

# INFORMATION REPORT

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ENDING MAY 6, 2005"

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Public Meeting between NRC and Exelon on Planned Resumption of Extended Power Uprate (EPU) Operation at Quad Cities Units 1 and 2

On May 4, 2005, Region III and NRR staff held the subject public meeting with Exelon Generation Company representatives at the NRC headquarters offices in Rockville, MD. Exelon plans to replace the steam dryer in Quad Cities, Unit 2, in May 2005, and return the unit to EPU operation. Exelon plans similar activities for Unit 1 soon thereafter. The NRC staff noted that several tasks remain to be completed before installation of the replacement steam dryers and prior to returning to EPU operation.

Risk Management Technical Specifications (RMTS) Initiative 1: Modified End States for Combustion Engineering Plants, and RMTS Initiative 7: Limiting Condition for Operation 3.0.8 Inoperability of Snubbers

On May 4, 2005, the subject proposed Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process (CLIIP) technical specifications (TS) changes were published in the Federal Register. The first Federal Register Notice (70 FR 23238) requested public comment on a model safety evaluation and no-significant-hazards-consideration determination statement for RMTS, Initiative 1, also identified as Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF)-422. The second Federal Register Notice (70 FR 23252) will make available to licensees for adoption, a model license amendment package, including a safety evaluation and no-significant-hazards-consideration determination statement, for RMTS, Initiative 7, also identified as TSTF-372. These two CLIIP TS changes are two of the RMTS initiatives being developed to enhance safety through the incorporation of risk assessment and management techniques in technical specifications.

Temporary Instruction to Verify the Operational Readiness of Offsite Power Systems

On May 2, 2005, NRR issued Temporary Instruction 2515/163, "Operational Readiness of Offsite Power," to the Regional offices. The purpose of this Temporary Instruction is to provide inspection guidance for verification of the readiness on the part of the nuclear power plant licensees to cope with operational challenges by potential power outage events during the summer of 2005.

Construction Inspection Program Workshop

On May 4 - 5, 2005, the Division of Inspection Program Management staff hosted a public workshop at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters to support the continuing development of the Construction Inspection Program. The public workshop was attended by 50 people from the NRC, the industry and the public.

Public Meeting to Discuss License Renewal Application for Palisades Nuclear Plant

On April 28, 2005, the staff conducted the subject public meeting in South Haven, Michigan. The staff presented information regarding the license renewal review process and invited public participation. Prior to the meeting, the staff placed advertisements in local newspapers and issued a press release announcing the meeting. Approximately 30 members of the public attended. The staff addressed questions from the audience regarding radiological releases; security practices; general plant operations; spent fuel storage installation; NRC oversight responsibilities; and the tentative schedule for the license renewal environmental review public meetings.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)  
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NRC Staff Observation Audit of Joseph Oat Corporation Quality Assurance Program

On April 26-28, 2005, staff from the Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety, Region IV, and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses observed a Department of Energy (DOE) contractor audit of the Joseph Oat Corporation (JOC). JOC has been contracted to fabricate the first full-scale 21-Pressurized-Water Reactor Uncanistered Fuel Waste Package prototype for the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository. The purpose of this audit was to evaluate the effectiveness of the JOC quality assurance (QA) program as written in the JOC QA Manual, Revision 18, and associated implementing procedures for the fabrication and assembly of the full-scale prototype waste package. The audit team will issue an audit report within the next few weeks.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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Final Report on Good Practices for Human Reliability Analysis Published

In April 2005, RES published the final version of NUREG-1792, "Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA)." This final NUREG report describes those processes, analytical tasks, and judgments that would be expected in an HRA (considering the state-of-the-art) in order for the results to support risk-informed decisions. These good practices were developed as part of the NRC's activities to address probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) quality issues and support the implementation of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.200, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities." Although the HRA good practices were developed in the context of a risk assessment for nuclear power plant full power operations, some elements of the report may be applicable to other modes of plant operation or nuclear materials applications. A copy of the publically available report can be obtained through the Agencywide Documents and Access Management System (ADAMS) at ML051160213 or at the NRC's website ([www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)).

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Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)  
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Preliminary Notifications

PNO-I-05-019A, Craig Testing Laboratories, Inc. - UPDATE TO MISSING PORTABLE  
MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE.

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Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Contract Award

On May 5, 2005, a competitive small business delivery order DR-03-05-030 was awarded to Information Systems Laboratories, Inc., under the General Service Administration's Federal Supply Schedule. The order is for construction inspection program sample selection methodology for the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. The total estimated cost is \$101,399.00. The period of performance is for five months.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NUHOMS® -24PT4 Revision, Amendment; Confirmation of Effective Date (AH50 - Part 72)

On May 3, 2005, a document was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 22781) that confirms the May 16, 2005, effective date of a direct final rule that revises the list of approved spent fuel storage casks to include the NUHOMS® -24PT4 (Amendment 1) cask system.

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brochure Honoring NRC Charter Employees

The Publishing and Distribution Services Branch staff designed and produced a brochure that will be distributed at the NRC's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony on May 11, 2005, at which time NRC will honor employees who have been with the Agency since it was known as the Atomic Energy Commission.

Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests Received During the Period of April 29 through May 5, 2005:

Materials License Tracking System database	FOIA/PA-2005-0220
OIG Report 05-16D	FOIA/PA-2005-0221
Time cards for NRR/DLPM Project Managers, 1-2-2001 to present; project manager logs	FOIA/PA-2005-0222
Radiation exposure on named individual	FOIA/PA-2005-0223
License 37-01893-01, docket 03003013, last 2 inspections & authorized medical physicist, radiation safety officer for Regions I & III	FOIA/PA-2005-0224
Referral - (Dept. Of Energy) records on named individual	FOIA/PA-2005-0225

Office of Human Resources (HR)  
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<b>Arrival</b>		
James Creed	Consultant	NSIR
<b>Retirements</b>		
Kenneth M. Jenison	Senior Project Engineer	R-I
Bertel R. Johnson, Jr	Special Assistant	NMSS
Wayne D. Lanning	Director, Division of Reactor Safety	R-I
James J. Lazevnick	Senior Electrical Engineer	NRR
Elaine L. McNeil	Safeguards Licensing Assistant	NSIR
<b>Departures</b>		
Sharon Evans	Secretary (OA)	NRR
Linda Moore Secretary	Secretary (OA)	R-II

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)  
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The Office of Public Affairs (OPA) received significant media inquiries on the following:

Three Mile Island's emergency preparedness exercise.

Requests by two decommissioning plants to send demolition debris to a landfill in Texas.

The industry's interest in new reactors and the NRC's licensing process.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA staff assisted at several public end-of-cycle meetings and the Three Mile Island exercise.

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
05-075	NRC Finds No Significant Environmental Impacts from Extended Operation of Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (5/3)
05-076	NRC Seeks Public Input on Grand Gulf Early Site Permit Environmental Impacts; Meeting to be Held June 28 (5/5)
05-077	NRC Announces New Director of Enforcement (5/5)
<b>Regions:</b>	
I-05-026	NRC to Discuss 2004 Performance Assessment for Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants (5/3)
I-05-027	NRC to Discuss 2004 Performance Assessment for Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant (5/5)
II-05-025	NRC to Meet With TVA Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant (5/5)
II-05-026	NRC to Discuss 2004 Performance Assessment at St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (5/5)
II-05-027	NRC to Discuss 2004 Performance Assessment at Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant (5/5)
III-05-021	NRC Proposes \$60,000 Fine Against Exelon Generation Co. for Radiation Safety Violation at LaSalle Nuclear Plant (5/4)
III-05-022	NRC to Discuss 2004 Performance Assessment for Duane Arnold Nuclear Power Plant (5/5)

IV-05-016	NRC to Discuss 2004 Performance Assessment for Comanche Peak Nuclear Plant (5/6)
IV-05-017	NRC to Discuss 2004 Performance Assessment for Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant (5/6)
IV-05-018	NRC to Discuss 2004 Performance Assessment for Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant (5/6)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SECY-05-0035	2/16/05	Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2004
SRM-05-0035	3/29/05	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 05-0035	3/29/05	(same)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-05-0077	5/3/05	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending April 22, 2005
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. M050420B	5/3/05	Staff Requirements - Briefing of Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Programs, Performance, and Plans

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward J. Markey, dated April 27, 2005, responds to letter regarding the article published in *The Washington Times* on March 12, 2005.
2. Letter to Congress, dated April 27, 2005, responds for request for documents and information relating to NRC's compliance with Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.
3. Letter to Congress, dated April 27, 2005, provides a summary of actions taken in response to recommendations contained in various GAO reports that address NRC activities.
4. Letter to Congress, dated April 27, 2005, provides NRC's "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year (FY) 2004."
5. Letter to Don Arbuckle, OMB, dated April 26, 2005, provides NRC's FY 2005 Regulatory Plan.
6. Letter to Michael Chertoff, DHS, dated April 25, 2005, informs that the NRC has fully implemented the National Response Plan.
7. Letter to Congressman Edward J. Markey, dated April 22, 2005, provides response concerning a proposal to install a waterborne barrier device at the Millstone NPP.

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Region II (RII)  
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Commissioner Lyons Visit to Region II Offices and Fuel Facilities

On May 3, 2005, Commissioner Lyons visited Region II offices and met with Regional staff and discussed Agency issues and priorities. On the following day, the Commissioner visited the Westinghouse fuel facility in Columbia, South Carolina for a site tour and a meeting with licensee management. On May 5, 2005, he also visited the Nuclear Fuel Services Incorporation's fuel facility in Erwin, TN, for a site tour and a meeting with licensee management.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)  
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**CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 18**

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Keeling	May 10 2359 RHOB	3:00	<b>TBA</b>	FY 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations	Reps Lewis/Obey Appropriations
Shane	May 11 2247 RHOB	2:00	NARA, DOJ, & GAO Newspaper Association of America and president, Cox Newspapers; Center for Democracy and Technology; & The Heritage Foundation	Information Policy in the 21st Century: A Review of the Freedom of Information Act	Reps Platts/Towns Government Management, Finance, and Accountability Government Reform
Madden	May 11 2167 RHOB	2:00	Transportation Department; DHS; Department of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Virginia; C.R. England Inc.; and International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Hearing on hazardous materials endorsement background checks	Reps Petri/DeFazio Highways, Transit and Pipelines Transportation and Infrastructure
Madden	May 12 2362B RHOB	2:00	<b>TBA</b>	Markup Draft Bill - FY 2006 Budget	Reps Hobson/Visclosky Energy and Water Development Appropriations
Shane	May 12 2154 RHOB	10:00	<b>TBA</b>	Markup to consider pending business	Reps Davis/Wasman Government Reform

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**CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 18**

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Keeling	May 17 S-407 Capitol CLOSED	9:30	NRC	Security of Nuclear Facilities	Senators Voinovich/Carper Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Environment and Public Works
Shane	May 17 2154 RHOB	2:00	<b>TBA</b>	Markup to consider pending business	Reps Porter/Davis Federal Workforce and Agency Organization Government Reform
Shane	Tentative May 24 or 26 <b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	NRC	Legislative Oversight	Senators Voinovich/Carper Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Environment and Public Works
Combs	<b>TBA</b> SD-366	<b>TBA</b>	DOE, NRC	Status of Yucca Mountain	Senators Domenici/Bingaman Energy and Natural Resources
Combs	<del>April 13</del> 2247 RHOB <b>Postponed</b>	<del>10:00</del>	TBA	Yucca Mountain Project: Digging for the Truth	Reps Porter/Davis Federal Workforce and Agency Organization Government Reform