

INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners
From: William M. Dean, Assistant for Operations, Office of the EDO
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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of NUREG/CR-6890, "Reevaluation of Station Blackout (SBO) Risk at Nuclear Power Plants"

Staff issued the subject NUREG to provide updates of loss of offsite power (LOOP) initiating event frequencies and nonrecovery probabilities, station blackout risk estimates in terms of core damage frequency (CDF), and the resolution of peer review comments on the draft report. The report shows that (1) LOOP frequencies have decreased but duration times have increased, and (2) although overall SBO CDF estimates have decreased, the risk from grid-related LOOP events has increased. The NRC staff is applying the results and insights from this report to agency actions related to grid reliability at nuclear power plants.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Proposed Rule on Exemptions From Licensing, General Licenses, and Distribution of Byproduct Material; Licensing and Reporting Requirements 10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, and 150

On January 4, 2006, the NRC published a proposed rule in the Federal Register (71 FR 275) that would amend its regulations governing the use of byproduct material. The proposed amendments would revise requirements for reporting transfers of byproduct materials to persons exempt from licensing, simplify the licensing of smoke detector distribution, remove obsolete provisions, and clarify certain regulatory provisions. The comment period for this action closes March 20, 2006.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act Requests Received During the Period of
December 30, 2005 through January 5, 2006:

December 12, 2005 letter from Jack Strosnider, NMSS, to John Parkyn, Private Fuel Storage, LLC	FOIA/PA-2006-0075
Mailing list (Referral by GSA)	FOIA/PA-2006-0076
OI Reports 3-2004-027 & 3-2005-013	FOIA/PA-2006-0077
Radiation dose rate for named individual	FOIA/PA-2006-0078
Fansteel FMRI facility, Muskagee, OK, studies done by NRC re: chemical analyses and/or RCRA analyses of radioactive waste material on site	FOIA/PA-2006-0079
MLTS database of sites which contain or use radioactive materials & are subject to NRC licensing requirements, all regions	FOIA/PA-2006-0080

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrival		
BORDEN, WILLIAM	SENIOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OI
CAMPE, KAZIMERAS M.	CONSULTANT	NRR
CORLEY, CHERRIE M.	SENIOR BUDGET ANALYST	CFO
DABBS, WILLIAM T.	IT SPECIALIST (INFOSEC)	IS
DAVIS, QIANA C.	AFFIRMATIVE EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST	SBCR
FARBER, MARTIN J.	CONSULTANT	EDO
FORSATY, FRED	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
HOANG, DAN V.	STRUCTURAL ENGINEER	NRR
JACKSON, BRIANA	HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	HR
LOPATTO, JEANNE T.	SPEC ASST FOR FEDERAL & INTL PROGRAMS	COMM
LOUDINOT, DANIELE H.	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
SANBORN, GARY F.	CONSULTANT	OE
DUBOUCHET, ANDRES V.	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	NRR
Retirements		
CAMPE, KAZIMIERAS M.	SENIOR REACTOR ENGINEER	NRR
COADY, JAMES M.	TEAM LEADER	OIG
COATES, PATRICIA M.	LICENSING ASSISTANT	NRR
DICK, GEORGE F.	SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
EL-ZEFTAWY, MEDHAT M.	SENIOR STAFF ENGINEER	ACRS
GOODMAN, P. C.	SENIOR HUMAN FACTORS SPECIALIST	NRR
GRIGGS, DIANNE R.	INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICER	IP
LIANG, CHU-YU	SENIOR REACTOR ENGINEER, NUCLEAR	NRR
MAJOR, RICHARD K.	SENIOR STAFF ENGINEER	ACRS
MEEHAN, BARBARA D.	SENIOR CONTRACT SPECIALIST	ADM
MILLMAN, GILBERT	SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER	RES

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ROSENTHAL, JACK E.	CHIEF, ADVANCED REACTORS AND REGULATORY EFFECTIVENESS BRANCH	RES
RUTH, LAWRENCE C.	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
SHELBURNE, ELIZABETH C.	SENIOR IM AUTOMATION SPECIALIST	IS
STEIN, STEVE	SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER	NSIR
SZUKIEWICZ, ANDREW J.	SENIOR RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	RES
WOHL, MILLARD L.	RELIABILITY AND RISK ANALYST	NRR
Departures		
STEELE, SHARON A.	TEAM LEADER	ACRS

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

The NRC's enforcement actions against four individuals in the Davis-Besse investigation.

The NRC's draft order requiring Indian Point to install backup power supply to its emergency notification system.

Plans by the Farley nuclear plant to transport used reactor vessel heads by barge to Houston, then by truck to Envirocare in Utah for disposal.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
06-001	NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste to Meet in Rockville, Maryland, Jan. 10-12 (1/3)
06-002	NRC Publishes Clarification of Fire Protection Requirements for Electrical Circuits in Nuclear Power Plants (1/4)
06-003	NRC Releases Draft Order for Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant to Install Back-Up Power for its Emergency Notification System (1/5)
06-004	NRC Considers Changes to Regulations on Products Containing Radioactive Material (1/5)
Regions:	
I-06-001	NRC, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. Managers to Discuss Company's Fleet of Nuclear Plants (1/3)
III-06-001	NRC Bars Four Individuals from NRC-Regulated Work Because of Inaccurate Davis-Besse Nuclear Plant Information (1/5)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Federal Register Notices Issued

- Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Joint Meeting of the Subcommittees on Regulatory Policies and Practices and on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, notice of meeting (1/25/06).

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Region IV (RIV)
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Regional Administrator's Visit to Callaway Plant

On January 6, 2006, the Regional Administrator made a site visit to the Callaway Plant. The visit consisted of a tour of the facility, meeting with the Resident Inspectors, and a meeting with licensee management. The Regional Administrator also presented Operator License certificates.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 1					
OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Combs	01/25/06 SD-406	9:30	DOE, EPA, NRC, NEI, Radiation oncologist Bill Hendie, Ted Rockwell	EPA and NRC radiation standards	Senator Inhofe/Jeffords Environment and Public Works
Combs	02/07/06 Tentative	TBA	DOE	Status of Yucca Mountain license application	Senator Domenici/Bingaman Energy and Natural Resources

Note: The Senate will convene January 18, 2006, and the House of Representatives will convene January 31, 2006.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)/
Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW)
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ACRS Issues Letter Report on Extended Power Uprate at Vermont Yankee

On January 4, 2006, the ACRS completed the subject report. The letter report will be publicly available on January 9, 2006. This letter report was the result of a major ACRS review involving several Committee meetings. During the review, the ACRS had the benefit of discussions with the NRC staff, the public, and Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Incorporated (licensee). The ACRS recommended that the application for the extended power uprate at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station should be approved. Several other recommendations and conclusions are also included in the letter report.

ACNW Issues a White Paper on the History and Framework of Commercial Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLW) Management in the U.S.

On December 30, 2005, the ACNW issued the subject White Paper. The paper consists of three parts: (1) LLW program history, including early approaches to management of LLW, congressional actions, efforts to site new LLW disposal facilities, and current program status; (2) NRC LLW regulatory framework, including development of the LLW regulations, activities by NRC and the U.S. Department of Energy pertaining to management of greater than Class C waste, and NRC LLW program development pertaining to regulatory guidance and policy, LLW research, and strategic planning; and (3) Past ACNW technical advice and recommendations on LLW to the Commission. The paper provides background for further dialog between the NRC staff and the LLW stakeholders on risk-informing the regulatory framework for LLW.