

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 at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the proposed agenda.

Dated: December 19, 2002.

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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 January 23-24, 2003, 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, January 23, 2003—8:30 a.m.
Until the Conclusion of Business*

The Subcommittee will meet with representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Company and members of the NRC staff to review the Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the AP1000 passive plant design.

*Friday, January 24, 2003—8:30 a.m.
Until the Conclusion of Business*

The Subcommittee will continue its discussion of the AP1000 Probabilistic Risk Assessment, including fire, low power and shutdown, and external event risk assessments.

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 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. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify one of the staff engineers named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted

only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

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, Westinghouse Electric Company, and other interested persons regarding these matters.

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 Designated Federal Official, Dr. Medhat M. El-Zeftawy (telephone: 301-415-6889) or Mr. Michael R. Snodderly, Cognizant Staff Engineer, (telephone: 301-415-6927) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact one of the above named individuals at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Announcement of Public Meeting on Proposed Plan to Risk-Inform Post-Fire Safe-Shutdown Circuit Analysis Inspection

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public meeting, in the form of a facilitated workshop, to discuss and gather stakeholder input on proposed risk-informed post-fire safe-shutdown circuit analysis inspection.

DATES: February 19, 2003, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Referenced documents are available for review in ADAMS, NRC's online

document management system at <http://www.nrc.gov> or from the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), www.pdr.gov, 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, located on the first floor of One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Referenced documents and their Accession Nos. are: NRC Information Notice 99-17, "Problems Associated with Post-Fire Safe-Shutdown Circuit Analyses," (ADAMS Accession No. ML023510114); Enforcement Guidance Memorandum EGM-98-002, Revision 2, (ADAMS Accession No. ML003710123); Memorandum dated, 11/29/2000, "Rationale for Temporarily Halting Certain Associated Circuits Inspection Lines of Inquiry During Fire Protection Baseline Triennial Inspections," (ADAMS Accession No. ML003773142); Draft Revision D of NEI 00-01, "Guidance for Post-Fire Safe Shutdown Analysis, 10-15-2002," (ADAMS Accession No. ML023010376); Draft NUREG/CR, "Guidance for Post Fire Safe Shutdown Analysis," (ADAMS Accession No. ML023430533).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Birmingham, Mail Stop O-11F1, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone: 1-800-368-5642, extension 2829, or e-mail jlba4@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beginning in 1997, the NRC noticed a number of Licensee Event Reports (LERs) that identified plant specific problems related to potential fire induced electrical circuit failures that could prevent operation or cause mal-operation of equipment necessary to achieve and maintain post-fire safe shutdown. LERs identified problems involving Associated Circuits, Cable Routing, Redundant Train Separation, Wiring Errors, Fire-Induced Hot Shorts, Evaluations of Spurious Operations, Motor Operated Valve Evaluations, Transfer and Isolation Capability, Fuse/Breaker Coordination, High Impedance Faults, High-Pressure/Low-Pressure Interfaces (See NRC Information Notice 99-17 for more information) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML023510114). On November 29, 2000, a memorandum was written that outlined the rationale for halting certain associated circuits inspections while the industry worked to resolve the issue (ADAMS Accession No. ML003773142).

In response to this issue, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), with support from the Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWROG), formed a circuit

analysis issue task force. As part of this task force's efforts, a series of cable fire tests were performed. The results of these tests were reviewed by a panel of technical experts and their work was assembled by a technical integrator into a coherent overall evaluation. The final report, "Spurious Actuation of Electrical Circuits Due to Cable Fires: Results of an Expert Elicitation," was issued by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in May 2002 (Report No. 1006961). EPRI also developed a document titled, "Characterization of Fire-Induced Circuit Faults, Results of Cable Fire Testing," December 2002 (Report No. 1003326), that provides the results of the EPRI/NEI initiative examining circuit failures. These EPRI reports are EPRI Licensed Material and are available through EPRI, www.epri.com. (a fee may be applicable).

NEI has also been preparing a guidance document for a risk based evaluation method as part of the industry initiative. This document is currently in Draft Revision D, NEI 00-01, "Guidance for Post-Fire Safe Shutdown Analysis, 10/15/2002" (ADAMS Accession No. ML023010376).

The NRC has contracted with Brookhaven National Laboratory to develop a NUREG/CR that will assemble all NRC positions concerning post-fire safe-shutdown circuit analysis into one source document. A preliminary draft copy is being made available for purposes of this meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML023430533). The NUREG/CR will also identify successful strategies used by licensees and identify how risk-informed techniques can be used to inspect this program area.

The purpose of this workshop is to identify: (1) The most risk significant associated circuit configurations for inspection so the Enforcement Guidance Memorandum (EGM) EGM-98-002 (ADAMS Accession No. ML003710123) may be withdrawn and inspections resumed in a risk-informed manner, (2) other associated circuit configurations that require further research before focusing inspection in these areas, and (3) the least risk significant associated circuit configurations so that inspection resources will not be expended on low risk/small consequence items. The meeting may gather other information and serve as a vehicle for members of the public to express concerns and to provide advice.

The facilitated workshop will be conducted in a "roundtable" format to encourage a dialogue on the safe shutdown circuit analysis issues among the broad spectrum of stakeholders affected by and concerned about these issues. To have a manageable

discussion, the number of participants around the table will, of necessity, be limited. Other members of the public are welcome to attend, and will be given the opportunity to comment on each agenda item to be discussed by the roundtable participants. All questions regarding participation should be directed to the workshop facilitator, Francis "Chip" Cameron by phone at 301-415-1642 or e-mail fxc@nrc.gov.

If participants need to provide more detailed explanations than time in the workshop permits, written comments may be delivered before or up to 10 days after the workshop to Joseph Birmingham, MS 11F1, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail to jlb4@nrc.gov for consideration by the NRC staff.

All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and from the Public Access Record System (PARS) component of ADAMS.

Persons may pre-register to attend the facilitated workshop by contacting Joseph Birmingham (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Individual oral comments will be limited by the time available and at the discretion of the facilitator. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Birmingham's attention no later than February 1, 2003, to provide the NRC time to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may register to attend or present oral comments at this workshop by contacting Mr. Birmingham, no later than January 15, 2003. Those who wish to make comments may also register outside the Public Meeting Room within 15 minutes of the start of the meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Participants who do not have adequate time to fully express their views during the workshop may submit written comments to Mr. Birmingham up to 10 days following the meeting.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of December 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Notice of Meeting

Board Meeting: January 28, 2003—Las Vegas, Nevada: The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a meeting to discuss DOE technical and scientific activities related to the proposed development of a repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste disposal at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Issues to be discussed include the Yucca Mountain science program, materials testing, and barrier analyses.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, to discuss U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) technical and scientific activities related to a proposed repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The meeting is open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to managing spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The Board meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel; 4255 South Paradise Road; Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. The telephone number is (702) 369-4400; the fax number is (702) 369-4330. The meeting will start at 8 a.m.

Following the call to order and introductory statements, a general overview of the DOE program and a briefing on the Yucca Mountain project will be presented. The DOE will then discuss its plans related to operating a waste management system, including waste acceptance, packaging, transportation, repackaging, and emplacement. This presentation will be followed by an update on the DOE's science and engineering activities. After lunch, a contractor for the State of Nevada will present a status report on state-sponsored corrosion studies, and the DOE will update the Board on its materials testing activities, followed by a presentation on waste package