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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 119th meeting on June 13-15, 2000, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

#### **Tuesday, June 13, 2000—8:30 a.m. Until 5:00 p.m.**

*A. 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: ACNW Planning and Procedures (Open)*—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The ACNW will discuss planned tours and ACNW-related activities of individual members.

*B. 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Low Level Waste Branch Technical Position on Performance Assessment (Open)*—The Committee will review and provide comments on the final draft version of this branch technical position (BTP). The NRC staff will discuss the resolution of public comments received on the BTP.

*C. 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.: West Valley Policy Public Comments (Open)*—The Committee will hear and discuss public comments on the West Valley Demonstration Project decommissioning plan. The Committee will discuss the current status of the license termination plan with representatives of the NRC staff.

*D. 3:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m.: Prepare for the Next Public Meeting with the Commission (Open)*—The ACNW will begin preparation for the next public meeting with the Commission. Potential topics for discussion include: NRC's 10 CFR part 63, Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Waste in a Proposed Geological Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada; the recent Committee advice on the control of solid material; highlights of the Committee's recent European trip; the Defense In-Depth philosophy; and the ACNW's 2000 Action Plan.

#### **Wednesday, June 14, 2000—8:30 a.m. Until 5:00 p.m.**

*E. 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: Proposed Yucca Mountain Repository Design Features (Open)*—Representatives of the DOE will present the status of the design for the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The latest engineered features will be discussed.

*F. 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Department of Energy's (DOE) Repository Safety Strategy*—Representatives of the DOE will discuss the safety strategy for the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level waste repository. This may include a comparison of their principal factors associated with the proposed repository to the NRC staff's list of Key Technical Issues. There will also be a summary of Yucca Mountain specific siting guidelines in 10 CFR part 963.

*G. 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.: Status of the NRC LLW Program (Open)*—The Committee will review the status of the NRC's low-level radioactive waste program with representatives of the NRC staff's Uranium Recovery and Low-Level Waste Branch.

*H. 3:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open)*—The Committee will discuss planned reports on the following topics: NRC's plans to provide sufficiency comments on the DOE's Site Recommendation Considerations Report; the Use of Defense In-Depth philosophy; Risk-Informed Approaches to Nuclear Materials Regulatory Applications; Comments on the LLW BTP on Performance Assessment; High-Lights of the ACNW Visit to the U.K. and France; and comments on draft regulatory guides, DG-1067, "Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors" and DG-1071, "Standard Format and Content For Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities."

#### **Thursday, June 15, 2000—8:30 a.m. Until 5:00 p.m.**

*I. 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.: Meeting with the Director of the Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (Open)*—The Committee will meet with the Director to discuss items of mutual interest.

*J. 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.: DG-1067 and DG-1071*—The ACNW will consider two draft regulatory guides, DG-1067, "Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors," and DG-1071, "Standard Format and Content for Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities."

*K. 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.: Complete ACNW Reports (Open)*—Complete preparation of ACNW reports noted in item H.

*L. 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)*—The Committee will discuss

miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 1999 (64 FR 52352). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, 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 Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Richard K. Major, ACNW, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, 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 therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, ACNW (Telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301/415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EDT at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the

videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on June 7-9, 2000, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, October 14, 1999 (64 FR 55787).

#### Wednesday, June 7, 2000

*8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 A.M.-10:00 A.M.: Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue-173A, "Spent Fuel Storage Pool for Operating Facilities"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of Generic Safety Issue-173A.

*10:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M.: Regulatory Effectiveness of the Station Blackout Rule* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the results of the review performed by the staff to determine the regulatory effectiveness of the Station Blackout Rule.

*12:45 P.M.-2:15 P.M.: Proposed Final Standard Review Plan Section and Regulatory Guide Associated with the Revised Source Term Rule* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final Standard Review Plan Section and Regulatory Guide associated with the application of the revised source term for operating nuclear power plants.

*2:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.: Assessment of the Quality of Probabilistic Risk Assessments (PRAs)* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff

regarding the staff's proposal to address PRA quality until the industry standards have been completed, including the potential role of industry PRA certification process.

*4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports, as needed, for consideration by the full Committee.

*5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. : Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

#### Thursday, June 8, 2000

*8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 A.M.-10:00 A.M.: Performance-Based Regulatory Initiatives* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding a draft Commission Paper associated with performance-based regulatory initiatives and related matters.

*10:15 A.M.-11:30 A.M.: Use of Industry Initiatives in the Regulatory Process* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding use of industry initiatives in the regulatory process.

*11:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon: Safety Culture at Operating Nuclear Power Plants* (Open)—The Committee will hear a presentation by and hold discussions with Mr. Sorensen, ACRS Senior Fellow, regarding the safety culture at operating nuclear power plants.

*1:00 P.M.-1:30 P.M.: Visit to Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plant and Meeting with NRC Region III Personnel* (Open)—The Committee will hear a presentation by and hold discussions with Mr. Singh, ACRS Senior Staff Engineer, regarding the proposed schedule for touring the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plant, specific plant areas to be visited, proposed topics for discussion with representatives of the licensee, and the NRC Region III Office.

*1:30 P.M.-2:00 P.M.: Proposed Plan and Assignments for Reviewing License Renewal Guidance Documents* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the proposed plan and member assignments for reviewing the license renewal guidance documents (Standard Review Plan, Regulatory Guide, and Generic Aging Lessons Learned II Report).

*2:00 P.M.-2:15 P.M.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and*

*Recommendations* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

*2:15 P.M.-3:00 P.M.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS.

*3:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports, as needed, for consideration by the full Committee.

*4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

#### Friday, June 9, 2000

*8:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

*2:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M.: Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 1999 (64 FR 52353). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, ACRS, five days before the meeting, 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 during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained