

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Experts' Meeting on High-Burnup Fuel Behavior Under Postulated Accident Conditions**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting to further develop a Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) for loss of coolant accidents (LOCAs). PIRTs have been used at NRC since 1988, and they provide a structured way to obtain a technical understanding that is needed to address certain issues. About twenty of the world's best technical experts are participating in this activity, and the experts represent a balance between industry, universities, foreign researchers, and regulatory organizations. The current PIRT activity is addressing postulated LOCAs for a BWR and a PWR.

**DATES:** July 25-27, 2000, 8:30 am-5:30 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** Room T10A1 (TWFN) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting agenda will be posted on the NRC Web site at [www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.htm](http://www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.htm) by July 17, 2000. The meeting is open to the public. Attendees will need to obtain a visitor badge at the TWFN building lobby.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ralph Meyer, SMSAB, Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6789.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of July 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on August 8-9, 2000, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Most of the meeting will be closed to public attendance to discuss proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) pertinent to Siemens Power Corporation.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Tuesday, August 8, 2000—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business*

*Wednesday, August 9, 2000—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business*

The Subcommittee will begin review of Siemens Power Corporation S-RELAP5 thermal-hydraulic systems code. 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 Siemens Power Corporation, the NRC staff, 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. Paul A. Boehmert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). 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: July 7, 2000.

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 33-7872]**

### **Revision of the Commission's Auditor Independence Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of hearings.

**SUMMARY:** On June 27, 2000, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") approved proposed rule amendments (the "Proposing Release") regarding auditor independence (Securities Act Release No. 33-7870). Copies of the Proposing Release are available on the Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In connection with those proposals, the Commission announced that it will hold public hearings. The purpose of the hearings is to give the Commission the benefit of the views of interested members of the public regarding the issues raised and questions posed in the Proposing Release. The Commission is announcing that the initial public hearing will be held on July 26, 2000 in Washington, D.C. Additional public hearings will be held in September.

**DATES:** The initial public hearing will be held on July 26, 2000 in Washington, D.C. Additional public hearings will be held in September. The following information pertains to the July 26th hearing. The hearing on July 26 will begin at 9:00 a.m. Those who wish to testify at the hearing must submit a written request to the Commission. The Commission must receive these requests on or before July 17, 2000. Persons requesting to testify must also submit three copies of their oral statements or a summary of their intended testimony to the Commission. The Commission must receive these submissions on or before July 21, 2000. Those who do not wish to appear at the hearings may