March 2, 2001

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: *Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-9:45 a.m.: *British Nuclear Powered Submarine Incident* (Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the DOD/DOE Naval Reactors regarding the recent incident on the British Nuclear Powered Submarine (HMS TIRELESS).

**Note:** This session will be closed to discuss information classified "Confidential—Restricted Data—Government Sensitive".

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: *Operating Event at V.C. Summer Nuclear Station* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the October 7, 2000 incident at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station, involving degraded reactor coolant system pressure boundary, findings and conclusions resulting from the staff's investigation of the incident, and corrective actions taken by the licensee and industry organizations.

11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.: *Trip Report* (Open)—The Committee will hear a trip report on the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Fire Protection forum held in San Diego on February 5-7, 2001.

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: *Subcommittee Report* (Open)—Report by the Chairmen of the Plant Operations and Reliability and Probabilistic Assessment Subcommittees regarding the South Texas Project Exemption Request that was discussed during a meeting on February 21, 2001.

1:30 p.m.-2 p.m.: *Future ACRS Activities/ Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee* (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. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS.

2 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: *Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and

letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

2:15 p.m.-3 p.m.: *Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports, as needed, for consideration by the full Committee.

3 p.m.-7 p.m.: *Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

#### Saturday, March 3, 2001

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: *Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

12:30 p.m.-1 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 11, 2000 (65 FR 60476). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. 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. James E. Lyons, ACRS, 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 the 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 Mr. James E. Lyons 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 Mr. James E. Lyons 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 a portion of this meeting noted above to discuss proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and information classified "Confidential—Restricted Data—Government Sensitive" per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and (4).

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 therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. James E. Lyons (telephone 301-415-7371), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., EST.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or viewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS

meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., EST, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

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**Andrew L. Bates,**

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on February 28, 2001, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

#### **Wednesday, February 28, 2001—10 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business**

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. 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 person named below five days prior to the meeting, if

possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, 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 the cognizant ACRS staff person, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: 301/415-7360) 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 changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: February 8, 2001.

**James E. Lyons,**

*Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Public Workshop on Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan (Reactor Safety Arena)**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will host a public workshop to provide an opportunity for a discussion of the NRC's Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan (RIRIP). The NRC issued a notice of availability and request for public comment on the RIRIP in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000. This workshop will focus on activities associated with regulating nuclear reactors.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2001 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Capital Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stewart Magruder, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone: (301) 415-3139, email: [slm1@nrc.gov](mailto:slm1@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC's 1995 policy statement on the use of probabilistic risk assessment provided the Commission's expectation on the use of risk information in its regulatory activities. The RIRIP provides guidance

and describes the staff's plans for applying criteria to select regulatory requirements and practices to risk-inform, risk-informing those requirements and practices, and developing the necessary data, methods, guidance, and training. The RIRIP is also intended to explain the agency's activities, philosophy, and approach to risk-informed regulatory policy to internal and external stakeholders. The RIRIP is available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/RES/riskinfreg.htm>.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss comments received in response to the December 21, 2000, notice in the **Federal Register** and to provide for an exchange of information with all stakeholders regarding the staff's efforts to risk-inform its regulatory requirements and practices. Although comments are welcome on the entire RIRIP, this workshop will focus on the implementation activities in the reactor safety arena portion of the RIRIP (Part 2, Chapter 1.)

As noted in the December 21, 2000, feedback is especially requested on the following specific questions—

1. Does the RIRIP include information activities that should not be undertaken? If so, why not?
2. Does the RIRIP omit implementation activities that should be undertaken? Describe such activities and why they should be undertaken.
3. How should the NRC measure its success in implementing risk-informed regulation?
4. Is the pace for implementing risk-informed regulation about right, or is it too fast or too slow?
5. Are there concerns about the agency's ability to maintain safety while implementing risk-informed regulation? If so, describe the concerns and, if possible, their basis.
6. How can risk-informed regulation increase public confidence?
7. Are the screening criteria clear and sufficient? If applied properly, would they result in identifying those activities amenable for transition to risk-informed regulation?
8. Will the implementation activities described in the RIRIP appropriately improve regulatory efficiency, effectiveness, and realism?
9. Other than requests such as this for written comment and a public workshop, how can stakeholder participation in risk-informed regulation be enhanced?
10. What communication activities would be desired to describe risk-informed regulation? What other interactions would be useful to provide