

Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) to provide independent technical review of and advice on matters related to the management of nuclear waste, including all aspects of nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission. The ACNW undertakes independent studies and reviews related to disposal, storage, and transportation of both high- and low-level radioactive waste including interim storage of spent nuclear fuel; materials safety; and facilities decommissioning. This encompasses activities related to rulemakings, associated regulatory guides, and technical positions developed to support and clarify NRC's nuclear materials and radioactive waste regulations. Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as risk assessment, chemistry, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, materials sciences, and the earth sciences. At this time, candidates are being sought who have 15–20 years of experience, including graduate level education, in the management and disposal of radioactive waste. Committee members serve a 4-year term with the possibility of reappointment for a total service of 8 years.

Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear waste management matters, and the ability to solve complex technical problems. The Commission, in selecting its Committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACNW. For this position, the expertise must be directly related to the areas of radioactive waste disposal, site remediation and closure activities, materials degradation, corrosion of metals and alloys, and nuclear fuel cycle. Demonstrated experience would be particularly desirable in engineering design and risk assessment associated with underground structures, tunnels, and mining complexes, with emphasis in the area of radioactive waste storage and disposal. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds, so that the membership on the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee.

Candidates for ACNW appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. Because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of a candidate in ACNW 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 qualified 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 resume describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including any special accomplishments 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 such factors as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 70–100 days per year to Committee business. Applications will be accepted until December 31, 2003.

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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 December 3–6, 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, December 3, 2003, Conference Room T–2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland

1:30 p.m.–1:35 p.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

1:35 p.m.–6:30 p.m.: Draft Report on the NRC Safety Research Program (Open)—The Committee will hold a discussion of the Draft ACRS report on the NRC Safety Research Program.

6:45 p.m.–7:15 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Report (Closed)—The Committee will discuss proposed

ACRS report on Safeguards and Security matters.

Thursday, December 4, 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.–10:30 a.m.: Draft Final 10 CFR Part 52 Construction Inspection Program Framework (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the draft final construction inspection program framework for advanced reactor designs and the staff's resolution of public comments.

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: Proposed Revisions to SRP Chapter 18, Human Factors Engineering (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed revisions to the Standard Review Plan (SRP) Chapter 18, Human Factors Engineering.

1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.: Draft Final Revision to 10 CFR 50.48 to Endorse NFPA 805 Fire Protection Standard (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the draft final revisions to 10 CFR 50.48, which will permit licensees to adopt National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 Standard, as an alternative to the existing fire protection requirements.

2:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m.: Recent Operating Events (Open)—The Committee will hear a briefing by and hold discussions with the cognizant ACRS member regarding significant recent operating events.

3:30 p.m.–7 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, December 5, 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 the V. C.