

Thursday, December 16, 1999

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

8:35 A.M.–9:30 A.M.: Meeting with the Director of the Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) (Open)—The Committee will meet with the Director to discuss items of mutual interest.

9:30 A.M.–3:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue preparation of ACNW reports.

3:00 P.M.–3:30 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 therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, ACNW (Telephone 301/415–

7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EST.

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. EST 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.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pilot Program Evaluation Panel; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 94–463, Stat. 770–776) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced the establishment of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP). The PPEP will function as a management-level Oversight group to monitor and evaluate the success of the Commission's Reactor Oversight Process Improvements program. A Charter governing the PPEP functions as a Federal Advisory Committee was filed with Congress on June 30, 1999, after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration. The PPEP will hold its forthcoming meetings on December 8 and 9, 1999, at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Room T–2 B3.

The PPEP meeting participants are listed below along with their affiliation:

Frank P. Gillespie—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Mohan C. Thadani—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 James T. Wiggins—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Heidi Hahn—Los Alamos National Laboratories

Bruce Mallet—Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Geoffrey Grant—Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Kenneth E. Brockman—Nuclear Regulatory Commission

James Lieberman—Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Steve Floyd—Nuclear Energy Institute

David Garchow—Public Service Electric and Gas

Masoud Bajestani—Tennessee Valley Authority

George Barnes—Commonwealth Edison Company

James Chase—Omaha Public Power District

Gary Wright—Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety

David Lochbaum—Union of Concerned Scientists

These meetings are scheduled to develop consensus on the PPEP's final report. The PPEP will discuss the comments provided by the PPEP members, and resolve the differences of views if any. The product of this two day meeting will be the final report of the panel. To ensure flexibility, the panel will not follow any specific chronological agenda.

Meetings of the PPEP are open to the members of the public. Oral or written views may be presented by the members of the public, including members of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Frank P. Gillespie (Telephone 301/415–1004, e-mail FPG@nrc.gov) or Mr. Mohan C. Thadani (Telephone 301/415–1476, e-mail MCT@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting date, 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 will be permitted during this meeting.

Further information regarding topics of discussion; whether the meeting has been canceled, rescheduled, or relocated; and the Panel Chairman's ruling regarding requests to present oral statements and time allotted, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Frank P. Gillespie or Mr. Mohan C. Thadani between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

PPEP meeting transcripts and meeting reports will be available from the Commission's Public Document Room. Transcripts will be placed on the agency's web page at the address below: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/index.html>.

Transcripts of previous PPEP meetings can be viewed as background material at the above web site.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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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 December 15-16, 1999, Room T-2B1, 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, December 15, 1999—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will discuss the staff's programs for risk-based analysis of reactor operating experience, including special studies for common-cause failure analyses, system and component analyses, accident sequence precursor analyses, and related matters.

Thursday, December 16, 1999—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will discuss NRC staff efforts in the area of risk-informed technical specifications and associated industry initiatives proposed by the Risk-Informed Technical Specification Task Force. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to 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. 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 Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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, its consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

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 cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Michael T. Markley (telephone 301/415-6885) 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 one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Paul A. Boehnert,

Acting Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NRC Coordination Meeting With Standards Development Organizations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The NRC has committed through its Strategic Plan to utilize consensus standards to increase the involvement of licensees and others in the NRC's regulatory development process, consistent with the provisions of Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-113, the National Technology and Transfer Act of 1995, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and Conformity Assessment." As part of this commitment, periodic coordination meetings with key standards development organizations (SDOs) and other stakeholders will be held to foster better communication of SDOs' ongoing activities, and NRC needs regarding standards development and their use.

DATES: December 8, 1999—Registration will be from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will last approximately four hours.

LOCATION: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters, Two White

Flint North, Room T-3B45, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738.

CONTACT: Wallace E. Norris, USNRC, Telephone: (301) 415-6796; Fax: (301) 415-5074; Internet: wen@nrc.gov.

ATTENDANCE: This meeting is open to the general public. All individuals planning to attend, including SDO representatives, are requested to preregister with Mr. Norris by telephone or e-mail and provide their name, affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address.

PROGRAM: The purpose of the meeting is to foster better communication between SDOs and NRC regarding standards development and use. By holding periodic coordination meetings, the SDOs will be able to describe their ongoing and planned activities, and the NRC will be able to discuss activities and issues related to specific standards that are being developed or revised to meet its regulatory needs. The meeting will be coordinated by the NRC Standards Executive.

The first meeting between NRC and SDOs was held on May 26, 1999. The following issues were identified at the May 26, 1999, for discussion at this meeting:

(1) *Policy:* A proposal for the participating organizations to fill the void resulting from the dissolution of the ANSI Standards Nuclear Board (SNB) by addressing policy issues such as standards implementation problems, needs, and priorities was favorably discussed. It is requested that SDO representatives consider processes for implementing this proposal.

(2) *Timeliness:* The length of time between identification of the need for a standard and endorsement by the NRC is excessive. Some SDOs are presently implementing trial standards development and approval programs in an attempt to speed up the process. A status summary is requested from those organizations implementing trial programs.

(3) *Pub. L. 104-113:* Questions related to implementation of the public law were raised. To provide direction in implementing Pub. L. 104-113 and OMB Circular A-119, the NRC issued Management Directive 6.5, "NRC Participation in the Development and Use of Consensus Standards," on November 2, 1999. A copy of the Management Directive will be provided to those in attendance, and NRC staff will provide an overview.

(4) *Status:* A continuing item will be SDO discussion of standards under development to address emerging issues.