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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 these matters.

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 Designated Federal Official, Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (telephone: 301-415-7364) or Mr. Michael R. Snodderly, Cognizant Staff Engineer, (telephone: 301-415-6927) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact one of the above named individuals at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director, for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Plant Operations; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Plant Operations will hold a joint meeting on January 21,

2003, Room T-2B3, 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, January 21, 2003—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will continue its discussion of activities associated with the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP), specifically staff activities to address the issues in the Staff Requirements Memorandum of December 20, 2001, in which the Commission directed that the NRC staff, with input from ACRS, should provide recommendations for resolving in a transparent manner, apparent conflicts and discrepancies between aspects of the revised ROP process that are risk-informed (e.g., significance determination process) and those that are performance based (e.g., performance indicators). The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and 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 Subcommittees, their consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Designated Federal Official named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

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

The Subcommittees will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and other interested persons regarding matters scheduled for this meeting.

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 Designated Federal Official, Ms. Maggalean W. Weston (telephone: 301-415-3151) between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working

days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda that may have occurred.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Safety Research Program; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Safety Research Program will hold a meeting on January 22, 2003, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, January 22, 2003—10 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will continue to discuss the ACRS 2003 report on the NRC-sponsored research programs. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and 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. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Designated Federal Official named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

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.

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 Designated Federal Official, Dr. Richard P. Savio (telephone 301/415-7363)

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 at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the proposed agenda.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment will hold a meeting on January 23-24, 2003, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, January 23, 2003—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will meet with representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Company and members of the NRC staff to review the Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the AP1000 passive plant design.

Friday, January 24, 2003—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will continue its discussion of the AP1000 Probabilistic Risk Assessment, including fire, low power and shutdown, and external event risk assessments.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and 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. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify one of the staff engineers named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted

only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

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, Westinghouse Electric Company, and other interested persons regarding these matters.

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 Designated Federal Official, Dr. Medhat M. El-Zeftawy (telephone: 301-415-6889) or Mr. Michael R. Snodderly, Cognizant Staff Engineer, (telephone: 301-415-6927) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact one of the above named individuals at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Announcement of Public Meeting on Proposed Plan to Risk-Inform Post-Fire Safe-Shutdown Circuit Analysis Inspection

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public meeting, in the form of a facilitated workshop, to discuss and gather stakeholder input on proposed risk-informed post-fire safe-shutdown circuit analysis inspection.

DATES: February 19, 2003, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Referenced documents are available for review in ADAMS, NRC's online

document management system at <http://www.nrc.gov> or from the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), www.pdr.gov, 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, located on the first floor of One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Referenced documents and their Accession Nos. are: NRC Information Notice 99-17, "Problems Associated with Post-Fire Safe-Shutdown Circuit Analyses," (ADAMS Accession No. ML023510114); Enforcement Guidance Memorandum EGM-98-002, Revision 2, (ADAMS Accession No. ML003710123); Memorandum dated, 11/29/2000, "Rationale for Temporarily Halting Certain Associated Circuits Inspection Lines of Inquiry During Fire Protection Baseline Triennial Inspections," (ADAMS Accession No. ML003773142); Draft Revision D of NEI 00-01, "Guidance for Post-Fire Safe Shutdown Analysis, 10-15-2002," (ADAMS Accession No. ML023010376); Draft NUREG/CR, "Guidance for Post Fire Safe Shutdown Analysis," (ADAMS Accession No. ML023430533).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Birmingham, Mail Stop O-11F1, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone: 1-800-368-5642, extension 2829, or e-mail jl4@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beginning in 1997, the NRC noticed a number of Licensee Event Reports (LERs) that identified plant specific problems related to potential fire induced electrical circuit failures that could prevent operation or cause mal-operation of equipment necessary to achieve and maintain post-fire safe shutdown. LERs identified problems involving Associated Circuits, Cable Routing, Redundant Train Separation, Wiring Errors, Fire-Induced Hot Shorts, Evaluations of Spurious Operations, Motor Operated Valve Evaluations, Transfer and Isolation Capability, Fuse/Breaker Coordination, High Impedance Faults, High-Pressure/Low-Pressure Interfaces (See NRC Information Notice 99-17 for more information) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML023510114). On November 29, 2000, a memorandum was written that outlined the rationale for halting certain associated circuits inspections while the industry worked to resolve the issue (ADAMS Accession No. ML003773142).

In response to this issue, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), with support from the Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWROG), formed a circuit