

waste. The results of the NRC staff review were provided as input to the DOE decision. DOE is responsible for determining whether the residual tank waste can be classified as incidental.<sup>12</sup>

### III. Conclusion

NRC has provided technical assistance, from a safety perspective, on DOE's methodology for classifying waste as "incidental." NRC staff has concluded that DOE's commitments to (1) clean up to the maximum extent technically and economically practical, and (2) meet performance objectives consistent with those required for disposal of low-level waste, if satisfied, should serve to provide adequate protection of public health and safety.

NRC does not have licensing and related regulatory authority over the HLW or residual wastes in the tanks at Savannah River. The authority and responsibility for classifying the waste at Savannah River reside in DOE, not NRC. Therefore, the issues underlying the petition should be directed to DOE.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of October, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**William F. Kane,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Reactor Oversight Process Initial Implementation Evaluation Panel Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L., 94-463, Stat. 770-776) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), on October 2, 2000, announced the establishment of the Reactor Oversight Process Initial Implementation Evaluation Panel (IIEP). The IIEP will function as a cross-disciplinary oversight group to independently monitor and evaluate the results of the first year of implementation of the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP). A Charter governing the IIEP functions as a Federal Advisory Committee is being filed on October 16, 2000, after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General

Services Administration. The IIEP will hold its first meeting on November 1-2, 2000, in Conference Room T-8A1, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

*The IIEP meeting participants are listed below along with their affiliation:*

A. Randolph Blough—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
R. William Borchardt—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Kenneth Brockman—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Steve Floyd—Nuclear Energy Institute  
David Garchow—PSEG Nuclear LLC  
Richard Hill—Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Rod Krich—Commonwealth Edison Company  
Robert Laurie—California Energy Commission  
David Lochbaum—Union of Concerned Scientists  
James Moorman, III—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Loren Plisco—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Steven Reynolds—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
A. Edward Scherer—Southern California Edison Company  
James Setser—Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
James Trapp—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

*A tentative agenda of the meeting is outlined as follows:*

November 1, 2000

1:00-1:20—Welcome & Opening Remarks  
—Introduction of Committee Members  
1:20-1:40—Role of Independent Advisory Committees  
1:40-2:00—Legal Requirements of FACA Committees  
2:00-3:00—IIEP Charter  
—Discussion of Proposed Bylaws  
3:00-3:15—Break  
3:15-3:30—Administrative Support for FACA Committee  
3:30-3:45—Lessons Learned and Best Practices from the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel  
3:45-4:00—Current Status of the Reactor Oversight Process  
4:00-5:00—Overview of Staff Performance Measures

Thursday, November 2, 2000

8:00-10:15—Detailed Discussion of Staff Performance Measures  
10:15-10:30—Break  
10:30-12:00—Detailed Discussion of Staff Performance Measures  
12:00-12:45—Lunch  
12:45-3:15—IIEP Discussion on Acceptability of Staff Performance Measures  
3:15-3:30—Break  
3:30-4:30—Agenda Planning

Meetings of the IIEP are open to the members of the public. Formal procedures for the conduct of the Panel meetings will be developed during the November 1-2, 2000 meeting. In the interim, at the November 1-

2, 2000, meeting, oral or written views may be presented by the members of the public, including members of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Loren R. Plisco (Telephone 404/562-4501, e-mail LRP@nrc.gov) or Mr. John D. Monninger (Telephone 301/415-3495, e-mail JDM@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting date, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras will be permitted during this meeting.

Further information regarding topics of discussion; whether the meeting has been canceled, rescheduled, or relocated; and the Panel Chairman's ruling regarding requests to present oral statements and time allotted, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Loren R. Plisco or Mr. John D. Monninger between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

IIEP meeting transcripts and meeting reports will be available from the Commission's Public Document Room. Transcripts will be placed on the agency's web page when a web site for the IIEP is established.

Dated: October 12, 2000.

**Andrew Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

### Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on October 31, 2000, 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: *Tuesday, October 31, 2000—1:00 p.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. 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

<sup>12</sup> DOE has promulgated an order, DOE 435.1, "Radioactive Waste Management," (July 9, 1999), that addresses, among other things, the classification of waste as incidental and not HLW. NRDC has challenged DOE's use of incidental waste. [NRDC and Snake River v. DOE, No. 00-70015 (May 22, 2000).]

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. (EDT). 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: October 12, 2000.

**James E. Lyons,**

*Associate Director for Technical Support,  
ACRS/ACNW.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant Systems; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Systems will hold a meeting on October 31, 2000, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: *Tuesday, October 31, 2000—8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.*

The Subcommittee will discuss the safety evaluation reports on the topical reports for ABB/CE and Siemens Digital I&C Applications. 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 and 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 engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and 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 engineer, Mr. Amarjit Singh (telephone 301/415-6899) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). 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 potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: October 6, 2000.

**James E. Lyons,**

*Associate Director for Technical Support.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

#### I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and

make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from September 25, 2000, through October 6, 2000. The last biweekly notice was published on October 4, 2000.

### Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.