

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on April 2-4, 1998, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, November 20, 1997 (62 FR 62079).

Thursday, April 2, 1998

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m.: Performance-Based Regulation and Related Matters (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the performance-based regulation and related matters.

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.: AP600 Design (Open/Closed)—The Committee will

hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Company and the NRC staff regarding Chapters 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 15 of the AP600 Standard Safety Analysis Report (SSAR) and associated NRC staff's draft Final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER) Chapters.

[Portions of the session may be closed to discuss safeguards information related to the AP600 design.]

11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The Committee will discuss with the NRC Commissioners the following topics:

- Improvements to the Senior Management Meeting Process.
- Proposed Revision to 10 CFR 50.59 Process.
- Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulations Including Use of PRA in the Regulatory Decisionmaking Process.
- Status of AP600 Review.
- NRC Safety Research Program.
- Fire Protection.
- Shutdown and Low-Power Operation.
- License Renewal.

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Meeting with the NRC Commissioners—Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North (Open)—The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners to discuss matters identified above.

2:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.: Updated Source Term for Operating Plants (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the staff activities associated with the use of updated source term for operating plants.

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting, as well as proposed ACRS reports regarding the NRC Safety Research Program, and coordination of ACRS/ACNW review activities.

Friday, April 3, 1998

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Elevation of Core Damage Frequency (CDF) to a Fundamental Safety Goal and Possible Revision to the Safety Goal Policy Statement (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding elevation of the CDF to a fundamental Safety Goal and possible revision to the Safety Goal Policy Statement.

10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.: Proposed Final Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section and Regulatory Guide for Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Inservice Inspection (ISI) (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final SRP Section and Regulatory Guide for risk-informed, performance-based ISI.

11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports.

11:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon: Future ACRS Activities (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.

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.: Continued Need for the Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee (NSRRC) Function (Open)—The Committee will discuss the need for the NSRRC function and will hold discussions with former NSRRC members.

2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.: Loss of Shutdown Cooling Event at River Bend Nuclear Station (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the inadvertent loss of cooling event at the River Bend nuclear plant, which resulted in an increase in the reactor coolant temperature, and the findings of the Special Inspection Team, which investigated this event.

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: SECY-97-225, Enhancing NRC Effectiveness and Efficiency and Related Matters (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the Acting Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Effectiveness, Program Oversight, Investigations and Enforcement regarding SECY-97-225 and related matters.

5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting, as well as proposed ACRS reports regarding the NRC Safety Research Program, and coordination of ACRS/ACNW review activities.

Saturday, April 4, 1998

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open/Closed)—The Committee 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.

[**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting, as well as proposed ACRS reports regarding the NRC Safety Research Program, and coordination of ACRS/ACNW review activities.

3:00 p.m.—3:30 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.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 1997 (62 FR 46782). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry, electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Dr. Medhat M. El-Zeftawy, Acting Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Acting Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check

with the Acting Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) P.L. 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting noted above to discuss matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), to discuss safeguards information related to the Westinghouse AP600 design per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), and to discuss information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting Dr. Medhat M. El-Zeftawy, Acting Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch (telephone 301/415-6889), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EST.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Dated: March 13, 1998.

John C. Hoyle,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on April 1, 1998, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel

rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, April 1, 1998—12:00 Noon until 1:30 p.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. It may also discuss the qualifications of candidates for appointment to the ACRS. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to 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. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff person named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff person, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: 301/415-7360) 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 one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: March 12, 1998.

Medhat M. El-Zeftawy,

Acting Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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