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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Reactor Oversight Process

The annual ROP public meetings, conducted by the regional offices, with licensees to discuss the results of plant performance for the assessment period of April 1 to December 31, 2001, were completed as of April 22, 2002.

The Inspection Program Branch (IIPB) staff conducted another of a continuing series of public meetings on April 25, 2002, with the NRC/Industry ROP Working Group. The key issues discussed included: update on status of unavailability/unreliability performance indicator pilot program issues; update on changes to IMC 0612, "Power Reactor Inspection Reports;" discussion of fire protection, maintenance risk assessment and risk management, and draft steam generator tube degradation SDPs; and frequently asked questions on performance indicators. The next NRC/Industry ROP public meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2002.

Washington Nuclear Project No. 1 (WNP-1)

On April 24, 2002, a consultant's report provided to the Energy Northwest Executive Board recommended that WNP-1 not be completed. WNP-1 is a 1250 MWe Babcock and Wilcox plant located near Columbia Generating Station. Approximately 65 percent of the construction of the plant and approximately 85 percent of the design were completed when these efforts were halted in the 1980s. A previous study indicated that it would cost approximately 4.2 billion dollars to complete the unit.

ESBWR Pre-Application Review

On April 18, 2002, General Electric Company (GE) submitted a letter requesting the pre-application review of European Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR). The ESBWR, rated at 4000 MWth (approximately 1380 MWe), has been developed to improve overall plant reliability and economics. The new plant will consist of a boiling water reactor that uses passive safety systems and natural circulation for normal operation to achieve overall plant simplification. GE is requesting that the primary focus of the review include identification of technical issues and an assessment of technology basis for the design. GE is requesting a pre-application review time of 12 months.

Early Site Permits (ESP)

On April 30, 2002, via a press release, Exelon Generating Corporation announced Clinton as the site selected for its early site permit application. This is the third site that has been identified by a potential applicant. Exelon plans to submit its application for an ESP that would be valid for 20 years in June 2003.

Beaver Valley, Units 1 and 2, Davis-Besse

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC), the licensee for the Beaver Valley Power Station, Perry Nuclear Plant, and Davis-Besse, announced on April 29, 2002, that Lew Myers, FENOC Senior Vice President at Beaver Valley has been reassigned to assist Davis-Besse's management team with the reactor vessel head restoration and plant restart activities. This change was effective on April 29, 2002. During the time that Mr. Myers is assigned to this work, Bill Pearce, plant manager at Beaver Valley, will be the acting FENOC Senior VP at Beaver Valley.

Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

Senator Arlen Specter visited the Limerick Generating Station on May 3, 2002. He met with the licensee's managers to discuss security-related issues. Senator Specter also held a press conference during the visit.

NEI Comments on a Proposed Rule for Voluntary of Adoption of NFPA 805

On April 23, 2002, NRC staff met with NEI and industry representatives in a public meeting to discuss comments from NEI on a proposed rule for the voluntary adoption of NFPA 805, a national consensus standard, as an alternative to existing fire protection requirements. The comments discussed fundamental issues such as the use of a license amendment to adopt NFPA 805, the role of the current licensing basis, and the use of NFPA 805 by licensees not adopting NFPA 805 as their licensing basis. Also discussed were concerns for the continued acceptability of certain cables, fire standpipes, and fire pumps. The NRC staff agreed to consider the NEI comments and others received from the public during the ongoing development of the proposed rule language.

Topical Report in Support of Extended Fuel Burnup

On April 22, 2002, NEI submitted a new topical report, prepared by EPRI, which is intended to describe the technical bases supporting a set of revised acceptance criteria for use in the safety analysis of Reactivity Insertion Accidents (RIAs) in PWRs and BWRs. The revised RIA acceptance criteria were developed as part of an on-going industry effort to extend fuel rod average burnup levels beyond the current limit of 62 GWD/MTU. Although the report considers fuel beyond the 62 GWD limit, it also includes revised acceptance criteria for fuel below that limit.

This report is the first of several that are expected to be submitted by NEI/EPRI in support of extended fuel burnup. Staff review will begin this summer. The staff is considering what confirmatory research may be warranted.

Interface with the CEOG and WOG on Risk Information Application

On April 25 and 26, 2002, SPSB met with representatives from the Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG) PSA Sub-Committee (PSASC) and the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) Risk Based Technology Working Group (RBTWG) to discuss progress and goals

regarding the use of risk information in nuclear plant operational management. Both groups are in the process of merging into an aligned relationship and planning meetings in the fall.

During the meeting, representatives from the CEOG and WOG stated that they would identify and resolve the barriers in licensees' PSA models so that the NRC staff can access to the models.

The two groups are working to improve their PSA models and implementation programs include the following: treatment of uncertainties, common cause failure, and transition risk; treatment of initiating events, external events, and uncertainties for the maintenance rule (a)(4) consideration; and the use of PSA and managing risk exposure in the context of the SDP, ongoing PSA peer reviews, implementation of the ASME PSA Standard, thermally induced and efficient licensee programs to manage risk.

Standard for Probabilistic Risk Assessment for Nuclear Power Plant Applications

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) issued the "Standard for Probabilistic Risk Assessment for Nuclear Power Plant Applications" on April 5, 2002. This document provides the technical requirements in terms of high-level and supporting requirements for each of the elements of a Level I and Level II PRA for internal event initiators occurring at full power operations. As part of this ASME effort, the NRC staff has worked on the Main Committee, the project team, as well as the comment resolution and technical writing task force. The staff is currently working on a Regulatory Guide and Standard Review Plan to discuss ways of using this Standards document in assessing the quality of PRA results used in risk-informed regulatory decision-making. The staff is also currently working with the American Nuclear Society in their efforts on the PRA Standards for external event initiators.

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Revision 1 to Interim Staff Guidance Document No. 9

On April 22, 2002, the Spent Fuel Project Office issued Revision 1 to Interim Staff Guidance No. 9, "Storage of Components Associated with Fuel Assemblies." Revision 1 includes a clarification of criteria under which non-fuel components are allowed to be stored, under 10 CFR Part 72, in a spent fuel storage cask. The revision also modifies technical review guidance related to storage of these components, including criticality guidance for review of analyses crediting residual neutron-absorbing material.

Research Reactor Spent Fuel Transport Cask Design Approval Recommended

On April 25, 2002, the Spent Fuel Project Office issued a recommendation to the Department of Transportation regarding design approval for the Model No. JMS-87Y-18.5T cask for international shipments of irradiated research reactor fuel. The cask is a Japanese-certified design that may be used to ship both MTR- and TRIGA-type research reactor fuel elements. The cask is solid stainless steel, with wood impact limiters, and weighs 18,500 kg, including contents.

Staff Meet with the Department of Navy on Revision 1 of a Draft Safety Evaluation Report

On April 22, 2002, staff from the Division of Waste Management met with the Department of Navy (DON) and the Department of Energy (DOE) at the Washington Naval Yard. The staff met with DON and DOE to discuss Revision 1 of the draft Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for the DON's Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP) Addendum to the Disposal Criticality Analysis Methodology Topical Report. The NRC issued Revision 1 of the draft SER on March 8, 2002. The draft SER documents the NNPP modeling of material degradation, identification of credible configurations of the spent fuel and waste canister, and neutronic modeling and validation. The NNPP criticality methodology is dependent on resolving agreements DOE made with NRC. The NNPP is proposing to use the same canister for the interim storage, transport, and geologic disposal of naval spent nuclear fuel. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the open items, acceptance conditions, and various statements in the SER. Through discussions in the meeting, NRC was able to lessen the number of acceptance conditions, from 14 to four, that will be in the final SER. The decrease was mainly accomplished through added commitments made by the NNPP.

Staff Attends Third Session of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence

On April 24-26, 2002, staff from the Division of Waste Management attended the third session of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC) in Paris, France. The FSC is a working party to Radioactive Waste Management Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD's) Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA). Participants presented talks on the European Commission and OECD-sponsored activities related to civil society. Regulators, implementers, and policy specialists discussed the lessons learned and remaining open

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questions associated with public confidence in the disposal of radioactive waste. Participants described the evolution of public debate on radioactive waste management in the United Kingdom. The European Union (EU) representative to the FSC described the latest Eurobarometer inquiry on the views of the EU public concerning radioactive waste management. Participants also discussed the Environmental Impact Assessment as a tool for public and stakeholder participation. The NEA secretariat for the FSC presented a draft paper on step-wise decision-making in radioactive waste management. Finally, as a member of the FSC core group, the delegate from the NRC staff chaired a discussion of a proposed October 2002 FSC workshop in Canada. The next FSC meeting following the workshop in Canada is scheduled for May 2003 in Paris.

Meeting with the Department of Energy on Its Pre-Closure Safety Analysis Guide

On April 25-26, 2002, members from the Division of Waste Management took part in a technical exchange with the Department of Energy (DOE) at NRC Headquarters. One objective of the meeting was for DOE to present an overview of its Pre-Closure Safety Analysis Guide. DOE had sent this document to the staff on March 27, 2002, in response to Preclosure Agreement 6.02. Another objective of the meeting was to discuss the staff's early comments on the document. The staff stated that it plans to complete its review of the DOE document in June 2002, and to provide DOE with the results of that review. The results of the staff review would discuss whether the information provided in the March 27, 2002, letter and the discussion during the meeting satisfies the intent of the agreement.

Staff Attends GoldSim User Conference in Redmond, Washington

On April 25-26, 2002, staff from the Division of Waste Management attended a users conference on the GoldSim software in Redmond, Washington. GoldSim is a general-purpose simulation software package with a graphical interface that is the core of the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Total System Performance Assessment (TSPA) for the potential Yucca Mountain repository. DOE and its contractors presented several papers displaying that GoldSim can be used to complete both a simplified and a complex TSPA. Members of the public can exercise the simplified TSPA GoldSim model with a dashboard control panel. Representatives from 15 countries were present and the meeting participants described their use of GoldSim in radioactive waste programs in France, Germany, Canada, Spain, Japan, Taiwan, and the U.S. (Yucca Mountain, Nevada Test Site, and Waste Isolation Pilot Project sites). The participants described their uses of the GoldSim software in risk management, high-level waste, decommissioning, environmental assessments, and mining studies. NRC staff presented a talk on a description of what regulators are looking for in environmental models. Staff is evaluating DOE's use of GoldSim in the DOE TSPA and staff is conducting sensitivity studies with GoldSim to focus on those areas most important to repository performance.

Publication of Revised 10 CFR Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material"; Public Meetings on Guidance for Part 35

On April 24, 2002, the NRC published a final rule in the Federal Register (67 FR 20249) to amend its regulations regarding the medical use of byproduct material. The overall goals of this risk-informed, performance-based revision were to focus NRC's regulations on those medical procedures that pose the highest risk to workers, patients, and the public. The final rule is

effective October 24, 2002. NRC staff also conducted public meetings at NRC Headquarters to receive stakeholder input on the associated draft licensing guidance (NUREG-1556, Volume 9). The first meeting, held on April 25, 2002, focused on guidance for therapeutic applications of byproduct material. The second meeting, held on April 30, 2002, focused on guidance for diagnostic applications of byproduct material. Both meetings were a facilitated round-table format and participants represented a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including members of the regulated community, State, and Federal agencies. Key items on the agendas included: (1) guidance format and organization issues; (2) potential "disconnects" between the new 10 CFR Part 35 and Volume 9 and other guidance; (3) special issues such as guidance to address new technologies; and (4) issues related to consistency of Agreement State guidance.

Publication of 10 CFR Part 71 Proposed Rule

On April 30, 2002, the NRC published a proposed rule in the Federal Register (67 FR 21389) to revise its regulations in 10 CFR Part 71. The proposed rule would make Part 71 compatible with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) transportation safety standards, and would also promulgate other NRC-initiated transportation safety. The Department of Transportation (DOT) also published, on the same date, its proposed rule in the Federal Register. DOT rule would also make its 49 CFR compatible with IAEA safety standards. Both rules have a public comment period of 90 days, which ends on July 29, 2002. NRC will have, with DOT participating, two public meetings to discuss the two rules and hear public comments. The first meeting will be in Chicago on June 4, 2002, and the second meeting will be on June 24, 2002, at NRC Headquarters.

Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility Draft Safety Evaluation Report

On April 30, 2002, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards staff issued a draft Safety Evaluation Report (DSER) on the Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MFFF) Report. The MFFF would be a key asset of the Department of Energy's Surplus Plutonium Disposition Program, which is being implemented as a result of a bilateral agreement with the Russian Federation. Pursuant to this agreement, the U.S. and the Russian Federation would each dispose of 34 metric tons of weapons-grade plutonium declared excess to national security needs. The MFFF would convert weapons-grade plutonium into mixed-oxide fuel.

Based on the staff's review of the Construction Authorization Request and supporting information provided by the applicant, Duke Cogema Stone & Webster (DCS), the staff determined that DCS has not met all the requirements, in the NRC regulations, that apply to construction of a plutonium facility. A complete list of the items that the staff considers unresolved as a result of its review is provided in the DSER. DCS is continuing its work to resolve the remaining open issues.

Pre-Application Meeting with Louisiana Energy Services

On April 30, 2002, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards and the Louisiana Energy Services (LES) met to discuss six White Paper environmental and licensing issues. The six issues addressed facility need and the no-action alternative; environmental justice; financial qualifications; antitrust review; foreign ownership; and tailings disposition. These issues were litigated in the previous LES licensing action.

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Pre-Application Meeting with the U.S. Enrichment Corporation

On May 2, 2002, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards (FCSS) and the U.S. Enrichment Corporation (USEC) met to discuss USEC's approach for preparing an Integrated Safety Assessment (ISA) and for addressing seismic issues for its Lead Cascade Gas Centrifuge project. The ISA approach includes a systematic identification and evaluation of hazards.

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Cyber Assessment Meeting Held with NEI and DOE

A meeting was held on April 30, 2002, with NRC, NEI, DOE and licensee personnel to discuss power reactor cyber assessments. It is envisioned that cyber assessments will be performed at two power reactor sites in the fall to identify potential cyber vulnerabilities, recommend risk mitigation measures, and build an assessment tool that licensees could use to conduct their own cyber assessments. The project was presented to the Commission in a November 27, 2000 memorandum entitled "Cyber Vulnerability Assessment for Power Reactors." The next meeting for this project will be held at the NRC in the first week of June 2002.

U.S. Support Program Meeting with International Atomic Energy Agency Representatives

Members of the U.S. Support Program (USSP) to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safeguards, conducted its annual meeting with IAEA Department of Safeguards representatives at IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, on April 23 and 25, 2002. The USSP included the Subgroup on Safeguards Technical Support (SSTS), who was represented by a staff member of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR). The U.S. discussed the SSTS Strategic Plan, including the priority U.S. support areas.

On April 24, the USSP met at the Seibersdorf Safeguards Analytical Laboratory to discuss areas of U.S. safeguards support pertinent to the Laboratory, which includes destructive analysis and environmental samples, and to view the Clean and Nuclear Material Laboratories.

The USSP meetings with safeguards officials were preceded by a familiarization meeting with Ambassador Kenneth Brill and staff at the U.S. Mission on April 22. Members of the USSP also met with representatives of the Institute for Transuranium Elements in Karlsruhe, Germany, on April 29, to learn about the work the laboratory performs for the IAEA and to provide information about U.S. safeguards support to the IAEA.

The IAEA briefed the U.S. delegation on a number of program areas for which the U.S. provides support. The briefing described the status of each program, and discussed specific projects within each program area that IAEA anticipates the need of U.S. assistance in the near future.

Spill of National Significance (SONS) Exercise - April 26, 2002

On April 26, 2002, the Director, Division of Incident Response Operations (DIRO) represented the NRC at the Spill of National Significance Exercise Executive Seminar, held at U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters. The executive seminar (involving over 100 individuals) was the culmination of a multi-day exercise involving all 16 member Agencies of the National Response Team. Senior executives present included the Secretary of Transportation and the Commandant of the Coast Guard. Simulated events included an equipment blowout aboard an Exxon Mobile platform, a ship hitting a submerged object, and a ship collision - with significant oil and gas releases to the Gulf of Mexico near the Louisiana and Texas coastlines. The exercise included consideration of homeland security aspects, as well as safety issues, consequence

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management, and communications matters. Initial observations identified opportunities for learning in the management of security issues and overall coordination of communications. DIRO had coordinated with Region IV and was prepared to discuss issues involving radioactive sources that would likely be on an oil drilling platform, had the executive seminar gone to that level of detail.

Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan Revision

Staff from the Office of Nuclear Security & Incident Response/Division of Incident Response Operations (DIRO) participated with staff from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Environmental Protection Agency, and Federal Bureau of Investigation in working sessions for revision of the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan (FRERP) on May 1 & 2, 2002, at FEMA Headquarters. The objective is to update the FRERP to reflect the current U. S. Government Interagency Domestic Terrorism Concept of Operations Plan, Federal Response Plan, and post-9/11 lessons learned regarding interagency coordination. The planned FRERP revision process involves several months of interagency working sessions and issuance of a final revised plan at the end of the fiscal year.

OHS Domestic Threat Response & Incident Management Meeting

The Director, Division of Incident Response Operations, represented the NRC at the May 2, 2002, meeting of the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) Policy Coordination Committee on Domestic Threat Response & Incident Management (DTRIM). Subjects discussed included the National Special Security Event program, OHS initiatives with Washington, D.C., regarding capital-area response, and the National Strategy for Homeland Security (NSHS) update. The DTRIM PCC portion of the NSHS involves emergency response and recovery, and incident management. OHS is exercising leadership in efforts to build the overall response strategy for Federal/State and local entities, building on existing plans such as the Federal Response Plan, Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan, the National Contingency Plan and the Conplan. Incident management activities include consideration of a common language and framework for command and control of incidents.

Meeting of Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee

On April 30, 2002, staff from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and the Division of Incident Response Operations (DIRO/NSIR) attended the quarterly meeting of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC). Discussions included consideration of the possibility for provisions to extend the expiration date for potassium iodide beyond the current Food and Drug Administration-approved five-year shelf-life. DIRO staff gave an informational brief on the International Nuclear Event Scale, and the Nuclear Event Web-based System (NEWS). Several other federal agencies indicated an interest in participating in obtaining access to NEWS. DIRO staff will follow up with these requests.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-II-02-17A, University of Alabama Medical Center, RECOVERED BRACHYTHERAPY SOURCE.

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Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in a Proposed Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada (Part 2)

A document containing a correction to a conforming amendment included in the final rule that established licensing criteria for disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive wastes in the proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada was published in the Federal Register on April 29, 2002 (67 FR 20885). The correction restores paragraphs addressing the consideration of a ruling body of a petition to intervene in, or a request for hearing on, a licensing proceeding that were inadvertently omitted from the November 2, 2001, final rule. The correction is effective as of December 3, 2001.

Performance-based Contracting

On April 29, 2002, DCPM staff participated in an interagency Performance-Based Contracting Communities of Practice meeting called in response to the Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy's (OFPP) request to develop a consistent definition of performance-based contracting that can be agreed upon and used government-wide. The group's recommended definition will be further reviewed and commented on by all members of the Performance-Based Contracting Community of Interest through electronic communications before it is submitted to OFPP at the end of this month.

Federal Acquisition Conference 2002

On April 30 and May 1, 2002, DCPM staff participated in the Federal Acquisition Conference 2002 hosted by the General Services Administration and the Procurement Executives Council, an interagency council consisting of the Senior Procurement Executives in the Executive Branch, the Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, and the Deputy Director for Management, OMB. During this conference, acquisition policymakers from various Federal agencies shared many new acquisition strategies and best practices as well as the progress of interagency electronic commerce projects undertaken as a part of the President's E-Government Initiative, also known as the Quicksilver Initiative.

Chief Information Officer
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Data Quality Guidelines

The agency's Draft Information Quality (IQ) Guidelines were posted on the agency's public Web site on May 1, 2002, for a 30-day public comment period, per an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirement. The draft guidelines were also sent to the Office of the Federal Register on April 30, 2002, for publication in the Federal Register on May 3, 2002. These steps complete the first phase of agency compliance with OMB implementing requirements of Section 515 of Public Law 106-554, widely known as the Data Quality Law. After the 30-day public input period, NRC will review comments and modify the IQ guidelines as appropriate for submission to OMB on July 1, 2002. After OMB review and comments, the NRC guidance will go into effect on October 1, 2002.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Issuances (NRCIs) Available on the NRC Web site

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) has made the hardbound editions of the *Nuclear Regulatory Commission Issuances* (NRCIs) available on the Web site and in ADAMS, beginning with Volume 47 (July-December 1997). Each hardbound edition is a final compilation of the monthly issuances and includes all of the legal precedents for the agency within a six-month period. Cross references in the text and indexes are to the NRCI page numbers which are the same as the page numbers in this publication. On the Web, they are available in searchable PDF format. The Web address is <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr0750/>. Their availability has also been announced on the What's New page.

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of April 26, 2002 through May 2, 2002:

Allegation - denial of access to Univ. of Missouri research reactor (FOIA/PA-2002-0234)

Allegation - all documents relating to Investigation 4-2000-030S (FOIA/PA-2002-0235)

Site Assessment - College Park Apts., 301 Campusview Drive, Columbia, Missouri (FOIA/PA-2002-0236)

Safety concern, Bristol-Myers Atlanta Distribution Center (FOIA/PA-2002-0237)

Allegation - NRR-1999-A-0062, all documents (FOIA/PA-2002-0238)

Adequacy of licensee alternative or dedicated shutdown capability and fixed fire suppression systems, 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R (FOIA/PA-2002-0239)

Allegation - IG reports 04181 (case 00-24H), 04350, and 04599, all documents (FOIA/PA-2002-0240)

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Zion Nuclear Power Plant specific sections of the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR)
(FOIA/PA-2002-0241)

Report, "Review and Analysis of Hydraulic and Tracer Testing at the C-Holes Complex near
Yucca Mountain, Nevada," published by CNWRA for NRC (FOIA/PA-2002-0242)

OI Report, 4-2000-061 (FOIA/PA-2002-0243)

Final Environmental Statement-Construction Phase, Grand Gulf, MS (FOIA/PA-2002-0244)

IG Meeting in Fall 2000 with Region IV employees and contractors, all documents and/or
videotape (FOIA/PA-2002-0245)

Contract - NRC 3398180-Ruland Associates, specific sections (FOIA/PA-2002-0246)

Diablo Canyon, PG&E inquiries re: employee concerns from 1-1-1996 through 5-1-2002
(FOIA/PA-2002-0247)

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Test Reactor, Waltz Mill Site at Madison, PA, license and
contract files, 1958 -1985 (FOIA/PA-2002-0248)

Transcripts and other information re: November 1995 hearing for self and New Britain General
Hospital (FOIA/PA-2002-0249)

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Arrivals		
DEMOSS, Gary	RELIABILITY & RISK ANALYST	NRR
DUDES, Laura*	TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	NRR
HITE, Christine	FEES SYSTEMS ANALYST	OCFO
IRIZARRY, Eric	SYSTEMS ACCOUNTANT	OCFO
JANDA, Donna	HEALTH PHYSICIST (TERM)	RI
METZGER, Shahpar	SECRETARY (OA)	NMSS
PATEL, Amar	STUDENT ENGINEER	RI
POPE, Michael	PROPERTY & SUPPLY TECHNICIAN	RIII
SCHWARTZMAN, Adam	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	RES
Retirements		
GORMLEY, Owen	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	RES
HENDREN, Charles	OPERATIONS MANAGER	NRR
MURPHY, Joseph	SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR	RES
SCHOLL, Raymond	SENIOR SYSTEMS ANALYST	NRR
THOMPSON, Neil	PROGRAM MANAGER	OCIO
THOT-THOMPSON, Janet	IT SPECIALIST	OCIO
Departures		
CHIES, Toni	GENERAL ENGINEER	NMSS
PACE, Lisa	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG

*Transferring from RI to HQ

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

There was media interest in a press release issued by Congressman Edward Markey regarding lost or stolen devices containing radioactive material. The news release was based on information provided by NRC in response to Markey's questions on this topic.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
02-054	NRC Approves Power Uprate for Sequoyah Units 1 and 2
02-055	NRC Approves Power Uprate For Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2
02-056	NRC to Meet with FirstEnergy May 7 to Discuss Root Cause of Davis-Besse Vessel Head Degradation
02-057	NRC Issues Draft Safety Evaluation Report on Proposed Mox Facility in South Carolina
Regions:	
II-02-027	NRC Staff to Hold Public Meeting at North Anna to Discuss Inspection of Plant's License Renewal Program
III-02-023	NRC Establishes Agency Oversight Panel For Davis-Besse Reactor Head Degradation Issue
III-02-024	NRC Davis-Besse Oversight Panel To Hold First Meeting May 9 In Oak Harbor, Ohio
III-02-025	New NRC Region III Public Affairs Officer
IV-02-023	NRC Names Scott Schwind Senior Resident Inspector At Cooper Nuclear Station

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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-02-0071	4/26/2002	Weekly Information Report Week Ending April 19, 2002

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton dated April 26, 2002 concerns news report of a small plane flying over the Indian Point Nuclear Plant.
2. Letter to Edward F. Jacoby, Jr., New York State Disaster Preparedness, dated April 25, 2002, responds to request for NRC's assistance and support in gaining FDA approval for doses of potassium iodide in other than the 130 mg size currently approved.
3. Letter to Representative Marcy Kaptur dated April 24, 2002, concerns the recent discovery of a cavity in the reactor pressure vessel head at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.
4. Letter to Senator Harry Reid dated April 24, 2002, supplements response to request for information of March 12, 2002, regarding testing of casks used to transport spent nuclear fuel.
5. Letter to Congress dated April 24, 2002, provides February report on the status of NRC's licensing and regulatory duties.
6. Letter to John Bridgeland, Assistant to the President and Director of the USA Freedom Corps Office, The White House, dated April 24, 2002, provides information on volunteer service opportunities at the NRC... Executive Order 13254.
7. Letter to Rod Paige, Secretary of Education, dated April 24, 2002, informs of NRC's liaison to the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Advisory Board and the Initiative.
8. Letter to Cari M. Dominguez, Chairwoman, EEOC, dated April 22, 2002, provides NRC's "Annual Affirmative Employment Program Accomplishment Report" for Fiscal Year 2001.

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Indian Point 2 - Guard Force Union Contract

Contract negotiations between Wackenhut Security and the security guard force union (UPGWA) at Indian Point Unit 2, continue with a new 90-day extension beyond May 3, 2002. The international union management supported ratification of the new contract, but the rank and file voted against it. Licensee and Region I contingency plans are in place should an unexpected strike occur.

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Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. - Closed Predecisional Enforcement Conference and Licensing Performance Review Meeting

On April 29, 2002, the Regional Administrator, Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety (DNMS), Acting Chief, Fuel Facilities Branch (DNMS), and other Region II staff members were at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., in Erwin, TN, to attend a Closed Predecisional Enforcement Conference.

On April 30, 2002, the Regional Administrator, Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety (DNMS), Acting Chief, Fuel Facilities Branch (DNMS), and other Region II staff members were at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., in Erwin, TN, to attend the Licensing Performance Review meeting.

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Conducts an Audit of Region II's Effectiveness and Efficiency of Regional Operations

On April 29-May 2, 2002, the Team Leader, Technical Audits, and other members of the OIG were in the Region II office to conduct a comprehensive audit to review the effectiveness and efficiency of regional operations.

Region II's Participation in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Review in Armenia

On April 25-May 10, 2002, the Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Safety is supporting NRC's program to aid IAEA. The Deputy Director is participating as a team member in an International Regulatory Review of the country of Armenia's nuclear regulatory program.

Dominion/Virginia Electric and Power Company - Japanese Visitors at North Anna Nuclear Plant

On May 1, 2002, Japanese visitors, accompanied by the Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Projects, visited the North Anna nuclear plant in Mineral, VA.

Emergency Response Coordinators' Rewrite of the NRC Emergency Response Plan

On April 29-May 2, 2002, the Region II Emergency Response Coordinator attended a special meeting in Headquarters with other Emergency Response Coordinators to rewrite the NRC Emergency Response Plan.

Region IV
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Predecisional Enforcement Conference with Avera McKennan Hospital

The Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region IV, along with RIV staff members and a Headquarters legal staff member, conducted a closed Predecisional Enforcement Conference on May 2, 2002, with the Avera McKennan Hospital Regional President and his medical and legal staff members. The meeting was held to discuss apparent violations involving (1) the unauthorized use of licensed material on a human where such use was not authorized, and (2) the failure of the radiation safety officer to investigate the unauthorized use of byproduct material.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 52

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Combs	05/14/02 SD-366	TBA	Governor Guinn, Nevada Representatives	Yucca Mountain	Senators Bingaman/Murkowski Energy and Natural Resources
Combs	05/16/02 SD-366	TBA	Secretary Abraham	Yucca Mountain	Senators Bingaman/Murkowski Energy and Natural Resources
Combs	05/23/02 SD-366	TBA	NRC, NWTRB, GAO	Yucca Mountain	Senators Bingaman/Murkowski Energy and Natural Resources

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