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### **NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS TO MEET FEBRUARY 7 - 9 IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a meeting on February 7-9 in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss, among other issues, the NRC safety research program, the pressurized thermal shock technical bases re-evaluation project, and NRC's risk-informed regulation implementation plan.

The meeting, 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. A complete agenda is attached. For additional information or schedule changes, contact Dr. Sher Bahadur at 301-415-0138.

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## **ACRS AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, CONFERENCE ROOM 2B3, TWO WHITE FLINT NORTH,  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

8:30- 8:35 A.M.      Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)

Opening statement  
Items of current interest  
Priorities for preparation of ACRS reports

8:35- 9:45 A.M.      Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan (Open)

Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman  
Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff  
regarding update to risk-informed regulation implementation plan.

**9:45- 10:00 A.M.      \*\*\*BREAK\*\*\***

10:00- 12:00 Noon      Meeting with the EDO and the Office Directors of NRR, NMSS, RES

Remarks by the ACRS Chairman  
Discussions with the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO),  
Directors of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), Office  
Of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), and Office of Nuclear  
Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) on items of mutual interest.  
Members of the ACNW will participate in this discussion.

**12:00- 1:00 P.M.      \*\*\*LUNCH\*\*\***

1:00- 2:30 P.M.      Proposed Final Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.174 and SRP Chapter 19  
(Open)

Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman  
Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC  
staff regarding the proposed final revision to Regulatory  
Guide 1.174 and associated Standard Review Plan (SRP)  
Chapter 19 to address the use of probabilistic risk  
assessment (PRA) in license amendment reviews and plans  
to develop guidance related to PRA quality, including possible  
endorsement of industrial standards proposed by the  
American Society of Mechanical Engineers and American  
Nuclear Society. Representatives of the nuclear industry may  
provide their views, as appropriate.

**2:30- 2:50 P.M.      \*\*\*BREAK\*\*\***

2:50- 4:50 P.M.      PTS Technical Bases Reevaluation Project (Open)

Remarks by the Subcommittee Chairman  
Briefing by and discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the status of the Pressurized Thermal Shock (PTS) Technical Bases Reevaluation Project, including initial results of the Oconee Unit 1 reactor pressure vessel failure frequency calculated by using the Fatigue Assessment of Vessels - Oak Ridge (FAVOR) code, and the associated models, inputs, and assumptions used in this code.  
Representatives of the nuclear industry may provide their views, as appropriate.

**4:50- 5:10 P.M.      \*\*\*BREAK\*\*\***

5:10- 7:00 P.M.      Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)

Safety Research Program  
Proposed Final Revision to Regulator Guide 1.174 and associated SRP Chapter 19  
PTS Technical Bases Reevaluation Project  
Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

8:30- 8:35 A.M.      Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)

8:35- 9:00 A.M.      Subcommittee Report (Open)

Report by the Chairman of the Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena Subcommittee on matters discussed at the January 16-18, 2002 meeting.

9:00- 10:00 A.M.      Future ACRS Activities/Report-Planning & Procedures Subcommittee (Open)

Discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future ACRS meetings.  
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.

10:00- 10:15 A.M.      Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)

Discussion of the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters.

**10:15- 10:35 A.M.      \*\*\*BREAK\*\*\***

10:35- 12:00 Noon     Follow-up Items Resulting from January 24-26 ACRS Retreat (Open)

Remarks by the ACRS Chairman  
Discussion of the follow-up items resulting from the ACRS retreat on  
January 24-26, 2002, assignments, and schedule for closure of  
these items.

**12:00- 3:00 P.M.     \*\*\*LUNCH AND EXTENDED BREAK\*\*\***

3:00- 7:00 P.M.     Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)

Discussion of proposed ACRS reports on:  
Proposed Final Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.174 and associated  
SRP Chapter 19  
PTS Technical Bases Reevaluation Project  
Safety Research Program  
Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

8:30- 12:30 P.M.     Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)

Continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

12:30- 1:00 P.M.     Miscellaneous (Open)

Discussion of 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.

#### **Note:**

- **Presentation time should not exceed 50 percent of the total time allocated for a specific item. The remaining 50 percent of the time is reserved for discussion. Thirty-Five (35) copies of the presentation materials should be provided to the ACRS.**