| TO: | Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary | |
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| FROM: | Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko | |
| SUBJECT: | COMSECY-10-0010 – REQUEST TO SOLICIT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW MEMBERS ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS (ACRS) | |
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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for résumés.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) seeks qualified candidates for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). Submit résumés to Ms. Brandi Hamilton, ACRS, Mail Stop T2E-26, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or e-mail <u>brandi.hamilton@NRC.GOV</u>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACRS is a part-time advisory group, which is statutorily mandated by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. ACRS provides independent expert advice on matters related to the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants and on the adequacy of proposed reactor safety standards. Of primary importance are the safety issues associated with the operation of 104 commercial nuclear power plants in the United States and regulatory initiatives, including risk-informed and performance-based regulations, license renewal, power uprates, and the use of mixed oxide and high burnup fuels. An increased emphasis is being given to safety issues associated with new reactor designs and technologies, including passive system reliability and thermal hydraulic phenomena, use of digital instrumentation and control, international codes and standards used in multinational design certifications, materials and structural engineering, nuclear analysis and reactor core performance, and nuclear materials and radiation protection. In addition, the ACRS may be requested to provide advice on radiation protection, radioactive waste management, and earth sciences in the agency's licensing reviews for fuel fabrication and enrichment facilities,

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and for waste disposal facilities. The ACRS also has some involvement in security matters related to the integration of safety and security of commercial reactors.

See NRC website at <u>http://www.nrc.gov/aboutnrc/regulatory/advisory/acrs.html</u> for additional information about ACRS. Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear reactor safety matters, the ability to solve complex technical problems, and the ability to work collegially on a board, panel, or committee. The Commission, in selecting its Committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACRS. ACRS Committee members are appointed for-four-year terms and normally serve no more than three terms. The Commission looks to fill two vacancies as a result of this request. For these positions, a candidate must have at least 10 years of broad experience in either of the following areas:

- Nuclear plant operations with demonstrated expertise and an integrated knowledge of nuclear power plant electrical, mechanical, and control systems.
- A distinguished record of achievement in one or more areas of nuclear science and technology.

Candidates with pertinent graduate level experience will be given additional consideration. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds, so that the membership on the Committee is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee. Candidates will undergo a thorough security background check to obtain the security clearance that is mandatory for all ACRS members. The security background check will involve the completion and submission of

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paperwork to NRC. Candidates for ACRS appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. However, because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of a candidate in ACRS activities, the degree and nature of any such restriction on an individual's activities as a member will be considered in the selection process. Each gualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities or discontinuance of certain contracts or grants. Information regarding these restrictions will be provided upon request. A résumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including any special accomplishments, publications, and professional references should be provided. Candidates should provide their current address, telephone number, and e-mail address. All candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to factors such as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the to 130 United States and be able to devote approximately 100/days per year to Committee business. Résumés will be accepted until December 31, 2010.

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Annette Vietti-Cook Secretary of the Commission

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THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking qualified candidates for appointment to its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). The ACRS is an advisory group, required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The ACRS provides independent technical review of, and advice on, matters related to the safety of existing and proposed nuclear facilities and on the adequacy of proposed reactor safety standards. It also advises the Commission on issues in health physics and radiation protection.

The ACRS primary focus is on safety issues associated with the operation of 104 commercial nuclear power plants and in the United States and regulatory initiatives including risk-informed and performance-based regulations, license renewal, power uprates, new reactor applications and the use of mixed oxide and high burnup fuels. In addition, the ACRS may be requested to provide advice on radiation protection, radioactive waste management, and earth

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The current 13-member [#s may change] ACRS includes individuals who possess specific technical expertise along with a broad perspective in addressing nuclear safety concerns. Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as risk assessment, digital instrumentation and control, chemistry, mechanical, civil and nuclear engineering, materials sciences, health physics, and earth sciences.

Candidates with pertinent graduate-level education will be given additional consideration.

are appointed to Committee members/serve a four-year term, with the possibility of two reappointments. *three terms*. for total service of 12 years. The Commission seeks to fill these vacancies as a result of this request. Criteria used to evaluate candidates include: [these areas may change based on need]

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Commissioner Apostolakis FROM:

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FROM: **COMMISSIONER MAGWOOD**

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I join Commissioner Svinicki in commending Dr. Bonaca for his outstanding contributions to the ACRS.

I approve the draft Federal Register notice and draft Press Release as edited by Commissioner Svinicki.

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