

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS WASHINGTON, DC 20555 - 0001

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns Commissioner

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Commissioner Baran

FROM: Edwin M. Hackett, Executive Director /RA/

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SOLICIT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER ON THE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS (ACRS)

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval to begin the solicitation for new ACRS Members. The ACRS is currently staffed at 13 members out of a possible 15 allowed by the Atomic Energy Act. We are aware of one certain vacancy on the Committee in 2016 and the potential exists for additional vacancies in 2016 and 2017. For these reasons, and in consideration of overall ACRS succession planning, we are requesting that the Commission approve a solicitation for two vacancies at this time. Initiation of the solicitation process at this time should enable sufficient time for completion by Spring of 2016.

Attached are a draft *Federal Register* notice and a draft Press Release that we propose to use to solicit qualified candidates for possible appointment to the ACRS.

Based on the Committee's projected workload and the changes in the committee's membership, the draft *Federal Register* notice and the draft Press Release state that the Commission is seeking individuals with at least 20 years of broad experience and a distinguished record of achievement in one or more areas of nuclear science and technology or related engineering disciplines. For additional information, please call me at 415-7360.

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Enclosures:

1. Draft Federal Register Notice

2. Draft Press Release

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