

# INFORMATION REPORT

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SECY-05-0018

For: The Commissioners  
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Subject: SECY-05-0018 WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
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NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2004-03, Rev. 1, "Risk-informed Approach for Post-fire Safe-shutdown Associated Circuit Inspections"

On December 29, 2004, NRC issued Revision 1 of the subject RIS to inform all nuclear power plant licensees that the NRC staff has revised its inspection procedure for post-fire safe-shutdown circuit analysis inspections to concentrate inspections on circuit failures that have a relatively high likelihood of occurrence, and that the NRC will resume inspection of these circuits in January 2005. This revised RIS also describes the process the NRC will use to implement the Reactor Oversight Process for inspection findings from the post-fire safe-shutdown circuit inspection when the inspections are resumed in January 2005. In addition, this RIS provides the steps that the NRC has taken regarding the use of enforcement discretion to address non-compliances. This revision supercedes, in its entirety, the guidance provided in the original RIS issued on March 2, 2004.

Advanced CANDU Reactor (ACR-700) Status

By letter dated January 3, 2005, the AECL Technologies informed the NRC of their intent to submit a design certification application for the ACR-700 by December 15, 2005. The AECL Technologies will also provide a schedule by January 31, 2005, of the technical information that will be submitted to the NRC to support continued discussion of pre-application key focus topics referenced in the NRC's ACR-700 Pre-Application Safety Assessment Report issued on October 27, 2004. The AECL Technologies stated that it is their goal to obtain the NRC's final design approval for the ACR-700 within 31-36 months from the date of their design certification application. The AECL Technologies also requested to meet with the NRC staff to explore potential optimization of the ACR-700 design certification review by conducting review of Dominion Energy's combined operating license application for a new reactor in parallel. Dominion Energy is currently forecasting submittal of a combined operating license at the North Anna site in early 2007.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards  
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Meeting with Department of Energy (DOE) and South Carolina Regarding Non-High-Level Radioactive Waste Determinations

On January 4, 2005, representatives of the Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection met with representatives from DOE Headquarters, DOE-Savannah River offices, and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), to discuss the implementation of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2005, regarding NRC consultation for non-high-level-waste (HLW) determinations at DOE sites. NRC, DOE, and DHEC representatives shared their respective agency's processes for fulfilling their responsibilities concerning non-HLW determinations. Other topics of discussion included schedule efficiencies, public interactions and document availability, and the status and content of the Interagency Agreement that is currently being developed for reimbursement of NRC activities.

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Chief Information Officer  
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Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests Received During the Period of  
December 31, 2004 through January 6, 2005:

Yale New Haven Hospital, all records since 1995	FOIA/PA-2005-0092
FOIA requests since 10-01-04, include requester's name, date of request, detailed information on what was requested	FOIA/PA-2005-0093
Fermi Plant, all records related to an incident occurring on 4-25-02	FOIA/PA-2005-0094
NRC licensees, complete listing	FOIA/PA-2005-0095

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Office of Human Resources  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
Royce D. Beacom	Electronics Engineer (I&C)	NRR
Brian Haagensen	Operation Engineer	R-I
Heather Jones	Reactor Inspector (NSPDP)	R-I
Valeria Jackson	Secretary (OA)	NRR
Tracy Karl	Transportation Assistant	R-IV
Robert J. Smith, Jr	Consultant	HR
Roger Swiger	Sr. Information Management Analyst	OCIO
Cale Young	Reactor Engineer	R-IV
<b>Retirements</b>		
Jo Ann Carson	Secretary (OA)	R-IV
Donna A. Chaney	Sr. International Policy Officer	OIP
James R. Creed	Safeguards Program Manager	R-III
Lawrence Ellershaw	Sr. Reactor Inspector	R-IV
R. LaRue Mills	Human Resources Assistant	R-III
Raymond Mullikin	Sr. Reactor Inspector	R-IV
Gladys M. Ordaz	Administrative Assistant	NMSS
Lidia A. Roche	Technical Assistant	NMSS
<b>Departures</b>		
Richard A. Berg	Resident Inspector	R-III
Erica Hardy	Secretary (OA)	NRR
Edward Robinson	Student Engineer	NMSS
Donita Trent	Clerk	ADM

Office of Public Affairs  
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Media Interest

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

NRC inspection of "B" recirculation pump vibration issue at Hope Creek.

Safety violations at Palo Verde.

Organizational changes in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations.

Contaminated equipment that left the Oconee nuclear plant.

The Commission's Order that Private Fuel Storage must make certain documents publically available.

NRC's Special Inspection of pump issues at Perry.

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
05-001	NRC Establishes Web Page for Information on Safety-Conscious Work Environment at Salem/Hope Creek (1/5)
05-002	NRC Has Determined Contaminated Ash at Pennsylvania Site Meets NRC Criteria for Unrestricted Use (1/5)
05-003	NRC Begins Implementing the New National Response Plan (1/6)
05-004	NRC Withdraws Proposed Rule on Dual-Purpose Casks for Spent Nuclear Fuel (1/6)
05-005	NRC Revises Procedure for Inspection of Electrical Circuits for Safe Reactor Shutdown (1/6)
05-006	NRC Realigns Office of the Executive Director for Operations (1/7)
<b>Regions:</b>	
I-05-001	NRC Reschedules Meeting on Hope Creek Nuclear Plant to Jan. 12 (1/3)
III-05-001	NRC Begins Special Inspection of Pump Issues at Perry Nuclear Plant (1/7)

Office of the Secretary  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SECY-04-0223	1/4/05	Request for Approval of Staff Comments on the 2005 Recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection
Voting Record on SECY-04-0223	1/4/05	(same)
2. SECY-04-0215	1/5/05	Final Report on Results of the National Materials Program Pilot Projects
Voting Record on SECY-04-0215	1/5/05	(same)
3. COMSECY-04-0079	12/23/04	Fire Protection Rule 10 CFR 50.48(c) Interim Enforcement Discretion Policy Extension
SRM on COMSECY-04-0079	1/6/05	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMSECY-04-0079	1/6/05	(same)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-05-0001	1/03/05	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 17, 2004
2. SECY-05-0003	1/4/05	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 24, 2004

<b>Memorandum</b>		
1. M050105	1/5/05	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session: I. SECY-04-0184 - Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation); Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI, Unpublished Licensing Board Order Issued March 31, 2004, and CLI-04-10; II. SECY-04-0234 - Duke Energy Corp. (Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2); Unpublished Board Order (Dec. 17, 2004); III. SECY-05-0002 - Motion by Rene Chun for "Clarification and Amendment" of CLI-04-34

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Denial of petition for rulemaking: 10 CFR Part 40, Docket No. PRM-40-28, Donald A. Barbour, Philotechnics; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking.
2. Final rule: 10 CFR Part 30, RIN: 3150-AH06, Security Requirements for Portable Gauges Containing Byproduct Material.



Region IV  
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Callaway Steam - Management Meeting

On January 6, 2005, NRC staff held a public meeting with representatives from Ameren UE, the licensee for the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant, in Region IV offices in Dallas, Texas. Major topics consisted of scope for the replacement of the steam generators at the Callaway Plant, followup inspection of the flaw indication previously identified in the Cold Leg weld of the reactor pressure vessel piping, followup on the emergency classification of the September 18, 2004, fire, and information on the licensee's efforts in improving safety culture at the plant.

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Office of Congressional Affairs  
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 1					
OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Combs	01/19/05 SD-366	2:30pm	Samuel W. Bodman	Confirmation for Secretary of Energy	Senators Domenici/Bingaman Energy and Natural Resources