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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET OCTOBER 4 -6 IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a meeting from October 4 -6 in Rockville, Maryland.

Among the topics to be discussed will be an application for a power uprate for the Duane Arnold nuclear power plant in Iowa, a license renewal application for Florida's Turkey Point nuclear plant Units 3 and 4, and the NRC staff's readiness assessment for future plant designs. A complete agenda is attached.

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. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day.

For additional information on the meeting or schedule changes, please contact Dr. Sher Bahadur at 301-415-0138. ACRS meeting notices, transcripts and letters are available on the internet, at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRS/ACNW>.

ACRS MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30 - 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 - 10:15 A.M.: Duane Arnold Core Power Uprate (Open/Closed) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, the Nuclear Management Company, Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), and General Electric Nuclear Energy regarding the license amendment request to increase the core thermal power level for the Duane Arnold Energy Center and the associated staff's Safety Evaluation Report (SER).

[NOTE: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss General Electric Nuclear Energy proprietary information applicable to this matter.]

10:35 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.: Readiness Assessment for Future Plant Designs and the Staff Proposal Regarding Exelon's Regulatory Licensing Approach for the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the staff's readiness assessment for future plant designs and the staff proposal regarding Exelon's regulatory licensing approach for the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor.

1:30 - 2:30 P.M.: Action Plan to Address ACRS Comments and Recommendations Associated with the Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) on Steam Generator Tube Integrity (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the staff's action plan to address the ACRS comments and recommendations, which are included in NUREG-1740, "Voltage-Based Alternative Repair Criteria," associated with the DPO on steam generator tube integrity.

2:45 - 3:45 P.M.: Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue-173A, "Spent Fuel Storage Pool for Operating Facilities" (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of Generic Safety Issue-173A and the response to ACRS comments and recommendations included in the June 20, 2000 ACRS report on this matter.

4:00 - 7:00 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting as well as proposed reports on Reactor Oversight Process, EPRI Report on Resolution of Generic Letter 96-06 Waterhammer Issues, and Response to the August 8, 2001 EDO response to the June 19, 2001 ACRS letter on Risk-Based Performance Indicators.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30 - 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 - 10:30 A.M.: Interim Review of the License Renewal Application for the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant and Westinghouse Topical Reports Related to License Renewal (Open) - The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Florida Power and Light Company regarding the license renewal application for the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4, Westinghouse Topical Reports related to license renewal, and the associated staff's Safety Evaluation Reports.

10:50 - 11:20 A.M.: Subcommittee Report (Open) - Report by the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittee on Materials and Metallurgy regarding the results of the September 26, 2001 meeting during which several matters associated with steam generator tube integrity issues, including revised Steam Generator Action Plan were discussed.

11:20 A.M. - 12:00 Noon: Safety Culture and Risk-Informing General Design Criteria (Open) - The Committee will hear a presentation by and hold discussions with Mr. J. N. Sorensen, ACRS Senior Fellow, regarding his draft reports on safety culture and on risk-informing General Design Criteria of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50.

1:00 - 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 - 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.

2:15 - 3:15 P.M.: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open) - The Committee will discuss topics for meeting with the NRC Commissioners scheduled for December 5, 2001.

3:15 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open) - The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open) - The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

2:30 - 3:00 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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