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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Meeting with Representatives of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

On November 8, 2006, the staff met with FERC to get familiarized with the proposed 107 North American Electrical Reliability Council (NERC) standards that apply to Nuclear Power Plants. These standards are currently under review for approval by the council.

Public Meeting with Davis-Besse

On November 7, 2006, the staff participated in a public meeting with representatives from the Davis-Besse plant. The meeting was a pre-submittal meeting to review expectations regarding the licensee's intent to submit a license amendment request to convert their Technical Specifications to Improved Standard Technical Specifications. The licensee anticipates application submittal in July 2007.

Issuance of the Renewed Operating License for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

On November 8, 2006, the operating license for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant was extended for an additional 20 years. The expiration date for the renewed license is September 8, 2030. Nuclear Management Company, LLC, submitted the license renewal application to the NRC by letter, dated March 24, 2005. The staff completed its review in less than 20 months. The staff's evaluations are documented in its safety evaluation report, NUREG 1865, issued in October 2006, and in Supplement 26 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement, dated September 2006.

Public Meeting About Technical Basis for Part 26, Subpart K

On November 7, 2006, the staff held a public meeting with stakeholders to present the technical basis of Subpart K, "[Fitness for Duty] (FFD) Programs for Construction" of the 10 CFR Part 26 draft final rule. Subpart K was not included in the proposed rule package that was issued for public comment. Representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute, Union of Concerned Scientists, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and others attended the meeting. The staff emphasized that Subpart K requirements are to assure that construction workers are not impaired while constructing plant systems, structures, and components, and that Subpart K requirements are less burdensome in comparison to the former FFD requirements.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Public Meeting With Nuclear Energy Institute on 10 CFR Part 72 License and Certificate of Compliance Terms

On November 7, 2006, staff met with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to understand the industry views on the issues for initial and renewal terms for 10 CFR Part 72 licenses and Certificates of Compliance (CoCs). NEI presented the industry views on numerous aspects of Part 72 License and Certificate of Compliance Terms, including: (1) longer terms for the Part 72 Certificate of Compliance; (2) "re-approval" versus "renewal" in Part 72; (3) the 20-year terms; (4) record keeping requirements for loaded casks at each site; and (5) new license conditions during renewal.

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

1. PNO-IV-06-014, Pacific EcoSolutions (PECOS) - AMERICIUM-241 INHALATION EXPOSURES.
2. PNO-II-06-004A, AREVA NP, Inc. - UPDATE ON WORKERS EXPOSED TO HYDROGEN FLUORIDE RELEASE
3. PNO-II-06-005A, Brunswick Steam Electric Plant - UNUSUAL EVENT DECLARED DU TO LOSS OF OFFSITE POWER TO UNIT 2 4KV EMERGENCY BUSES
4. PNO-I-06-012, AmerGen Energy Company LLC - EVALUATION OF OYSTER CREEK CONTAINMENT DESIGN FUNCTION

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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National Source Tracking of Sealed Sources (AH48 - Parts 20, 32, and 150)

On November 8, 2006, a final rule was published in the Federal Register (71 FR 65686) that amends NRC regulations to implement a National Source Tracking System for certain sealed sources. The amendment requires licensees to report certain transactions involving those sealed sources to the National Source Tracking System and to provide an initial inventory of nationally tracked sources to the system. The amendment also requires manufacturers to assign a unique serial number to each nationally tracked source. The final rule becomes effective February 6, 2007.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 3 through November 9, 2006:

Allegation RIV-1998-A-0144 including all correspondence between NRC & named individual	FOIA/PA-2007-0029
South Texas Project, specific letter re: investigation 1979-1980	FOIA/PA-2007-0030
Vacancy SBCR-2006-0016, reference checks on named individual	FOIA/PA-2007-0031
License no. 11-27305-01, docket 030-32262/IDA-198, license termination amendment	FOIA/PA-2007-0032
Colorado's application for delegation as an agreement state; records reflecting periodic review, inspection of state's radiation program	FOIA/PA-2007-0033

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
ASHCRAFT, JOSEPH	REACTOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	NRR
BELL, JIMMY	ACNW CONSULTANT	ACRS
CHICCA, GREGORY	BUILDING MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	ADM
CONTI, TONI	SECRETARY (OA)	NMSS
ESMAILI, HOSSIEN	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGR (THERM-HYD)	RES
GARDNER, GEORGE	GENERAL ENGINEER/PHYSICAL SCIENTIST	RII
GREEN, KIMBERLY	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	NRR
HITIRIS, ANGELA	SECRETARY (OA)	OIS
JENIFER, PHYLLIS	SECRETARY (OA)	NMSS
KUTLESA, JURE	PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTOR	RIII
LAREGINA, CAROL	SECRETARY (OA)	RI
LAPINSKY, GEORGE	HUMAN FACTORS SPECIALIST	NRR
MACKENZIE, AMBER	LEGAL INTERN	OGC
MCCLAIN, NICOLE	SECRETARY	NRR
NOLD, DAVID	RX. SYSTEM ENG.	NRR
PHAN, HANH	RELIABILITY AND RISK ANALYST	NRR
POOLE, JUSTIN	ELECTRONICS ENGINEER	NRR
STANFIELD, RICHARD	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	HR
TENE, KIMBERLY	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGR (THERM-HYD)	RES
THOMPSON, MARGARET	SECRETARY (OA)	RI
TIRUNEH, NEBIYU	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
ULSES, ANTHONY	NUCLEAR ENGINEER	RES
WEXLER, ELIZABETH	GENERAL SCIENTIST	NRR

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Departures		
PORTER, RUTH	STUDENT LAW CLERK	OGC
XIE, BILL	STUDENT INTERN	CA

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

Commissioner McGaffigan reaching the milestone of longest tenure on the NRC.

Other Public Affairs Items:

Commissioner McGaffigan was interviewed live by Federal News Radio regarding his tenure at the NRC and the agency's future challenges.

OPA facilitated a New York Times interview with staff regarding aircraft vulnerability studies for new nuclear power plants.

OPA assisted at the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's limited appearance sessions at Clinton, and at a public meeting on decommissioning at Rancho Seco.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
06-141	NRC Renews Operating License for Monticello Nuclear Power Plant for an Additional 20 Years (11/8)
06-142	NRC Honors Edward McGaffigan for Leadership and Longest Tenure (11/8)
Regions:	
I-06-058	NRC to Discuss Process for Review of License Renewal Application for Susquehanna Nuclear Plant, Seeks Environmental Input (11/6)
III-06-032	NRC Begins Special Inspection at Palisades Nuclear Power Plant (11/7)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
- SECY-06-0217	10/25/06	Improvement to and Update of the Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan
Memoranda		
1. M061020	11/08/06	Staff Requirements - Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
2. M061109A	11/09/06	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session: I. SECY-06-0216 - Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (Diablo Canyon ISFSI), Docket No. 72-26-ISFSI, "Motion by San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace, Sierra Club, and Peg Pinard for Partial Reconsideration of CLI-06-23"; II. SECY-06-0218 - System Energy Resources, Inc. (Early Site Permit for Grand Gulf ESP)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein, dated October 30, 2006, responds to letter expressing concern about the discovery of tritium at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Unit 1.
2. Letter to Jukka Laaksonen, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, Finland, dated October 30, 2006, responds to invitation to participate in the 3rd International Workshop of the NEA Working Group on Public Communication of Regulatory Organizations.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), notice of 538th meeting (12/7-9/06).
2. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, notice of meeting (12/5/06).
3. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Materials, Metallurgy, and Reactor Fuels, notice of meeting (12/6/06).
4. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (12/6/06).

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Region I (RI)
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Commissioner Lyons' Tour of the National Institutes for Health

On November 7, 2006, Region I staff accompanied Commissioner Lyons, members of his staff, and staff from the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs for a visit of the radiological facilities at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. The visit was hosted by the NIH Radiation Safety Officer and members of his staff. The visit included tours of areas of the facility and discussions with licensee personnel involved with the receipt of radioactive packages, radioactive waste handling, nuclear medicine, radiation oncology and radiopharmaceutical therapy, as well as an irradiator and the facility's cyclotron.

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Region II (RII)
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Brunswick Nuclear Plant Emergency Exercise

On November 7, 2006, Region II staff participated in the Brunswick emergency exercise in Southport, North Carolina with a full Site Team and Base Team.

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