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Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained by contacting the DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the DFO if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Dated: January 7, 2010.

**Antonio Dias,**

Chief, Reactor Safety Branch B, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on AP1000; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on the AP1000 will hold a meeting on February 2-3, 2010, 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T2-B1, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The proposed agenda for the subject meeting is as follows:

*Tuesday, February 2, 2010—8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.*

*Wednesday, February 3, 2010—8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.*

The Subcommittee will review selected chapters of the Draft Safety Evaluation Report associated with the amendment to the Westinghouse AP1000 Design Certification Document and the combined license (COL) application. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with Westinghouse, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC), and NRC staff representatives

regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Mr. Peter Wen, (Telephone 301-415-2832, E-mail: [Peter.Wen@nrc.gov](mailto:Peter.Wen@nrc.gov)) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a compact disk containing each presentation at least 30 minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 2009 (74 FR 52828-52829).

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Dated: January 7, 2010.

**Antonio F. Dias,**

Chief, Reactor Safety Branch B Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Seeks Qualified Candidates for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Request for resumes.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) seeks qualified candidates for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). Submit resumes to Ms. Kendra Freeland, Analyst, ACRS, Mail Stop T2E-26, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or e-mail [Kendra.Freeland@NRC.GOV](mailto:Kendra.Freeland@NRC.GOV).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ACRS is a part-time advisory group, which is statutorily mandated by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. ACRS provides independent expert advice on matters related to the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants and on the adequacy of proposed reactor safety standards. Of primary importance are the safety issues associated with the operation of 104 commercial nuclear power plants in the United States and regulatory initiatives, including risk-informed and performance-based regulations, license renewal, power uprates, and the use of mixed oxide and high burnup fuels. An increased emphasis is being given to safety issues associated with new reactor designs and technologies, including passive system reliability and thermal hydraulic phenomena, use of digital instrumentation and control, international codes and standards used in multinational design certifications, material and structural engineering, nuclear analysis and reactor core performance, and nuclear materials and radiation protection. The ACRS also has some involvement in security matters related to the integration of safety and security of commercial reactors.

See NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/aboutnrc/regulatory/advisory/acrs.html> for additional information about ACRS. Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear reactor safety matters, the ability to solve complex technical problems, and the ability to work collegially on a board, panel, or committee. The Commission, in selecting its Committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACRS. ACRS Committee members are appointed for four-year terms and normally serve no more than three terms. The Commission looks to fill potential multiple vacancies as a result of this request. For these positions, a candidate must have at least 10 years of broad experience in nuclear engineering coupled with operational exposure to issues relative to new reactor designs pertaining to digital instrumentation and control, civil/

structural engineering, or radiation protection. Candidates with pertinent graduate level experience will be given additional consideration. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds, so that the membership on the Committee is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee. Candidates will undergo a thorough security background check to obtain the security clearance that is mandatory for all ACRS members. The security background check will involve the completion and submission of paperwork to NRC.

Candidates for ACRS appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. However, because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of a candidate in ACRS 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 résumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including any special accomplishments, publications, 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 factors such as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 100 days per year to Committee business. Resumes will be accepted until April 13, 2010.

Dated: January 7, 2010.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Walter, as duty officer, voted to consider the item listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session, and determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2010 will be: post argument discussion.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 11, 2010.

**Florence E. Harmon,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Assistance to Small Shipyards Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, Office of Shipyards and Marine Technology.

**ACTION:** Notice of Small Shipyard Grant Program.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 20.814.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carl Setterstrom, Director, Office of Shipyards and Marine Engineering,

Maritime Administration, Room W21-318, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; phone: (202) 366-5737; or fax: (202) 366-6988.

**Key Dates:** The period for submitting grant applications, as mandated by statute, commenced on December 16, 2009 and will terminate on February 16, 2010. The applications must be received by the Maritime Administration by 5 p.m. EST on February 16, 2010. Applications received later than this time will not be considered. The Maritime Administration intends to award grants no later than April 15, 2010.

**Funding Opportunity:** Section 54101 of Title 46, United States Code, and the section entitled "Assistance to Small Shipyards" in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117), provide that the Maritime Administration shall establish an assistance program for small shipyards. Under this program, there is currently \$14,700,000 available for grants for capital and related improvements for qualified shipyard facilities that will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration. (\$300,000 of the \$15,000,000 appropriated for the program is reserved for program administration.) Such grants may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities or to acquire land unless such use is specifically approved by the Maritime Administration as being consistent with and supplemental to capital and related infrastructure improvements. Grant funds may also be used for maritime training programs to foster technical skills and operational productivity in communities whose economies are related to or dependent upon the maritime industry. Grants for such training programs may only be awarded to "Eligible Applicants" as described below but training programs can be established through vendors to such applicants.

**Award Information:** The Maritime Administration intends to award the full amount of the available funding through grants to the extent that there are worthy applications. No more than 25 percent of the funds available will be awarded to shipyard facilities in one geographic location that have more than 600 production employees. The Maritime Administration will seek to obtain the maximum benefit from the available funding by awarding grants for as many of the most worthy projects as possible. The Maritime Administration may partially fund applications by selecting parts of the total project. The start date and period of performance for each