

1995 (U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Chief Information Officer, Finance and Administration Department, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Record keeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Currently, the National Mediation Board is soliciting comments concerning the new collection of information in the form of an Application for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services and is interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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A. Application for ADR Services

Type of Review: New Collection.

Title: Application for ADR Services.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Union Officials and Officials of Railroads and Airlines.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: Estimate about 45 annually.

Burden Hours: 9.

Abstract: The Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 151 a. General Purposes, provides that the purposes of the Act are

(1) to avoid any interruption to commerce or to the operation of any carrier engaged therein. * * * (4) to provide for the prompt and orderly settlement of all disputes concerning rates of pay, rules, or working conditions, and (5) to provide for the prompt and orderly settlement of all disputes growing out of grievances or out of the interpretation or application of agreements concerning rates of pay, rules, or working conditions.

In fulfilling its role to administer the Act, the National Mediation Board offers the parties to disputes mediation and arbitration services. On a voluntary basis, training programs in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and facilitation services are also available. These ADR programs are designed to enhance the bargaining and grievance handling skill level of the disputants and to assist the parties in the resolution of disputes. The impact of these ADR programs is that mediation and arbitration can be avoided entirely or the scope and number of issues brought to mediation or arbitration is significantly reduced.

This collection is necessary to confirm the voluntary participation of the parties in the ADR process. The information provided by the parties is used by the NMB to schedule the parties for ADR training and facilitation. Based on a recent survey of those who participated in the NMB's ADR Programs, 94.6% said they were satisfied with the ADR Programs and said they recommend the program for all negotiators. Collecting the brief information on the Application for ADR Services form allows the parties to voluntarily engage the services of the NMB in the orderly settlement of all disputes and fulfill the purposes of the Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be requested by sending an email to leach@nmb.gov or should be addressed to Grace Ann Leach, Sr. Project Manager, National Mediation Board, 1301 K Street NW., Suite 250 E, Washington, DC 20005, or faxed to 202-692-5081. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to June D.W. King, Chief Information Officer, National Mediation Board, 1301 K Street NW., Suite 250 East, Washington DC 20005, or at 202-692-5010 or via email address king@nmb.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD/TDY) may call the Federal

Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes; Renewal Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: This notice is to announce the renewal of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) for a period of two years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has determined that the renewal of the charter for the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes for the two year period commencing on March 18, 2004 is in the public interest, in connection with duties imposed on the Commission by law. This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

The purpose of the ACMUI is to provide advice to NRC on policy and technical issues that arise in regulating the medical use of byproduct material for diagnosis and therapy. Responsibilities include providing guidance and comments on current and proposed NRC regulations and regulatory guidance concerning medical use; evaluating certain non-routine uses of byproduct material for medical use; and evaluating training and experience of proposed authorized users. The members are involved in preliminary discussions of major issues in determining the need for changes in NRC policy and regulation to ensure the continued safe use of byproduct material. Each member provides technical assistance in his/her specific area(s) of expertise, particularly with respect to emerging technologies. Members also provide guidance as to NRC's role in relation to the responsibilities of other Federal agencies as well as of various professional organizations and boards.

Members of this Committee have demonstrated professional qualifications and expertise in both scientific and non-scientific disciplines including nuclear medicine; nuclear cardiology; radiation therapy; medical physics; radiopharmacy; State medical regulation; patient's rights and care;

health care administration; medical research; medical dosimetry, and Food and Drug Administration regulation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Williamson, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; Telephone (301) 415-5030.

Dated: March 18, 2004.

Andrew L. Bates,

Federal Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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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 (ACRS) will hold a meeting on April 15-17, 2004, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, November 21, 2003 (68 FR 65743).

Thursday, April 15, 2004, 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.: Action Plan for Implementing the Phased Approach for Improving PRA Quality (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the staff's proposed action plan for implementing the phased approach for improving PRA quality.

10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: SECY-04-0037, "Issues Related to Proposed Rulemaking to Risk-Inform Requirements Related to Large Break LOCA Break Size and Plans for Rulemaking on LOCA with Coincident Loss-of-Offsite Power" (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding SECY-04-0037.

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: Options and Recommendations for Functional Performance Requirements and Criteria for the Containments of Non-LWRs (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff

regarding proposed options and recommendations for functional performance requirements and criteria for the containments of non-light water reactors (LWRs).

3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.: Criteria for Evaluating the Effectiveness (Quality) of the NRC Research Programs (Open)—The Committee will discuss the final criteria for use by the ACRS in evaluating the effectiveness (quality) of the NRC research programs.

5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting as well as proposed reports on Resolution of Certain Items Identified by the ACRS in NUREG-1740 Related to Differing Professional Opinion on Steam Generator Tube Integrity, and on Divergence in Regulatory Requirements Between U.S. and Several Other Countries.

Friday, April 16, 2004, 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.: License Renewal Application for the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and Rochester Gas and Electric Company regarding the license renewal application for the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant and the associated final Safety Evaluation Report prepared by the NRC staff.

10:15 a.m.-12 noon: Proposed Generic Communication Regarding Pressurizer Dissimilar Metal Weld Cracking Issues (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed NRC generic communication related to pressurizer dissimilar metal weld cracking issues.

1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Subcommittee Report on the Interim Review of the License Renewal Application for the Dresden and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Plants (Open)—The Committee will hear a report by and hold discussions with the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal regarding the Subcommittee's review of the license renewal application for the Dresden and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Plants and the associated initial Safety Evaluation Report prepared by the NRC staff.

1:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.: Subcommittee Report on Digital I&C System Matters

(Open)—The Committee will hear a report by and hold discussions with the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations regarding the Subcommittee's review of the digital instrumentation and control (I&C) system matters.

1:45 p.m.-2:30 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, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

2:30 p.m.-2:45 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.

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed topics for meeting with the NRC Commissioners, which is scheduled to be held between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2004.

4:45 p.m.-7 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

Saturday, April 17, 2004, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

12:30 p.m.-1 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 October 16, 2003 (68 FR 59644). In accordance with those 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. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Cognizant ACRS staff named below five days before the meeting, if possible, so that