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Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). 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 agenda.

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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 (ACRS) will hold a meeting on October 1-4, 2003, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, November 20, 2002 (67 FR 70094).

*Wednesday, October 1, 2003,
Conference Room T-2B3, Two White
Flint North, Rockville, Maryland*

*10:15 a.m.-10:20 a.m.: Opening
Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

10:20 a.m.-12 Noon: Final Review of the Fort Calhoun License Renewal Application (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Omaha Public Power District regarding the License Renewal Application for the Fort Calhoun Station Unit 1 and the associated final Safety Evaluation Report prepared by the staff.

1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Interim Review of the AP1000 Design (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and Westinghouse regarding the resolution of open items and related matters.

3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.: Proactive Material Degradation Assessment Program (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed proactive research program for assessing

materials degradation at nuclear power plants.

5 p.m.-6:15 p.m.: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The Committee will discuss the following topics scheduled for the ACRS meeting with the NRC Commissioners on October 2, 2003: (1) Overview by the ACRS Chairman of several items of interest including, risk-informing 10 CFR 50.46 and proposed 10 CFR 50.69; License renewal activities; AP1000 design; Preapplication review of ESBWR design; and Power uprate review standard, (2) Improvement of the Quality of Risk Information for Regulatory Decisionmaking, (3) Materials Degradation Issues, and (4) Reactor Oversight Process.

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report on safeguards and security matters (Closed).

Thursday, October 2, 2003, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland

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.-9 a.m.: Subcommittee Report on the Interim Review of the License Renewal Application for H. B. Robinson Nuclear Power Plant (Open)—The Committee will hear a report by and hold discussions with the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal regarding the review of the H. B. Robinson License Renewal Application and the staff's draft Safety Evaluation Report with open items.

9 a.m.-9:15 a.m.: Subcommittee Report on Fire Protection Matters (Open)—The Committee will hear a report by and hold discussions with Fire Protection Subcommittee Chairman regarding matters discussed at the September 9, 2003 meeting.

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners in the Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North to discuss the matters of mutual interest noted above.

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Review of the PIRT Process (Open)—The Committee will hear a presentation by and hold discussions with Dr. Nourbakhsh, ACRS Senior Fellow, regarding his review of the Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) process.

1:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.: Operating Experience Assessment Report—Effects of Grid Events on Nuclear Power Plant Performance (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the staff's report on the effects of grid event (1985-2001) on nuclear power plant performance and related matters.

4 p.m.-6 p.m.: Format and Content of the NRC Safety Research Program Report (Open)—The Safety Research Program Subcommittee Chairman will discuss the format and content of the annual ACRS report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program as well as assignments for the ACRS members.

6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report on safeguards and security matters (Closed).

Friday, October 3, 2003, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland

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 a.m.: Draft Final Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.168 (DG-1123), "Verification, Validation, Review, and Audits for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants" (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the Draft Final Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.168.

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.: Subcommittee Report on Reactor Fuels (Open)—The Reactor Fuels Subcommittee Chairman will provide a brief report on matters discussed during the September 29-30, 2003 meeting.

10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.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, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

11:45 a.m.-12 Noon: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The