

impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the FES.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on January 31, 2001, the staff consulted with Florida State official, William Passetti, Bureau of Radiation Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments or objections.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's request for exemption dated October 30, 2000. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of February 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Reactor Oversight Process Initial Implementation Evaluation Panel; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 94-463, Stat. 770-776) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), on October 2, 2000, announced the establishment of the Reactor Oversight Process Initial Implementation Evaluation Panel (IIEP). The IIEP functions as a cross-disciplinary oversight group to independently monitor and evaluate the results of the first year of implementation of the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP). A Charter governing the IIEP functions as a Federal Advisory Committee was filed with Congress on October 17, 2000, after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration. The IIEP will hold its fourth meeting on February 26-27, 2001, in the ACRS Conference Room T-2B3, located at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The IIEP meeting participants are listed below along with their affiliation:

- A. Randolph Blough—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- R. William Borchardt—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Kenneth Brockman—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Mary Ferdig—Ph. D. Candidate, Organization Development Program, Benedictine University; Ferdig Inc. Organizational Research and Development
- Steve Floyd—Nuclear Energy Institute
- David Garchow—PSEG Nuclear LLC
- Richard Hill—Southern Nuclear Operating Company
- Rod Krich—Commonwealth Edison Company
- Robert Laurie—California Energy Commission
- James Moorman, III—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Loren Plisco—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Steven Reynolds—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- A. Edward Scherer—Southern California Edison Company
- James Setser—Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- Raymond Shadis—New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution
- James Trapp—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

A tentative agenda of the meeting is outlined as follows:

February 26, 2001

- 8 a.m.—Introduction/Meeting Objectives and Goals/Review of Meeting Minutes from January 22-23, 2001 Meeting
- 8:30 a.m.—Initial Prioritization of Issues Identified Through the Panel
- 12 p.m.—Lunch
- 1 p.m.—Presentations by Invited Stakeholders:
 - Steve Floyd of the Nuclear Energy Institute
 - Rich Janati of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
 - David Lochbaum of the Union of Concerned Scientists
- 5 p.m.—Adjourn

February 27, 2001 Meeting

- 8 a.m.—Recap of Previous Day's Meeting/Meeting Objectives and Goals
- 8:30 a.m.—Presentations by Invited Stakeholders:
 - Victor Dricks of the NRC Office of Public Affairs
 - Scott Peterson of the Nuclear Energy Institute
 - Jenny Weil of McGraw Hill's Inside NRC
- 12 p.m.—Lunch
- 1 p.m.—Initial Prioritization of Issues Identified Through the Panel (continued)
- 3 p.m.—Agenda Planning Session
- 4 p.m.—Public Comments/General Discussion
- 5 p.m.—Adjourn

Meetings of the IIEP are open to the members of the public. Oral or written views may be presented by the members of the public, including members of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Loren R. Plisco (Telephone 404/562-4501, e-mail LRP@nrc.gov) or Mr. John D. Monninger (Telephone 301/415-3495, e-mail JDM@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting date, 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 will be permitted during this meeting.

Further information regarding topics of discussion; whether the meeting has been canceled, rescheduled, or relocated; and the Panel Chairman's ruling regarding requests to present oral statements and time allotted, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Loren R. Plisco or Mr. John D. Monninger between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EST.

IIEP meeting transcripts and meeting reports will be available from the Commission's Public Document Room. Transcripts will be placed on the agency's web page.

Dated: February 12, 2001.

Andrew Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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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