

INFORMATION REPORT

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ENDING JUNE 28, 2002

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Items of Interest
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Significance Determination Processes (SDPs)

The Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch (SPSB) Operating Support Team, Division of Systems Safety and Analysis (DSSA), and an Senior Risk Analyst participated in a retreat on June 25, 2002, at National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to pursue improvements to SDPs in general and to the Shutdown SDP in particular. The team reached agreement on a consistent format for all of the SDPs. The goal is to use the format for all risk-informed SDPs. Subsequently, several example problems were evaluated with the Shutdown SDP. This exercise identified additional improvements to make the SDP more realistic. Future workshops on the Shutdown SDP will include external stakeholders.

Meeting on June 20, 2002, with the NEI Concerning Fire Protection Manual Actions

A meeting was held with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on June 20, 2002, regarding the use of manual actions in lieu of meeting fire protection separation requirements specified in Section III.G.2 of 10 CFR 50, Appendix R. The NRC conducted inspector training on this issue in November 2001, and provided NEI with a copy of the training materials. NEI subsequently provided comments on the NRC training in January 2002. The staff response to NEI was reviewed by the NRC's Committee for the Review of Generic Requirements and was sent to NEI on May 16, 2002. The meeting on June 20, 2002, was requested by NEI to provide additional details concerning the issue. In this meeting NEI raised certain concerns regarding the need to clarify NRC positions and to address the potential for additional regulatory relief.

NRC Information Notice 2002-021: Axial Outside-diameter Cracking Affecting Thermally Treated Alloy 600 Steam Generator Tubing dated June 25, 2002

The NRC is issuing this information notice to inform addressees of preliminary indications of axial outside-diameter cracking of thermally treated Alloy 600 steam generator tubing at Seabrook. The NRC anticipates that recipients will review the information for applicability to their facilities.

Robinson Unit 2 License Renewal

The staff received on June 17, 2002, the license renewal application for Robinson Unit 2. With this submittal, the staff is currently reviewing renewal applications for eight plants. The renewal application for Ginna is scheduled to be received in late July, and for V. C. Summer in early August. Five plants have received renewed licenses.

Meeting with NEI/ASME on Risk-Informed Part 50 Option 2 (10 CFR 50.69) Second Published Draft Rule Language

The staff held a public meeting on June 18, 2002 to discuss comments received on draft rule language for 10 CFR 50.69. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit stakeholders' feedback, and for the staff to explain the intent of applicable rule language. The meeting was attended by

NRC staff, representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), vendors, and other stakeholders. The staff intends to publish a third version of draft rule language in July 2002, after which, the staff will finalize the draft rule language and initiate the formal rulemaking process. The first portion of the meeting was a discussion of the comments provided by ASME in a letter dated June 17, 2002. ASME comments focused on the draft rule language, which removes ASME Code requirements for Risk-Informed Safety Class-3 Structures, Systems, and Components (SSCs). ASME would only agree with the removal of ASME Code requirements for RISC-3 SSCs if a regulatory framework is developed that ensures the risk-informed ASME Codes Cases are used for RISC-3 SSCs, and that the Code Cases are used in their entirety. Representatives from NEI also discussed their comments on the draft rule language.

Staff Holds Public Meetings on the Draft North Anna Environmental Impact Statement in Support of License Renewal

The NRC staff participated in two outreach activities last week related to the license renewal application for North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2. On June 25, 2002, the staff conducted two meetings to solicit comments from the public on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) issued on April 23, 2002. The draft SEIS is a plant-specific supplement to the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants" (NUREG-1437). More than 50 people attended the meetings, including representatives of the NRC staff, Dominion Virginia Power (DVP), the nuclear industry, State agencies, the press, and members of the public. About 20 individuals spoke at the meetings, with a few expressing concerns with extending the operating life of the two nuclear units at North Anna. The public comment period ends on August 1, 2002.

In addition, in an effort to improve communication and increase interaction with the public, the staff conducted open houses for one hour prior to each meeting session. The NRC and DVP participated with displays or brochures and met with the public to answer questions about the proposed renewal of the North Anna Units 1 and 2 operating licenses.

At the conclusion of the comment period, the staff will evaluate the comments received, revise the SEIS as appropriate, and issue the final SEIS in December 2002.

AP1000

As documented in its letter dated June 25, 2002, the NRC staff completed its acceptance review of the Westinghouse AP1000 design certification application. The staff finds that Westinghouse's application is sufficiently complete for acceptance as a docketed application for design certification, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 52. The Docket number established for this application is 52-006. The staff will conduct a detailed review of all application material during its design certification review and will forward requests for additional information to Westinghouse, as necessary.

Advanced CANDU Reactor (ACR)

In a June 19, 2002, letter, AECL Technologies, the U.S. subsidiary of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) requested that the NRC conduct a pre-application review of the ACR-700 reactor design. The ACR-700 is a 700 MWe light water-cooled, heavy water-moderated reactor design. The staff will hold a kick-off meeting on the ACR-700 design in late July. The pre-application review will begin after AECL Technologies submits information for review, currently expected in the late summer 2002.

European Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR)

On June 20-21, 2002, the staff held a public meeting with General Electric (GE) to discuss the ESBWR design. The ESBWR is a 1380 MWe, natural circulation, boiling water reactor design which utilizes passive safety systems. During the meeting, GE provided an overview of the ESBWR design and discussed the testing and analyses that provide the technical basis for the design. GE and the staff also discussed plans for a pre-application review of the ESBWR design. Phase 2 of the pre-application review will begin in August 2002, with submittal of the majority of the supporting information related to the test program and the TRACG analysis methodology. GE has requested the staff to complete Phase 2 review in April 2003. Over the next few weeks, GE and the staff will finalize the scope and schedule for Phase 2 of the pre-application review.

Meeting with NEI to Discuss Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) Implementation

On June 25, 2002, NRC staff members met with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to discuss issues associated with ITAAC implementation. NEI had previously submitted a white paper regarding ITAAC implementation on November 20, 2001. The staff comments on the white paper in a June 4, 2002, letter, which served as a basis for discussion topics for the meeting. Several issues were identified for future discussions, including the following: finality of ITAAC sign-offs by the NRC, objectives of a sign-as-you-go (SAYGO) construction inspection process, and timing and extent of engineering design verifications. The staff and NEI agreed to consider the best course of action to identify and resolve issues associated with ITAAC implementation.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Pre-Application Meeting with Louisiana Energy Services

On June 25, 2002, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards and the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response met with staff from the Louisiana Energy Services (LES), in a pre-application meeting for a gas centrifuge enrichment facility license, to discuss information security issues. LES staff discussed the Quadripartite Agreement with the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Germany, and the U.S. and the need to modify some of the implementing procedures to address recent 10 CFR Part 95 changes and Dual-Use requirements applicable to Urenco technology. LES staff also discussed its approach for submitting classified information in licensing documents and for obtaining the necessary personnel clearances.

Public Meeting on 10 CFR Part 71 Proposed Rule

On June 24, 2002, staff from the Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, the Spent Fuel Project Office, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) held a public roundtable meeting at NRC's Headquarters to hear stakeholders' views, concerns, and comments on the 10 CFR Part 71 proposed rule for compatibility with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safety standards (TS-R-1), and for other NRC-initiated amendments. DOT also published its parallel proposed rule for compatibility of its 49 CFR with the same IAEA standards (the two rules were coordinated). Roundtable participants included the Nuclear Energy Institute, radioactive material transportation industry, zirconium and mineral industries, State of Nevada, Department of Energy, citizen and environmental groups, and Agreement States. All attendees received copies of the rules and supporting documents. NRC and DOT staffs participated in the roundtable discussions, and responded to comments and assured the attendees that the rule provisions will maintain the current level of protection to the public, transportation workers, and the environment. The meeting was successful in engaging the participants in focused discussions on the potential economic and environmental impact of some of the provisions of the rule.

Society of Nuclear Medicine Meeting

On June 18, 2002, the Deputy Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, represented the NRC as a speaker at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine in Los Angeles, California. The subject of the presentation was "NRC Perspective on Revised Part 35."

International Atomic Energy Agency Transport Safety Appraisal Service to the United Kingdom

On June 9-21, 2002, a Spent Fuel Project Office staff member participated in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Transport Safety Appraisal Service (TranSAS) mission to the United Kingdom. The TranSAS mission was an appraisal of the United Kingdom's implementation of IAEA radioactive material transportation regulations. The mission was composed of 14 members, including representatives from IAEA, the Department of

Transportation, and several nations. The appraisal included a broad range of transportation activities; including package design reviews; operational aspects of air, road, rail, and marine transport; and shipment of spent fuel casks.

Research Coordination Meeting

On June 18-21, 2002, Spent Fuel Project Office staff chaired the second Research Coordination Meeting (RCM) of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA's) Coordinated Research Project (CRP) on Non-fixed Package Surface Contamination. The meeting was held in Williamsburg, Virginia, and was attended by 21 foreign participants, including representatives from France, Japan, Germany, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the World Nuclear Transport Institute. The meeting focused on progress in developing a new model to estimate worker and public doses associated with package contamination. U.S. representatives were successful in advancing the concept of optimization of worker doses (including those from package contents) and public doses in evaluating the impacts of contamination limits. A meeting of the Modelers Group is now scheduled for August 21-22, 2002, in Cologne, Germany; the third and final RCM is scheduled for November 19-22, 2002, in Berlin, Germany; and a consultants' services meeting is planned for early 2003 at IAEA, in Vienna, to assist in preparation of the document that will summarize the CRP findings.

Staff Participates in American Society of Engineering Management Panel on Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

On June 21, 2002, a manager from the Division of Waste Management (DWM) participated in a panel discussion sponsored by the American Society of Engineering Management's (ASEM's) Capitol Chapter. The panelists discussed Federal interagency cooperation on the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. The DWM participant described how the NRC site decommissioning process effectiveness has improved and how reductions in unnecessary regulatory burden have been achieved through implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Science and Technology, Department of Energy (DOE), provided an overview of DOE's Environmental Management program for its land management, site transfer, and long-term stewardship responsibilities. He also discussed DOE's interactions with other governmental entities such as NRC, the Corps, States, and public stakeholders. The ASEM Capitol Region Program is sponsored by George Washington University (GWU), and the panel discussion at GWU was well received by the attendees.

Staff Discusses Long-Term Behavior of Waste Packages with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

On June 19, 2002, staff from the Division of Waste Management presented to the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) issues and activities related to the projected performance of waste packages in the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The staff presented risk insights, derived from performance assessment analyses, associated with waste package performance. The presentation described how the waste package is an important barrier, but the performance of other barriers also limits risks. The staff presented an example, which that demonstrated that caution must be used in interpreting results and safety implications when conservatism is incorporated in the performance

assessment. In a second presentation, the staff described the current status of assessing risks associated with various failure modes of waste packages and drip shields. The staff addressed the technical bases for the assessment of uniform corrosion, localized corrosion, stress corrosion cracking, materials aging, mechanical failure, and juvenile failure modes, and the assessment of criticality.

Staff Participates in the Nuclear Energy Agency's Third Session of the Working Party on Decommissioning and Dismantling

On June 17-19, 2002, a representative from the Division of Waste Management (DWM) attended and gave a presentation at the third session of the Working Party on Decommissioning and Dismantling (WPDD) in Karlsruhe, Germany. The WPDD is a group under the Nuclear Energy Agency's (NEA's) Radioactive Waste Management Committee tasked with addressing policy and technical issues associated with decommissioning nuclear facilities. The WPDD is comprised of representatives from regulators; "implementors" (primarily utilities or decommissioning-related industries); and the decommissioning research and development community. The third session was attended by 37 participants from 14 different countries. Participants toured the vitrification facility under construction at Karlsruhe Research Center and the Center's waste storage facility. The WPDD meeting included presentations on Germany's decommissioning program and a topical session on building and site release and reuse. The DWM attendee gave a presentation on the NRC's role, standards, and guidance on license termination as the U.S. regulator. The NEA will publish proceedings from the WPDD meeting, and participants agreed that the next full working group meeting will be held in Spain in mid-2003, near the decommissioning Vandellós Nuclear Power Plant.

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Release of NUREG/CP-0177

Copies of NUREG/CP-0177, "Proceedings of the Environmental Software Systems Compatibility and Linkage Workshop" were distributed, and an electronic copy was posted on the NRC External Web site at URL: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/conference/cp0177/>. The proceedings provide descriptions of multimedia environmental software systems that are presently being used by participating Federal agencies to evaluate contaminant release, transport and health effects through various environmental media (e.g., air, and ground and surface water) and biosphere pathways to the public. An important outcome of the workshop, as reported in NUREG/CP-0177, was the development of software attributes for linking models, databases and frameworks. Discussions at this workshop resulted in the development of the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on research into multimedia environmental models.

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NRC/NEI Closed Meeting on Access Authorization

On June 25, 2002, members from the Division of Nuclear Security and the Office of Administration met with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute and industry stakeholders at NRC headquarters to discuss access authorization issues. The main objectives of the meeting were (1) to discuss potential insider threat vulnerabilities related to the access authorization programs at nuclear power facilities; (2) to develop current issues pertaining to confirmation of employment eligibility, e.g., INS requirements; and (3) to develop guidance regarding military service verification expectations. In addition, NRC's Personnel Security provided the status of the criminal history program pertaining to fingerprint submissions from industry and discussed the status of the Electronic Information Exchange System (EIE) program. It is anticipated that full industry implementation of this program will be completed in July 2002.

Meeting Between NRC Staff and Stakeholders on the Fitness-for-Duty Rule

On June 26, 2002, staff members from NSIR and NRR met with the Nuclear Energy Institute and other stakeholders at NRC Headquarters. The topics discussed were (1) contemplated enforcement discretion, (2) draft rule language, (3) rulemaking time line update, and (4) information needs relative to the regulatory analysis. The next meeting between NRC staff and stakeholders on the proposed revision to Part 26 is scheduled for August 21, 2002, at Headquarters.

Closed ISFSI Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute

On Thursday June 27, the Division of Nuclear Security sponsored a closed meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute and licensees of independent spent fuel storage facilities. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed interim security and safeguards compensatory measures, (ICMs) that will be issued under order later this summer. The industry provided comments during the well-attended and productive meeting.

Workshop on Homeland Security Advisory System

On Friday, June 28, 2002, the NRC held a workshop on the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) and the NRC's complement, the NRC Threat Advisory System. The workshop was not open to the public, but nearly 200 representatives from industry, Federal agencies, and State and local governments attended. A general session in the morning described the Office of Homeland Security's HSAS and the steps that the NRC is taking to conform to that system, including publication of a Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) entitled "NRC Threat Advisory System." The RIS is consistent with the five color-coded threat conditions of the HSAS and will provide for advisories to be issued to any or all categories of NRC licensees affected by a change in the threat environment, including specific recommendations on actions that should be taken.

The general session of the workshop was followed by eight separate breakout sessions, one for each category of licensee, to allow State and local representatives to meet with members of the industry and the NRC to discuss the impact of the HSAS and NRC's system on their resources. A number of issues were discussed and many comments were offered by the participants. The staff will compile these comments in a meeting summary and will consider them in preparing a final recommendation to the Commission on the NRC Threat Advisory System.

Top Officials (TOPOFF) 2 Exercise Planning Meeting

Division of Incident Response Operations (DIRO) staff participated with Department of Justice, Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP), staff in a TOPOFF2 (T2) planning meeting at NRC Headquarters on June 21, 2002. The meeting, part of the overall T2 planning process, followed the March 2002 Concept Development Conference and May 2002 Initial Planning Conference. The purpose was to discuss NRC's exercise objectives and planned participation with representatives of ODP's scenario development team to ensure the T2 scenario is compatible with NRC's needs and expectations. The NRC staff plans to participate in the Seattle (RDD events) venue over multiple days and to participate in a tertiary venue involving a threat scenario at a licensee's nuclear facility. DIRO staff will continue coordination in the planning and preparations for T2.

Tabletop Exercise

A Division of Incident Response Operations (DIRO) representative and an NRC Region I representative participated in the joint Department of Energy (DOE) / Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) tabletop exercise at DOE's Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) on June 26, 2002. The exercise was part of the nationwide series of joint DOE/FBI weapons of mass destruction (WMD) exercises designed to ensure integration and coordination of FBI and DOE plans and resources with those of local, state, and other Federal response organizations. Exercise participants included representatives from local law enforcement and emergency management agencies, state law enforcement and emergency management agencies, BNL management, DOE, and FBI.

Training and Exercise PCC

On June 25, 2002, a representative of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response attended the Office of Homeland Security Training and Exercise Policy Coordination Committee meeting. Discussion topics included a discussion of an integrated exercise schedule being developed for the Federal community and development of national exercise objectives.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-III-02-029, Byron 2, Exelon Nuclear Generation Co., SHUTDOWN TO INVESTIGATE AND REPAIR STEAM GENERATOR TUBE LEAK.
2. PNO-II-02-22A, Tennessee Dept. of Transportation, UPDATE ON STOLEN VEHICLE WITH RADIOACTIVE GAUGE.

3. PNO-II-02-23, STARMET CMI, Inc., EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
4. PNO-IV-02-25B, Schlumberger Technology Corporation, UPDATE ON LOSS OF CONTROL OF A WELL LOGGING SOURCE RESULTING IN EXPOSURES TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
5. PNO-IV-02-034, U.S. Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs), STOLEN PORTABLE MOISTURE/DENSITY GAUGE.

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Office of Administration
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Acquisition Training and Certification Program

On June 27, 2002, the Division of Contracts and Property Management conducted an Acquisition Certification and Training Program module entitled "Organizational Conflicts of Interest" with 27 attendees. This half-day module includes a discussion of what constitutes a conflict of interest (COI) and how the Agency regulations treat COI. Lectures also include the process for identifying and resolving COI situations for contract awards to both the private sector and DOE Laboratory agreements. Class participants analyze situations to determine if COI exists and, if so, how to resolve the COI.

Contract Awards

On June 26, 2002, as a result of a competitive acquisition set aside for small businesses, a labor hours type contract no. NRC-04-02-061 was awarded to Jack Tills and Associates, Inc. of Sandia Park, NM for containment analysis and related MAAP code review support. The contract has a period of performance of 1 year and is valued at \$102,000.

On June 27, 2002, a firm fixed-price performance-based contract no. NRC-10-02-151 was awarded to Focus AMC, Inc. of Gaithersburg, MD for administrative support services. This procurement was a set-aside under the 8(a) program. The contract has a period of performance of 5 months with 3 one-year options and is valued at \$895,000 (base, \$103K; option years 1 through 3, \$264K each). The contract was awarded in 60 days using the streamlined procedures under the NRC/SBA partnership agreement, electronic submittal of the SOW and the Commercial Items exception to certified cost and pricing data.

Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2002 (Parts 170 and 171)

A final rule that amends the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to the Commission's applicants and licensees was published in the Federal Register on June 24, 2002 (67 FR 42612). The final rule ensures NRC compliance with the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1990. The Act mandates that the NRC recover approximately 96 percent of its budget authority in Fiscal Year 2002, less amounts appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund and the General Fund. The amount to be recovered for FY 2002 is approximately \$479.5 million. This action becomes effective August 23, 2002.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the period of June 21, 2002 through June 27, 2002:

OI Procedures Manual (FOIA/PA-2002-0309)

Chemicals used at Hercules Inc. and/or Hercules Aqualon, 5 Minnisink Ave., Parlin, NJ
(FOIA/PA-2002-0310)

IG Report OIG-00-291, all records (FOIA/PA-2002-0311)

Temelin nuclear power plant, referral by Export-Import Bank of the United States (FOIA/PA-2002-0312)

Temelin nuclear power plant, 1993 upgrade by Westinghouse Power Corporation, referral by Export-Import Bank of the United States (FOIA/PA-2002-0313)

Decommissioning funds, estimated and actual, for Exelon/Peco Energy, Entergy, Duke, and Florida Power (FOIA/PA-2002-0314)

IMPAC Listing (FOIA/PA-2002-0315)

Nuclear Materials Events Database (FOIA/PA-2002-0316)

Inspections, by reactor, for FY1998 and 1999 (FOIA/PA-2002-0317)

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

An editorial published in USA Today criticizing NRC's regulation of nuclear materials prompted a published letter to the editor written by Chairman Meserve.

Chairman Meserve was interviewed by reporters about security issues at a media breakfast sponsored by Energy Daily.

There was interest in the \$288,000 fine proposed against Dominion Nuclear for the loss of two fuel rods at the Millstone nuclear power plant.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
02-076	NRC Honors Employees On June 27 in Rockville, Maryland
02-077	NRC Seeks Comments on Proposed Agenda for Annual Nuclear Safety Research Conference in October
02-078	Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards To Meet in Rockville, Maryland, July 10 - 12
02-079	NRC Announces Opportunity for Hearing on Proposed Spent Fuel Storage Installation in Idaho
Regions:	
I-02-044	NRC Proposes \$3,000 Fine Against Howard University Hospital
I-02-045	NRC Proposes \$288,000 Fine Against Dominion Nuclear for Violations at Millstone
I-02-046	NRC Issues Finding of Low to Moderate Safety Significance at Beaver Valley Power Station
III-02-039	Regulatory Conference with Nuclear Management Company on Point Beach Plant Canceled
IV-02-032	NRC Cites Columbia Generating Station for Finding of Low to Moderate Safety Significance

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-02-0081	5/13/02	Staff Activities Related to the NRC Goal of Reducing Unnecessary Regulatory Burden on Power Reactor Licensees
SRM on 02-0081	6/25/02	(same)
Voting Record on 02-0081	6/25/02	(same)
2. SRM on 02-0080	6/27/02	Proposed Rulemaking–Risk-Informed 10 CFR 50.44, "Combustible Gas Control in Containment"
Voting Record on 02-0080	6/27/02	(same)
1. SECY-02-0090	5/24/02	Proposed Regulatory Framework and Cost Estimates for U.S. NRC Regulation of Nuclear Safety at U.S. Department of Energy's Non-Defense Science Laboratories
SRM on 02-0090	6/28/02	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-02-0108	6/20/02	SECY-02-0108 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 14, 2002
2. SECY-02-0098	6/4/02	Status of the Staff's Evaluation of the Possible Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Agency's Enforcement Program
Memoranda		
1. M020625	6/25/02	Affirmation Session: I. SECY-02-0094-Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2); Multiple Petitions to Intervene

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Joseph I. Lieberman dated June 21, 2002, provides response to request for an extension of the public comment period for the proposed NRC Information Quality Guidelines published May 3, 2002.
2. Letter to Dr. Michael T. Ryan dated June 21, 2002, announces appointment to a four-year term on the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW).
3. Letter to Senator Charles E. Schumer dated June 17, 2002, concerns status of the Order issued requiring nuclear power plant licensees to implement certain security measures.
4. Letter to Congressman George W. Gekas dated June 17, 2002, responds to issues raised related to nuclear power plant safety in light of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.
5. Letter to Tomihiko Taniguchi, IAEA, dated June 17, 2002, provides response to request for U.S. Government comments on three draft documents: Division of Nuclear Installation Safety (NSNI) Strategy on Life Extension of Nuclear Facilities, Nuclear Safety Network in Asia, and Safety and Security of Sources in the IAEA Nuclear Security Plan of Action - Expenditure of the U.S. \$1 million Contribution.
6. Letter to Dr. Paul L. Piciulo, New York State Energy Resources and Development Authority, dated June 17, 2002, provides comments on the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority on NRC's Final Policy Statement on Decommissioning Criteria for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP).
7. Letter to Eric Wohlers, West Valley Citizen Task Forces, dated June 17, 2002, responds to West Valley Citizen Task Force April 17, 2002, letter on NRC's Final Policy Statement on decommissioning Criteria for the West Valley Demonstration Project.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Notice of Meeting.

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Duke Energy Corporation - H. M. Chief Inspector, United Kingdom Nuclear Installations
Inspectorate Visits Oconee Nuclear Plant

On June 24, 2002, the Deputy Regional Administrator accompanied the H. M. Chief Inspector, United Kingdom Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, his assistant and a representative from the Office of International Programs, to the Oconee Nuclear Power Plant in Seneca, SC, to tour the facility and to meet with resident inspectors and licensee management.

Tennessee Valley Authority - Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Management Meeting

On June 25, 2002, representatives from Tennessee Valley Authority were in the Region II office to attend a management meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plant performance and planned major projects.

Recruiting Military Career Fair

On June 25, 2002, the Director, Division of Reactor Projects, was in Jacksonville, FL, to participate in the Military Career Fair. This is part of the Region II Strategic Workforce Plan.

Duke Energy Corporation - Oconee Regulatory Conference

On June 27, 2002, representatives from Duke Energy Corporation were in the Region II office to attend a Regulatory Conference for Oconee. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the risk significance of preliminary finding(s) related to potential auxiliary building flooding from a rupture of high pressure service water piping.

Summary of Differing Professional View and Its Disposition

The Region completed review of a differing professional view (DPV) regarding the Agency's enforcement actions in response to the licensee for the Turkey Point nuclear power plant announcing an inspector's presence in various areas of the site, contrary to NRC requirements. On June 4, 2002, an independent DPV panel completed its review of the DPV and made recommendations to the Regional Administrator (RA). The RA accepted the panel's recommendations and responded to the DPV submitter on June 7, 2002.

Region IV
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Site Visit to Fort Calhoun Station

On June 27, 2002, the Regional Administrator visited the Fort Calhoun Station for a plant tour with the resident staff. The Regional Administrator also met with plant management to discuss general plant issues and future projects.

Cooper 95003 Inspection and June 24, 2002, Press Conference

The Cooper 95003 team began onsite inspection activities this week. A public meeting was held on Monday, June 24, 2002, in Brownville, Nebraska. The meeting was well attended by the public and the media. The 95003 team manager and team leader addressed a number of questions which focused on the purpose of the inspection, the background of the team, and the underlying problems that warranted the inspection. Several members of the public voiced concerns about the potential adverse economic effects to the area around Cooper if the plant were to permanently close.

Office of the Executive Director for Operations
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Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel Head Degradation Lessons Learned Task Force

On June 19, 2002, members of the NRC's Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel Head Degradation Lessons Learned Task Force conducted a public meeting at NRC Headquarters to solicit comments on the Task Force Charter. The Task Force Charter addresses: the reactor oversight process; regulatory process; research activities; international practices; and the NRC generic issue process. The Task Force received specific comments at the meeting from representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). The comments from UCS were documented in a letter that was presented to the Task Force at the meeting. The comments that were received will be addressed within the context of the charter without a need for modification. There was also significant media interest in the meeting.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 59

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Keeling	07/10/02 SD-406	2:00	TBA	Department of Homeland Security	Senators Jeffords/Smith Environment and Public Works

Note: Congress is in recess until Monday, July 8th.