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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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ASME NQA-1 Subcommittee Meeting

During April 14-16, 2008, the Division of Engineering (DE) staff, Office of New Reactors staff, and Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards staff participated in several American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) NQA-1 Subcommittee and main Committee meetings in New Orleans. The staff discussed issues related to differences between the NRC accepted NQA-1-1994 edition and later editions of the NQA-1 standard. ASME has requested NRC endorsement of NQA-1-2008 Edition dated March 2008.

Digital I&C Task Working Group #5, Highly Integrated Control Room - Human Factors Meeting

On April 16, 2008, the Digital Instrumentation & Controls Task Working Group (TWG) #5, Highly Integrated Control Room - Human Factors, conducted a Category 2 public meeting with representatives of Nuclear Energy Institute and the industry. The primary topic of discussion was the minimum inventory of "human system interfaces" (i.e. alarms, controls, and displays). The next public meeting of this TWG is currently scheduled for May 21, 2008.

Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, License Renewal Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement

On April 22, 2008, the Division of License Renewal staff issued draft NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 35, Regarding Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2," for public comment. This supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) includes the staff's preliminary analysis that considers and weighs the environmental effects, environmental impacts of alternatives, and mitigative measures available for reducing or avoiding adverse impacts associated with the proposed action. It also includes the staff's preliminary recommendation that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable.

A 75-day public comment period began on April 22, 2008, with the Notice of Filing of the draft SEIS with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The staff has scheduled public meetings on June 3, 2008, in Waynesboro, GA, to present its analyses and to receive public comments on the draft SEIS.

Interagency Committee Meeting on Dam Safety

During April 22-23, 2008, the DE staff participated in the quarterly Interagency Committee on Dam Safety meeting. The committee evaluated the 2006 Dam Safety Act to provide input into the legislative process to provide recommended improvements for the 2011 Dam Safety Act.

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Staff Observation of Industry Peer Review of the Shearon Harris Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment

During April 22-24, the Division of Risk Assessment staff observed an industry peer review of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1 (HNP) fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) to support implementation of National Fire Protection Association Standard 805, "Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants," as allowed under Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 50.48(c). During this period, the industry also reviewed the licensee's resolution of the findings and suggestions identified by the staff during its February 4-8, 2008, review of HNP fire PRA.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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High-Level Waste Repository Safety (HLWRS) Staff Interviewed for Oral History Project

On April 10, 2008, HLWRS staff were interviewed by a faculty member from the University of Utah as part of an oral history project on the siting of nuclear facilities in the western United States. The project, titled "Nuclear Technologies in the Great Basin Oral History Project," specifically addresses nuclear waste siting decisions (including the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, NV) from a variety of perspectives. HLWRS staff were asked primarily about NRC's role in deciding whether or not to authorize construction of the proposed repository.

HLWRS Staff Presentation to Native American Forum

On April 11, 2008, HLWRS staff presented an invited talk at the Native American Forum on Nuclear Issues, at the University of Nevada, in Las Vegas. The purpose of the forum was to bring Native American stakeholders together with researchers, scholars, and government officials to address nuclear development in the Great Basin and its impact on native people. HLWRS staff provided an overview of NRC's regulatory responsibilities for the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, and outlined the options available to Tribal Governments for participation in NRC's hearing process.

Workshop for Affected Units of Local and Tribal Government

On April 17, 2008, HLWRS, Office of the General Counsel, and Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel staff members hosted a workshop on NRC's licensing process at NRC's hearing facility in Las Vegas, Nevada. At the workshop, NRC staff facilitated a discussion that allowed representatives of Affected Units of Local Government and the Timbisha Shoshone (recently designated as an Affected Tribe) to obtain answers to their questions about participating in potential licensing hearings for a repository at Yucca Mountain. Members of the public were afforded opportunities to observe, comment and ask questions. Local and tribal government representatives expressed their appreciation for timely and useful information, as they decide the nature and extent of their county's or tribe's participation in NRC's upcoming hearings. HLWRS staff agreed to a follow-up meeting in May with Timbisha Tribal officials.

Open House at NRC's Las Vegas Hearing Facility

On April 17, 2008, HLWRS headquarters staff and staff of NRC's Las Vegas On-site Representative's Office hosted an evening open house at NRC's hearing facility in Las Vegas, Nevada. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel staff provided a tour of the hearing facility. Staff from HLWRS, Office of the General Counsel, and Region IV were available to discuss NRC's role and plans for reviewing a potential license application for the proposed repository and to answer questions.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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RES Publication of Three Draft Regulatory Guides

On April 22, three draft regulatory guides were issued; Draft Regulatory Guide 0017 (DG-0017) "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Licenses for Laboratory and Industrial Use of Small Quantities of Byproduct Material"; DG-0018, "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Medical Use Programs"; and DG-0019, "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for the Use of Self-Contained Dry Source-Storage Gamma Irradiators." The draft guides endorse the methods and procedures described in the current revision of NUREG-1556, Volumes 5, 7, and 9. DGs-0017, DG-0018, and DG-0019 are available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/general/draft-index.html>.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Fitness for Duty Programs: Final Rule, Correction (RIN 3150-AF12, Part 26)

On April 22, 2008, the Office of the Federal Register published a notice (73 FR 21690) correcting a printing error made in a final rule (73 FR 16966) the NRC published on March 31, 2008, concerning NRC's Fitness for Duty Programs.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of April 18, 2008 through April 24, 2008:

Security clearance records on named individual	FOIA/PA-2008-0191
Definition of Operable Multi Plant Issue D17, 3-26-1981, referenced in Technical Evaluation Report ie. 8402150538, 8311100082	FOIA/PA-2008-0192
Turkey Point Nuclear Power Station, proposed enforcement action re: violation of security requirements, 2004-2006, all records	FOIA/PA-2008-0193
Martin Industrial Testing Inc., 6700 Tram Court, Sandston, VA 23150, all records submitted to NRC on or about March 10-18, 2008	FOIA/PA-2008-0194
Radium, reports or studies, special handling procedures, disposal of radium gauges and dials	FOIA/PA-2008-0195
NRC Exhibit 300s, all documents	FOIA/PA-2008-0196
Hematite radioactive site, Hematite, Missouri, technical documents, reports, and correspondence regarding environmental contamination	FOIA/PA-2008-0197

Requests Completed:

2008-0061
 2008-0160
 2008-0162
 2008-0163
 2008-0164
 2008-0165
 2008-0166
 2008-0167
 2008-0168 (No PDR)
 2008-0173 (No PDR)
 2008-0179
 2008-0184
 2008-0185 (No PDR)
 2008-0187
 2008-0192

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
AZARIAH-KRIBBS, KEITH	TECHNICAL WRITER-EDITOR	ADM
BIDDISON, JOHN	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
BREEN, ANDREW	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
BROWN, CHARLES	MEMBER	ACRS
BROWN, KEISA	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	RIV
BURROUGHS, ELEASAH	SECRETARY (OA)	NRO
CHAMBERLIN, NANCY	IT SPECIALIST (PROJECT MANAGER)	OIS
CLARK, JEFFERSON	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
EDDY, MICHAELA	STUDENT ENGINEER	NMSS
EDMONDS, SHAVON	REACTOR ENGINEER (NSPDP)	RIII
ENGLISH, KIMBERLY	RECRUITMENT PROJECT MANAGER	OHR
GRIFFIN, NICOLE	GENERAL ENGINEER (NSPDP)	OE
GUARDIOLA, MARIA	NUCLEAR ENGINEER (NSPDP)	NMSS
JACKSON, GERARD	SENIOR SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
LAMB, VANESSA	BRANCH SECRETARY	RII
LETOURNEA, ANDREW	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
MENDIOLA, MARY	TECHNICAL LIBRARIAN	OIS
MURRAY, ROBERT	REACTOR ENGINEER	RIII
OTTO, NGOLA	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
PARKS, JAZEL	SECRETARY (OA)	RES
PATE, ANTHONY	PROJECT ENGINEER	RIV
ROBINS, STEVE	PROGRAM ANALYST	OIS
RYAN, REBECCA	STUDENT MANAGEMENT ANALYST	OIG
SARACINO, ERIK	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
SPICHER, TERRI	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	NRO
STEVENS JR., ROBERT	SENIOR DIGITAL I&C ENGINEER	RES

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SZABO, AARON	FINANCIAL ANALYST	NRR
WELCH, AMY	COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	RES
WHEELER, LARRY	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	NRO
YANG, YAGUANG	DIGITAL I & C ENGINEER	RES
Departures		
BALL, DAVID	REACTOR ENGINEER	NRO
CLARK, ROBERT	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
KLUMP, MARY KENDRA	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
STUMME, WILLIAM	TEAM LEADER	OIG

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

United States low-level waste imports and EnergySolutions proposed application;

NRC's emergency preparedness survey;

NRC senior management changes effective May 2;

Indian Point nuclear plant's unscheduled shutdown of Unit 2;

Costs of the Las Vegas Hearing Facility.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA supported Chairman Klein's visit to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute near Albany, New York where he answered questions from local television, radio, and print reporters.

OPA facilitated an interview between Federal Times and NRC Chief Security Officer to discuss OMB "watch list" and current agency IT projects.

OPA supported Chairman Klein's press availability at Nine Mile Point and Fitzpatrick nuclear plant near Oswego, NY where he answered local media questions ranging from new reactors to Yucca Mountain.

OPA facilitated an interview with Inside NRC and NMSS staff regarding a criticality safety inspection at BWX Technologies' plant near Lynchburg, Virginia.

OPA regional staff assisted in numerous end-of-cycle meetings.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
08-081	NRC Announces Additional Management Changes; Agency Strengthened for Coming Challenges (4/22)
08-082	ASLB to Hold Public Meeting May 14 in Las Vegas to Discuss Formats for Contentions in High-Level Waste Adjudication (4/22)
08-083	Licensing Board Adds Prehearing Conference April 28 on Vogtle Site Permit, Extends Pre-Registration (4/22)

Regions:	
I-08-028	NRC Annual Assessment for Salem, Hope Creek Nuclear Plants to be Discussed at Public Meeting on April 30 in Swedesboro, N.J. (4/24)
II-08-025	NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss Corrective Actions and 2007 Regulatory Performance at Brunswick Nuclear Plant (4/24)
III-08-016	NRC to Discuss 2007 Performance Assessment for Dresden Nuclear Power Plant Unit 2 And 3 (4/24)
IV-08-013	NRC to Discuss 2007 Performance Assessment for River Bend Station (4/22)
IV-08-014	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (4/22)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-08-0048	4/7/08	Annual Report to the Commission on Licensee Performance in the Materials and Waste Programs (Fiscal Year 2007)
2. SECY-08-0051	4/18/08	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 11, 2008

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Daniel Brian, POGO, dated April 18, 2008, responds to letter regarding the Chairman's response to a question raised during the 02/28/08 Hearing before the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Limited Work Authorizations for Nuclear Power Plants; Correction; 10 CFR Parts 2, 50, 51, 52, and 100, RIN 3150-AI05 [NRC-2008-0222], Final rule; correction.
2. Virginia Electric and Power Company, Surry Power Station, Unit No. 2, Docket No. 50-281, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating Licensing, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
3. Duke Energy, Notice of Hearing and Opportunity to Petition for Leave to Intervene and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation on a Combined License for the William States Lee III Units 1 and 2, [Docket No[s]. 52-018 and 52-019].
4. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials, notice of 189th meeting (5/20-22/2008).

Region II (RII)
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Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Annual Assessment Meetings

On April 21-24, 2008, the Regional Office held the Annual Assessments meetings for the Catawba, McGuire, and Vogtle Nuclear Power Plants. The meetings were held at or near the nuclear plants and were open to the public. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the NRC Reactor Oversight Process at the sites.

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Meeting with Entergy Operations, Inc.

On April 22, Region IV staff conducted a public meeting in Russellville, Arkansas, with representatives of Entergy to discuss the CY 2007 annual assessment results for Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2. In addition to Entergy representatives, the meeting was attended by members of the public and local media representatives.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 13					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Shane	04/23/08 2318 RHOB	10:00	House Committee on Science and Technology (Representatives Gordon / Hall)	Opportunities and Challenges for Nuclear Power	Witnesses include: Robert Frye - Visiting Scholar, Resources for the Future; James Asselstine - Retired Managing Director, Lehman Brothers; Thomas Cochran - Senior Scientist, Nuclear Program, National Resources Defense Council; Robert Van Namen - Senior Vice President, Uranium Enrichment, USEC Inc.; John Grossenbacher - Director, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and Marilyn Kray - Vice President for Project Development, Exelon Nuclear/President of NuStart Energy
Kron	05/08/08 (Tentative)	TBD	Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia (Senators Akaka / Voinovich)	Federal Hiring Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRC
Shane/Dacus	05/15/08 TBD	TBD	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety (Senators Carper /	New Reactors and License Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRC Commission • Others TBD

			Voinovich)		
Powell	Spring 08 TBD	TBD	House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (Representatives Stupak / Whitfield)	Inattentive Guards at Peach Bottom and other Security Related Topics	• TBD