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MEMORANDUM TO: The Chairman  
Commissioner Rogers  
Commissioner de Planque

FROM: *AB* Andrew L. Bates  
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SUBJECT: CHARTER RENEWAL FOR ACRS AND LSSARP

This is to inform the Commission that the biennial rechartering of the Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel (LSSARP) occurred on December 19, 1994 and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) occurred on December 23, 1994.

In accordance with GSA's rules regarding Federal Advisory Committee Management, all advisory committees require rechartering every two years. Without rechartering, statutory committees like the ACRS, stay in existence but may not meet or take any action. Rechartering of discretionary committees requires consultation with GSA while rechartering of a statutory committee is accomplished simply by filing an updated charter with the standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives having legislative jurisdiction of the agency, and with the Library of Congress and GSA.

Attached are copies of the charters as updated for the next two-year period. They are identical with the previous charters except that the estimated total annual costs of the LSS has been decreased from \$22,400 to \$13,400 and the ACRS has been increased from \$2,700,000 to \$3,000,000. The estimated staff years for the ACRS have been increased from 26 to 29, and the estimated number of meetings has been decreased from 88 to 54. The updated charters will be filed with the appropriate Congressional Committees and Federal agencies.

Attachments:  
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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
CHARTER  
LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL

1. Establishment and Official Designation

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Rules of Practice in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart J, establish the basic procedures for the submission and management of records and documents relating to the licensing of a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste (HLW). The procedures include the use of an electronic information management system known as the Licensing Support System (LSS). Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1011(E)(1) there is established an advisory committee designated as the LSS Advisory Review Panel.

2. Objectives, Scope of Activity, and Duties

The LSS Advisory Review Panel shall provide advice to:

- a. the Department of Energy (DOE) on the fundamental issues of the design and development of the LSS.
- b. the LSS Administrator, NRC, on the operation and maintenance of the LSS.

The LSS Advisory Review Panel shall provide advice on:

- a. format standards for the submission of documentary material to the LSS such as ASCII files, bibliographic headers, and images;
- b. procedures and standards for the electronic transmission of filings, orders, and decisions during both the pre-licensing application phase and the high-level waste licensing proceeding;
- c. access protocols for raw data, field notes, and other items;
- d. protocols on digitizing equipment;
- e. a thesaurus and authority tables;
- f. reasonable requirements for headers, the control of duplication, retrieval, display, image delivery, query response, and "user friendly" design; and

- g. other relevant activities related to the design, operation and maintenance of the LSS and the format and procedures for LSS material as directed by the LSS Administrator.

The LSS Advisory Review Panel will also develop recommendations on establishing priorities for the loading of documentary material and will review and comment on proposals on whether particular categories of documentary material should be included in the Topical Guidelines.

After commencement of the high-level waste repository licensing proceeding, the primary focus of the LSS Advisory Review Panel will be on broad, long-term, technical issues relating to the design and maintenance of the LSS and continuing assessments as to how and whether LSS is performing its intended function and serving users' needs.

### 3. Duration

The LSS Advisory Review Panel is expected to be needed on a continuing basis through the conclusion of the hearing on the license to emplace waste at the repository.

### 4. Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Panel reports to the LSS Administrator, NRC.

### 5. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will provide the necessary support through the Office of the LSS Administrator.

### 6. Membership

Membership initially included representatives who wished to participate from those organizations who served on the NRC High-Level Waste Licensing Support System Advisory Committee. This includes representatives of the State of Nevada, the Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the affected units of local government in Nevada, the National Congress of American Indians, and the coalition of industry groups. Selected Federal agencies with substantial experience in electronic information management systems may also be included on the Panel. Consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the LSS Administrator may appoint additional representatives, giving particular consideration to potential parties to the HLW licensing proceeding and those who later acquire actual party status. The NRC representative will serve as the Chairman of the Panel.

7. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

The LSS Advisory Review Panel is expected to meet approximately three times a year.

8. Estimated Annual Operating Costs

The estimated annual operating costs for the LSS Advisory Review Panel are \$13,400 and 0.2 person-year.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

CHARTER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

(Pursuant to Section 9 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act)

1. The Committee's official designation:

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)

2. The Committee's objectives and the scope of its activity:

- a) Section 29 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, provides:

"There is hereby established an Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards consisting of a maximum of fifteen members appointed by the Commission for terms of four years each. The Committee shall review safety studies and facility license applications referred to it and shall make reports thereon, shall advise the Commission with regard to the hazards of proposed or existing reactor facilities and the adequacy of proposed reactor safety standards, and shall perform such other duties as the Commission may request. One member shall be designated by the Committee as its Chairman. The members of the Committee shall receive a per diem compensation for each day spent in meetings or conferences, or other work of the Committee, and all members shall receive their necessary traveling or other expenses while engaged in the work of the Committee. The provisions of Section 163 shall be applicable to the Committee. In addition to its other duties under this section, the Committee, making use of all available sources, shall undertake a study of reactor safety research and prepare and submit annually to the Congress a report containing the results of such study."

- b) Section 182 b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, provides:

"The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards shall review each application under section 103 or section 104 b. for a construction permit or an operating license for a facility, any application under section 104 c. for a construction permit or an operating license for a testing facility, any application under section 104 a. or c. specifically referred to it by the Commission, and any application for an amendment to a construction permit or an amendment to an operating license under section 103 or 104 a., b., or c. specifically referred to it by the Commission, and shall submit a report thereon which shall be made part of the record of the application and available to the public except to the extent that security classification prevents disclosure."

c) Chapter 21, Section 313(f), of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (by Public Law 100-456, The National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1989), established the Defense Nuclear Safety Board and provides that:

"With the consent of and under appropriate support arrangements with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Board may obtain the advice and recommendations of the staff of the Commission on matters relating to the Board's responsibilities and may obtain the advice and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on such matters."

d) 10 CFR 1.13 provides that the ACRS:

". . . upon request of the Department of Energy (DOE), reviews and advises with regard to the hazards of DOE nuclear activities and facilities; reviews any generic issues or other matters referred to it by the Commission for advice. The Committee, on its own initiative, may conduct reviews of specific generic matters or nuclear facility safety-related items."

e) The Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended by Section 6 of Public Law 95-209, added the ACRS Fellowship Program providing that:

"To assist the ACRS in carrying out its function, the Committee shall establish a fellowship program under which persons having appropriate engineering or scientific expertise are assigned particular tasks relating to the functions of the Committee. Such fellowships are for two-year periods and the recipients of such fellowships shall be selected pursuant to such criteria as may be established by the Committee."

3. The time period necessary for the Committee to carry out its purposes:

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards is a continuing Committee, as provided in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (see Item 2, above).

4. Agency or official to whom this Committee reports:  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
5. Agency responsible for providing necessary support for the Committee:  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

6. A description of the duties for which the Committee is

responsible, and, if such duties are not solely advisory, a specification of the authority for such functions:

The duties of the Committee are set forth in Item 2, above.

7. The estimated annual operating costs in dollars and staff years for the Committee:

- a. \$3,000,000
- b. 29 Staff years

8. The estimated number and frequency of Committee meetings:

Frequency of meetings: 1 meeting per month plus special meetings as required (1 or 2 each year) for the full Committee; and an estimated 40 meetings per year of ACRS subcommittees.

9. The Committee's termination date, if less than two years, from the date of establishment:

Not applicable. See Item 3, above.

10. The filing date: December 23, 1994

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