

# INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
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Revision of Fire Protection Rule

On May 11, 2004, the Commission approved the issuance of a final rule amending 10 CFR 50.48, Fire Protection, to allow a performance-based approach to meet fire protection requirements, using the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805, "Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants," 2001 Edition. The Commission has also approved the publication of the notice of interim enforcement discretion related to this rulemaking in the *Federal Register*. In accordance with the Commission's direction, the staff is drafting a Regulatory Guide that will provide guidance to nuclear power plant licensees in the transition to a risk-informed, performance-based fire protection program in accordance with the revised rule. The rule implementation program also includes preparation of inspection guidance and staff review guidance on license amendment requests, as well as staff training in the application of the guidance. A detailed schedule has been developed to ensure that this effort is brought to closure in a timely manner.

Prairie Island - Operator License Reexamination

On April 23, 2004, NRC administered written reexaminations to seven Prairie Island reactor operator candidates, one for reactor operator and six for senior reactor operator. All candidates successfully completed the written examinations.

In September 2003, 12 candidates had failed the written examination. The licensee initiated corrective actions which included a comprehensive and extensive classroom remediation training program. Upon completion of this program, the seven candidates were allowed to take the reexamination.

NRC Information Notice (IN) 2004-11: Cracking in Pressurizer Safety and Relief Nozzles and in Surge Lines

The subject IN was issued on May 06, 2004 to alert addressees of cracking and leakage indications found on pressurizer safety and relief nozzles and in a surge line nozzle-to-safe end weld. During an annual inspection in September of 2003, cracking and leakage were discovered on pressurizer safety and relief nozzles in Tsuruga Power Plant, Unit 2 (Tsuruga 2), in Japan. Tsuruga 2 is a four-loop pressurized water reactor (PWR) unit (similar to the PWRs in the U.S). Also, a crack indication was detected in a surge line nozzle-to-safe end dissimilar metal weld at Three Mile Island, Unit 1, during a refueling outage in October 2003.

It is expected that the recipients of this notice will review the information for applicability to their facilities and consider actions, as appropriate, to avoid similar problems. However, suggestions contained in this information notice are not NRC requirements; therefore, no specific action or written response is required.

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### Meeting with New York Independent System Operator (NYISO)

On May 4, 2004, Division of Engineering staff met with representatives of the NYISO at their office in Schenectady, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the programs that have been implemented by NYISO for assuring reliable offsite electric power supply to the nuclear stations.

The NYISO serves as the reliability coordinator administering a peak load of 12 gigawatts covering most of New York state. There are eight Transmission Operators (TO) supporting NYISO, three of which supply offsite power to nuclear power stations. The control room at the Schenectady office is equipped with a live display system of all network (grid) connections and related operating parameters for 135 kV and above. The TOs enter into contracts with the NYISO for maintaining grid reliability within their control zone. The TOs defer operational decisions affecting their areas of jurisdiction to the NYISO reliability coordinator when the system cannot be managed within acceptable limits. While grid reliability ensures power supply system availability, the nuclear stations can rely on this power supply only if the voltages at the offsite power lines are within acceptable limits.

The North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) has conducted audits at NYISO to confirm the completion of prompt actions as directed to be completed by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to maintain power system reliability. The TO representatives attending the meeting indicated that they have procedures in place to provide adequate power supply to the nuclear power stations and to inform the nuclear stations when power supplies are less than adequate. However, the TOs were not aware of any binding contracts with firm power (uninterruptible power) commitments to nuclear stations.

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NRC Staff Visits Hanford K Basin Spent Nuclear Fuel Project and Columbia Generating Station

On May 5-6, 2004, staff from the Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety toured the Department of Energy Hanford K Basin Spent Nuclear Fuel Project and the Energy Northwest independent spent fuel storage installation at the Columbia Generating Station in Hanford, Washington. The purpose of this visit was to familiarize staff with the types of spent fuel handling operations and associated facilities that may be used at the proposed Yucca Mountain geologic repository in Nevada.

NRC Staff Holds Open House on Yucca Mountain Project

On May 10, 2004, NRC's On-Site Representatives for Yucca Mountain held an open house in Pahrump, Nevada. NRC participants included representatives from the Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety, Spent Fuel Project Office, Region IV, and Office of the General Counsel. Representatives from the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses also participated in the open house. The purpose of the open house was to allow members of the community to meet the On-Site Representatives, obtain information on their roles, and discuss issues related to pre- and post-license application activities for the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The open house provided an effective forum for the constructive exchange of information, with about 40 individuals from the public, citizen groups, local media, and members of the Nye County Nevada Department of Natural Resources and Federal Facilities, Federal Impacts Advisory Board, and County Commission in attendance. The NRC On-Site Representatives' open house enhances opportunities for public interaction and represents an important extension of the Agency's public outreach program.

NRC/DOE Quarterly Management Meeting on Yucca Mountain Project

On May 11, 2004, staff and senior managers from NRC and the Department of Energy (DOE) met in a public meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss programmatic issues concerning DOE's potential license application for constructing a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The meeting was well attended by various stakeholders, including representatives from the State of Nevada, Nye County, Clark County, Lincoln County, the General Accounting Office, industry, Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force, and members of the public.

Discussion topics at this meeting included: (1) DOE and NRC program updates; (2) status of DOE's budget; (3) key technical issue resolution; and (4) license application status. At the conclusion of the meeting, participants from DOE and NRC reviewed the status of the previous meeting's action items, and identified additional action items.

The next quarterly NRC/DOE meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2004, in Rockville, Maryland.

Presentations to National Conference of State Legislatures' High-Level Waste Working Group

On May 12, 2004, the Director, Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety and a senior staff member from the Spent Fuel Project Office made presentations on the Yucca Mountain Project at the National Conference of State Legislatures' High-Level Waste Working Group meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The presentations covered NRC's safety review and licensing process for the proposed repository, and the transportation of spent nuclear fuel.

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Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States in the Area of Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Research

On May 4, 2004, the EDO concurred in the Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States in the Area of PRA Research. The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) forwarded this Agreement to AIT on May 10, 2004, for signature.

This Agreement defines the terms and conditions by which the AIT and the TECRO will continue cooperation in the area of PRA research and in the international cooperative probabilistic risk assessment (COOPRA) program on the basis of mutual benefit and reasonable equity and reciprocity. The NRC will serve as the AIT's designated representative for the purposes of this cooperation. The work is intended to enhance the quality of PRA methods and insights on risk assessment techniques through the expansion of the international user community and through their subsequent applications and feedback. This Agreement will enter into effect upon signature and will remain in effect for a period of five years.

Annual Cooperative Severe Accident Research Program (CSARP) Technical Review Meeting

On May 3-4, 2004, NRC sponsored the annual CSARP Technical Review meeting held in Washington, DC. This international meeting serves as a forum for exchange of technical information on severe accident research with a focus on addressing safety-related issues. The meeting was attended by 60 participants from 16 countries. The technical sessions covered two major themes: progress in phenomenological research and experiments, and progress in code development, assessment, and applications. Phenomenological research focused on remaining uncertainties in the areas of melt coolability and melt-structure-coolant interactions. Results from this research will help confirm the efficacy of severe accident management strategies for operating reactors and for design of mitigative design features in new reactors. Presentations of code related activities emphasized the progress made in NRC's severe accident code (MELCOR) consolidation and modernization effort. The CSARP meeting this year was followed by the MELCOR Code Assessment Program (MCAP) Meeting from May 5-6, 2004. The MCAP meeting presented an opportunity to discuss a wide range of MELCOR applications for reactor safety analysis.

Meeting of Equipment Performance and Information Exchange (EPIX) Ad hoc Working Group

On May 6, 2004, the staff participated in an EPIX System Ad hoc Working Group meeting at the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. EPIX is a database containing statistics on component failures and other engineering information that is maintained by INPO. EPIX data is used in NRC's Reliability and Availability Data System, Integrated Data Collection and Coding System, and Common Cause Failure Database to estimate PRA parameters for risk-informed applications. INPO is undertaking a number of initiatives to improve the usefulness, quality and timeliness of EPIX data and will complete an

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industry survey in June 2004. NRC staff updated the Working Group on current Agency usage of EPIX data and the agency's plans in using the data to update failure probabilities and failure rates in the NRC's Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) models.

#### ACRS Briefing on RG-1.200 Pilot Program

On May 6, 2004, staff members from RES and NRR briefed the ACRS on current and planned activities related to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.200, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities," and associated Standard Review Plan 19.1, that were issued for trial use. Five plants have been selected to participate in a pilot program. For each pilot, an NRC review team will conduct onsite reviews to thoroughly exercise various aspects of RG 1.200 and to gain insights on implementation. The pilots are currently scheduled to be completed by December 2004. Based on the lessons learned from the pilots, the staff plans to revise RG 1.200 in April 2005. ACRS agreed that the pilots should identify areas of improvements to RG 1.200, provide insights on the necessary scope and level of detail of licensee submittals and staff review, and provide insights for development of other PRA standards such as internal fire.

The staff also briefed the ACRS on the draft report "Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA)." The draft report provides guidance for performing and reviewing HRAs and supports the implementation of Regulatory Guide 1.200. The final report is scheduled to be issued in early 2005.

#### OECD Experts Group Meeting

On May 6-7, 2004, the staff participated in an Experts Group Meeting to discuss and evaluate proposed research that could provide data on debris generation associated with Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191, "Assessment of Debris Accumulation on Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance." The meeting was held in Paris, France and was sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Nuclear Energy Agency. The specific research evaluated was the Institut de Radioprotection et de Surete Nucleaire (IRSN) proposal for an OECD sump plugging project. IRSN's proposal is to conduct experiments to determine the volume and characteristics of debris generated as a results of a primary line break, as well as potential chemical reactions inside containment. Based on the proposal's technical merits, many of the attendees representing 10 countries expressed interest in the project. The final decisions to join this OECD project will be made in September.

#### Briefing for the National Academy of Sciences

On May 11, 2004, the staff attended a National Academy of Science (NAS) meeting to provide an opportunity for the NAS to interact with the NRC contractors (i.e., Sandia National Laboratories) responsible for the storage cask and spent fuel pool vulnerability analyses. The primary meeting objective was to enable the NAS to discuss technical details not covered in previous higher-level presentations. The staff also supported the sub-group discussion regarding the spent fuel pool structural analyses. The meeting was held in Washington D.C., and was conducted by the NAS Board on Radioactive Waste Management, Panel on Safety and Security of Commercial Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage.

### PTS Peer Review Meeting

On May 10-11, 2004, the staff conducted a public meeting with independent peer reviewers on the technical basis to support possible revision of the screening criteria in the pressurized thermal shock rule (10 CFR 50.61). During the meeting, the staff responded to the peer reviewer comments received during previous meetings on November 17-19, 2003, and on April 26-27, 2004. The peer reviewers were supportive of the approach taken to develop the technical basis, although resolution of several comments will require additional effort.

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Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
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Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-I-04-11B, Baxter Healthcare Corporation - AUGMENTED INSPECTION TEAM ONSITE TO REVIEW BAXTER HEALTHCARE EVENT.
2. PNO-III-04-006, The Timken Company - MELTED CESIUM-137 SOURCE AT STEEL MANUFACTURING PLANT.

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Office of Administration  
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Changes to Adjudicatory Process; Correction

On May 11, 2004 (69 FR 25997), the NRC published a correction to a previously published document (69 FR 2182) dated January 14, 2004, which amended the NRC's regulations concerning its rules of practice for adjudications. This action is necessary to correct unintentional errors in the final rule, including the title of the Appendix, the omission of an entry in the table, and the formatting of the table.

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Chief Information Officer  
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Office of the Chief Information Office (OCIO) Successfully Implements Active Directory at Headquarters

The Microsoft Active Directory implementation at NRC Headquarters has been completed. Active Directory is an upgrade to Windows NT Domain services and provides authentication when accessing agency Microsoft file servers and resources. Three domain controllers are in place and replicating one another. The primary domain controller for NRCDOMAIN was successfully migrated to Windows 2000. A basic design structure was implemented on the Active Directory domain in preparation for regional installs. OCIO is coordinating with regional offices to implement Active Directory at regional offices, which is scheduled to be completed by June 11, 2004.

Combined Daily Announcements Email Launched

On May 10, 2004, the single Daily Email for NRC Announcements was launched. NRC staff are sent either the Regional or Headquarters Edition each evening, consisting of the NRC Announcements posted on the NRC@Work Home Page that day. This replaces individual emails sent for each announcement. The launch comes after a test in April that showed overwhelming support for the change. Feedback from the test also resulted in several changes to the Daily Email and the creation of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section.

Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests received during the period of May 7 through May 13, 2004:

Hematite, MO, uranium fuels processing/fabrication facility, all documents	FOIA/PA-2004-0234
Awards received by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, non-SES individuals at GG-14 or above for the rating periods 2001, 2002, & 2003	FOIA/PA-2004-0235
Allegation NRR-97-A-0054, all documents	FOIA/PA-2004-0236
Terrorists, all records regarding Usama Bin-Laden and Al Qaeda prior to the 9/11/01 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon	FOIA/PA-2004-0237
Carbide Linde Ceramics Plant, Tonawanda, NY, all records from 1942 to present	FOIA/PA-2004-0238
Operation Technology, Inc. facility, inspection report no. 99901350/2003/201, dated 03/07/03; notice of non-conformance	FOIA/PA-2004-0239
Palo Verde plant, all documentation regarding telephone calls between named individuals and Florida Power & Light regarding whistle blowing activities between 1990-1993	FOIA/PA-2004-0240

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Index of released records; frequently requested records; organizational listing; and administrative staff manuals	FOIA/PA-2004-0241
Organizational charts and telephone directory	FOIA/PA-2004-0242
Reportability of shutdown cooling isolation rule, staff decisions or positions; and any documented results regarding the retraction of Power Reactor Event Number 37839 at Susquehanna, Unit 2	FOIA/PA-2004-0243
Contract, NRC-04-04-062 awarded to Information Systems Laboratories	FOIA/PA-2004-0244
NUREG/BR-0230, Response Coordination Manual, RCM-96	FOIA/PA-2004-0245
Ward Center for Nuclear Studies, decommissioning cost estimate, and the decommissioning plan (Parts 1 & 2)	FOIA/PA-2004-0246

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<b>Arrivals</b>		
Almas Azeem	Chief, Program Analysis Team I	OCFO
Cynthia Barr	Storage and Transportation Engineer	NMSS
Andrew Blanco	Student Engineer (Summer)	OIG
Gregory Cameron	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	R-II
Samantha Crane	Student Engineer (Summer)	RES
Victoria Ford	Student Law Clerk (Summer)	R-I
Susan Hanna	Student Clerk (Summer)	NRR
Austin Hansley	Student Engineer (Summer)	R-IV
Marjorie McLaughlin	Health Physicist	R-I
Maria I. Montoya	Student Engineer (Summer)	R-IV
Dina Moreno	Student Engineer	R-IV
Nitin Patel	Electrical Engineer	NRR
Georgette Price	Sr. Program Analyst	OCIO
Edward Robinson	Student Engineer (Summer)	NMSS
Michael Shaw	Student Engineer (Summer)	R-IV
Abdul Sheikh	Structural Engineer	RES
Matthew Ryan Young	Student Engineer (Summer)	NRR
<b>Departures</b>		
Joseph Bodensteiner	Sr. Criminal Investigator	OIG
Kevin Hogan	Student Engineer (Coop)	RES
Michael J. Jordan	Consultant	R-III
Bruce L. Jorgensen	Consultant	R-III

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Office of Public Affairs  
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Media Interest

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

The Commission's directive to the staff to purchase a rail cask for full-scale testing of the safety of spent fuel transport.

Other Public Affairs Items:

The "For the Record" page was added to the agency Web site to feature NRC responses to inaccurate, misleading or false information in print, on television and radio, and in large write-in campaigns.

OPA coordinated the participation of an NRR staffer, who will discuss the license renewal process, at an upcoming energy workshop in Minnesota.

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
04-056	NRC Approves Testing of Full-Scale Rail Cask for Transportation of Spent Fuel (5/12)
04-057	NRC Establishes Web Page on Current Technical Issues at Vermont Yankee (5/12)
04-058	NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste to meet May 25-27 in Rockville, Maryland (5/14)
<b>Regions:</b>	
I-04-028	NRC to Discuss Annual Performance Assessment of Three Mile Island 1 Nuclear Power Plant (5/10)
I-04-029	NRC to Discuss Annual Performance Assessment of Nine Mile Point 1 and 2 Nuclear Power Plants (5/11)
I-04-030	NRC Seeks Public Input on Environmental Impact Statement on Proposed Millstone Nuclear Plant License Renewal (5/11)
II-04-039	NRC Staff Cites Honeywell Illinois Plant for Violating NRC Regulations (5/11)
III-04-033	NRC to Meet with Nuclear Management Company to Discuss Performance of Monticello Nuclear Plant (5/13)

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Office of the Secretary  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SECY-04-0069	4/27/04	Final Rule to Amend 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart J, in Regard to the Licensing Support Network
2. SRM on SECY-04-0035	5/11/04	Results of the License Termination Rule Analysis of the Use of Intentional Mixing of Contaminated Soil
Commission Voting Record on 04-0035	5/11/04	(same)
3. Revised SRM on SECY-04-0029	5/11/04	Options for Full-Scale Spent Nuclear Fuel Transportation Cask Testing Under the Package Performance Study
4. Commission Voting Record on 04-0050	5/11/04	Affirmation Session: 1) SECY-04-0050 - Final Rule: Revision of 10 CFR 50.48 to Allow Performance-based Approaches Using National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805, "Performance-based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants," 2001 Edition
5. SECY-04-0071	4/29/04	Proposed Program to Improve the Effectiveness of the NRC Inspections of Design Issues
6. SECY-04-0046	3/18/04	Fiscal Year 2003 Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences
SRM on SECY-04-0046	4/8/04	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 04-0046	4/8/04	(same)
7. SRM on SECY-04-0055	5/13/04	Plan for Evaluating Scientific Information and Radiation Protection Recommendations
Voting Record on 04-0055	5/13/04	(same)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-04-0068	4/23/04	Update of the Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan
2. SECY-04-0077	5/10/04	SECY-04-0077 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending April 30, 2004

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3. SECY-04-0073	4/28/04	Survey to Measure Openness
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. M040511A	5/11/04	Affirmation Session: 1) SECY-04-0050 - Final Rule: Revision of 10 CFR 50.48 to Allow Performance-based Approaches Using National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805, "Performance-based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants," 2001 Edition

#### Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Western Governors, dated May 5, 2004, responding to request for the Commission to reconsider decision to remove the packaging requirement for double containment for the shipment of certain forms of plutonium.
2. Letter to Congress (Sen. Jeffords, Sen. Leahy, Rep. Sanders), dated May 4, 2004, concerns request by Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, to amend the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station license to increase the power level.
3. Letter to Congressman Charles Bass, dated May 4, 2004, responds to constituent concerns regarding Vermont Yankee.
4. Letter to Congressman John Olver, dated May 4, 2004, concerns request by Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, to amend the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station license to increase the power level.
5. Letter to Senator John Sununu, dated May 4, 2004, concerns request by Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, to amend the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station license to increase the power level.
6. Letter to Senator Jeff Bingaman, dated April 30, 2004, responds to letter about NRC's revised package certification requirements.

#### Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, notice of 150<sup>th</sup> meeting (05/25-27/04).
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures (06/01/04).
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Materials and Metallurgy (06/01/04).
4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, 513<sup>th</sup> meeting (06/02-04/04).

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Tennessee IMPEP Management Review Board

On May 13, 2004, the Management Review Board (MRB) met to discuss the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review of the Tennessee Agreement State Program conducted February 23 through 26, 2004. The MRB agreed with the review team's recommendations that the State's performance in all performance indicators was satisfactory; that the program was adequate to protect public health and safety; and that the program was compatible with NRC's regulations. MRB noted that the State's performance has improved significantly from the IMPEP reviews conducted in 2000 and 2001. The next IMPEP review of the Tennessee Agreement State Program will be conducted in FY 2008.

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Regional Administrator Attends Nuclear Energy Assembly

On May 13-14, 2004, the Regional Administrator accompanied the NRC Chairman to the Nuclear Energy Assembly in New Orleans.

Senior Management Site Visit to Oconee

On May 12, 2004, the Deputy Regional Administrator, accompanied by the Director, NRR, toured the Oconee Nuclear Plant in Seneca, South Carolina, and met with licensee management and the resident inspectors.

Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Annual Assessment Meeting

On May 12, 2004, the Regional staff conducted a ROP Annual Assessment Meeting for the Catawba Nuclear Power Station. The meeting was held near the facility and was open to the public.

Region III  
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D.C. Cook - Public Meeting

On May 12, 2004, the Region III staff met with the licensee in a public meeting near the site to present the results of the NRC's review of two White performance indicators that was conducted in accordance with Inspection Procedure 95002 and to discuss D.C. Cook plant performance.

Davis-Besse 0350 Panel Meeting

On May 13, 2004, the Davis-Besse 0350 Panel held a public meeting with the licensee to discuss the recent plant performance with Davis-Besse representatives at the Ottawa County courthouse, near the facility.

Region IV  
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Public Meeting with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD)

On May 12, 2004, Region IV staff members conducted a public exit meeting with NPPD (the licensee) representatives in Brownville, Nebraska. The purpose of the meeting was to present the findings from the recently completed inspection at the Cooper Nuclear Station regarding licensee actions associated with the confirmatory action letter (CAL 4-03-001) issued on January 30, 2003.

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**CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 58**

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Long	05/18 2154 RHOB	3:30	Markup	H.R. 1601, providing for reform relating to federal employment and for other purposes	Reps. Davis/Davis Civil Service and Agency Organization Government Reform
Keeling	05/19 2141 RHOB (TENTATIVE)	10:00	Markup	H.R. 2934, increase criminal penalties to terrorist murders, including crimes involving nuclear sabotage	Reps. Sensenbrenner/Conyers Judiciary
Long	05/19 2247 RHOB	2:00	Markup	H.R. 3826, requiring the review of government programs at least once every five years for purposes of evaluating their performance	Reps. Platts/Towns Government Efficiency and Financial Management Government Reform
Long	05/19 2154 RHOB	2:00	OMB	Federal Enterprise Architecture Program Oversight	Reps. Putnam/Clay Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census
Portner and others	05/20 SD-406	9:30	NRC Commissioners, NEI, Exelon, UCS, and Dr. Barkley Jones, U. of Illinois (see attached witness list)	NRC Oversight	Senators Voinovich/Carper Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Environment and Public Works

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