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NRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
TO MEET IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, MARCH 5-6

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) has scheduled a technical meeting March 5-6 in Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Conference Room 2B3 in the NRC's Two White Flint North Building at 11545 Rockville Pike.

Although meetings of the ACRS are open, they are not part of the NRC's public hearing process. The ACRS, an advisory group to the Commission, conducts independent, highly technical reviews of safety considerations related to nuclear facilities. While anyone may attend, the committee will consider only oral or written statements arranged in advance and limited to specific matters set forth in a Notice of Meeting published in an upcoming edition of the Federal Register.

The meeting may include closed sessions, if required, to discuss proprietary or personnel information.

Here is the complete meeting agenda:
THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 to 8:35 a.m. -- Opening remarks by ACRS chairman.

8:45 to 10:30 a.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff on strategy for the development of the NRC research program.

10:50 a.m. to 12:00 noon -- Discussions with NRC staff on prioritization of research needs.

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. -- Discussion with NRC research staff on core capabilities needed to respond to future needs.

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. -- Confirmatory research activities.

3:15 to 5:00 p.m. -- Discussions with NRC research staff on current activities and anticipated severe-accident research activities. The committee will also discuss the drive toward risk-informed regulation.

5:00 to 5:30 p.m. -- Open discussion.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:35 to 9:30 a.m. -- Discussions with NRC staff of the results of the Individual Plant Examinations and Individual Plant Examinations of Externally Initiated Events.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. -- Meeting with NRC Commissioner Nils J. Diaz.

10:50 to 12:00 noon -- Discussion with NRC research staff regarding the risk significance and vulnerabilities of agency programs. The committee will also discuss goals and research needs.

1:00 to 7:00 p.m. -- Discussion of research needs by the appropriate subcommittee chairmen.

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Persons wishing to submit statements on any of these topics may do so by providing a readily reproducible copy to the committee or by mailing it to the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

(ACRS meeting schedules are subject to change. Anyone planning to attend should confirm the schedule the day before the meeting by calling (301) 415-5024.

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