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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, ON APRIL 5 - 7

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a meeting in Rockville, Maryland, on April 5 - 7, to discuss the license renewal application for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 in Georgia, safety issues associated with the use of mixed oxide and high burn-up fuels, and an exemption request for the South Texas nuclear power plant, among other issues.

The meeting, most of which is open to the public, will be held in Room T-2B3 of the agency's Two White Flint North building at, 11545 Rockville Pike, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. The complete agenda is attached.

Those who wish to make oral or written statements, or seek additional information on the meeting or changes to the agenda should contact James Lyons, at 301-415-7371.

ACRS meeting notices, transcripts and letters are available on the internet, at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW/>.

ACRS Full Agenda:

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

8:30 A.M. - 8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open) - The ACRS Chairman will make remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.: Interim Review of the License Renewal Application for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and Southern Nuclear Operating Company regarding the license renewal application for Hatch Units 1 and 2, associated staff's Safety Evaluation Report (SER), selected Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) reports and the related staff's safety evaluations.

10:50 A.M. - 12:00 Noon: Proposed Final License Renewal Guidance Documents (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final Regulatory Guide DG-1104 and Standard Review Plan associated with license renewal, Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) report, and Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 95-10, "Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 54 - The License Renewal Rule."

1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.: Safety Issues Associated with the Use of Mixed Oxide (MOX) and High- Burnup Fuels (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding safety issues associated with the use of MOX and high- burnup fuels in commercial light water reactors.

2:50 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.: Thermal-Hydraulic Issues Associated with the AP1000 Passive Plant Design (Open/Closed) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Westinghouse Electric Corporation regarding thermal-hydraulic issues associated with the AP1000 design. [NOTE: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss Westinghouse proprietary information applicable to this matter.]

4:15 P.M. - 5:15 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.

5:15 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. : Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 A.M. - 8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open) - The ACRS Chairman will make remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.: Draft Final Safety Evaluation Report for the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) Exemption Request (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and STPNOC regarding the staff's draft Final Safety Evaluation Report for the STPNOC exemption request to exclude certain components from the scope of special treatment requirements required by NRC regulations.

10:50 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.: Closure of Generic Safety Issues (GSI)-170, "Reactivity Transients and Fuel Damage Criteria for High Burnup Fuel" (Open) - The Committee will hear a report from the cognizant Subcommittee Chairman, and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, as needed, regarding the closure of GSI-170.

1:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.: Subcommittee Report (Open) - Report by the Chairman of the Materials and Metallurgy Subcommittee regarding risk-informing 10 CFR 50.46, which was discussed during a joint meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Materials and Metallurgy, Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, and Reliability and Probabilistic Assessment on March 16, 2001.

1:15 P.M. - 1:45 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.

1:45 P.M. - 2:00 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.

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 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.

3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

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. - 1:00 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.

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