

INFORMATION REPORT

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DECEMBER 30, 2005

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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Issuance of Amendment to Seabrook Station Unit No. 1 Recapturing Zero Power/Low Power Testing Time

On December 22, 2005, the staff issued an amendment extending the expiration date of the Seabrook Station Unit No. 1 (Seabrook) Facility Operating License. The amendment, issued in accordance with Commission guidance contained in Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-98-296, allows Seabrook to recapture approximately 41 months of startup testing time incurred prior to issuance of its full-power operating license. This amendment was not a request for license renewal under 10 CFR Part 54. The new expiration date for the operating license is March 15, 2030, which is 40 years from issuance of the full-power license.

Order Issued Approving Transfer of License for Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC)

On December 23, 2005, the NRC issued the subject order. The order was issued in response to the August 1, 2005, application from Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC), and FPL Energy Duane Arnold, LLC (FPLE Duane Arnold) which requested approval for the direct license transfer in coordination with IPL's proposed transfer of its 70-percent ownership interest in DAEC to FLPE Duane Arnold. The submittal also requested approval of the transfer of NMC's operating authority to FPLE Duane Arnold. The NRC will issue the conforming amendment for these license transfers on the same date that the transfer of the ownership interest occurs.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Issuance of Technical Evaluation Report for Salt Waste Disposal at the Savannah River Site

On December 28, 2005, the Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection issued a Technical Evaluation Report that documents its analysis and conclusions regarding the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) draft waste determination for salt waste disposal at the Savannah River Site. This draft waste determination was submitted to NRC for review in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (NDAA). The NRC staff has concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the applicable criteria of the NDAA can be met provided certain assumptions made in DOE's analysis are verified. The report is publicly available in ADAMS under accession number ML053010225.

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Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
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Preliminary Notifications

- PNO-I-05-031, Cardinal Health - AGREEMENT STATE REPORT - TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT INVOLVING USED TECHNETIUM 99M SYRINGES.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-34-6) from Organization of Agreement States

On December 28, 2005, the NRC published a notice in the Federal Register (70 FR 76724) announcing the receipt of the subject petition for rulemaking. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to require that an individual receive at least 40 hours of radiation safety training before using sources of radiation for industrial radiography, clarify the requirements for at least two individuals to be present at a temporary job site, and clarify how many individuals are required to meet surveillance requirements. The comment period for this action closes March 13, 2006.

Contract Award

On December 22, 2005, a competitive cost reimbursement contract no. DR-02-06-005 was awarded to OAO Corporation under the General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule. The contractor shall develop and deploy the National Source Tracking System (NSTS) which shall track the manufacture, possession and transfer of individual nuclear sealed sources by United States nuclear material and import/export licensees throughout their life-cycle. Upon deployment, the contractor shall provide operational support for the SafeSource Infrastructure and maintenance for the NSTS. The total estimated cost is \$15,310,574, including all options. The period of performance is five years, including three one-year option periods.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act Requests Received During the Period of
December 23 through December 29, 2005:

Mailing list (Referral by GSA)	FOIA/PA-2006-0071
American Smelting & Refining Corp., documents concerning role as uranium ore buyer for the AEC, 1950s; documents re: handling of radioactive material at El Paso, TX, Dona Ana County, NM, or Amarillo, TX sites from 1935 - current	FOIA/PA-2006-0072
Progress in meeting December 31, 2006, automatic declassification of 25+ year old classified records	FOIA/PA-2006-0073
National Refractories & Minerals Corp. (aka Kaiser Aluminum & Chemicals), P. O. Box 499, State Route J, Mexico, MO, MLTS license 24-20011-01, MLTS information & compliance & enforcement files	FOIA/PA-2006-0074

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrival		
FEINTUCH, KARL	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
MITTS, TIMOTHY	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
Retirements		
BELL, LILLIAN B.	OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANT	NRR
BERKOW, HERBERT N.	PROJ DIR, PROJECT DIRECTORATE IV	NRR
BRYANT, WILMA J.	SECRETARY (OA)	R-II
LEE, HENRY W.	SENIOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEER	NMSS
MCCRORY, STEPHEN L.	DIRECTOR, DRMA	R-IV
RANDALL, BENJAMIN W.	SR. COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	IS
Departures		
SHIN, KYUNG H.	RISK ANALYST (NSPDP)	NMSS

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

The Commission's approval of a final rule for the AP1000 reactor design certification.

The staff's Technical Evaluation Report on the Department of Energy's waste determination proposal for tank cleanup at the Savannah River Site.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
05-168	NRC Approves Certification of Westinghouse's AP1000 Advanced Reactor Design (12/30)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMSECY-05-0019 (IN PART)	06/07/05	Protective Measures and Implementing Guidance for Groups 1 Through 4 Materials Licensees
SRM on 05-0019	08/23/05	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 05-0019	08/23/05	(same)
2. M051230	12/30/05	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session: I. SECY-05-0227 - Final Rule - AP1000 Design Certification
Commission Voting Record - SECY-05-0227	12/30/05	Final Rule - AP1000 Design Certification
Information Papers		
SECY-05-0229	12/20/05	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 9, 2005

Commission Correspondence

- Letter to Congress, dated December 22, 2005, provides NRC's response to the recommendation made by GAO in its report "Financial Audit: Restatements to the NRC's Fiscal Year 2003 Financial Statements" (GAO-06-30R).

Federal Register Notices Issued

- Proposed rule: 10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, and 150, RIN: 3150-AH41, Exemptions from Licensing, General Licenses, and Distribution of Byproduct Material: Licensing and Reporting Requirements.

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)/
 Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW)
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As a result of its 528th meeting (December 7-10, 2005), the ACRS issued letters and reports on the following subjects.	
Date	Subject
December 21, 2005	Draft Final Generic Letter 2005-XX, "Impact of Potentially Degraded Hemyc/MT Fire Barrier Materials on Compliance with Approved Fire Protection Programs"
As a result of its 166th meeting (December 13-14, 2005), the ACNW issued letters and reports on the following subjects.	
Date	Subject
December 27, 2005	Observations of Stakeholder Participation in Recent Meetings of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW)
December 27, 2005	Opportunities in the Area of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management