

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 Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Public Workshop on a Draft Grid Reliability Generic Letter

On January 9-10, 2006, the staff held a public workshop with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO), the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), PJM Interconnection, industry, and interested members of the public at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda, MD to discuss the draft Grid Reliability Generic Letter (GL). The staff discussed the purpose of the questions in the GL, staff expectations for the licensee's response to the GL, and how the information gathered by the GL will be utilized. The staff will consider the stakeholders' questions and comments on the draft GL that were provided at the workshop before issuing the final GL.

Issuance of Notice Providing the Staff's Proposed Determination of No Significant Hazards Consideration Related to Vermont Yankee's Extended Power Uprate Amendment Request

On January 5, 2006, the NRC staff issued a letter to Entergy, the licensee for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power plant, which provided the subject notice. The Notice provides the NRC's proposed determination that the EPU amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration (NSHC) in accordance with 10 CFR 50.92. The NRC published the Notice in the Federal Register on January 11, 2006. The comment period for this action closes 30 days after publication.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Waste Determination for the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center Tank Farm Facility (Idaho TFF)

On January 10, 2006, staff from the Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection transmitted a Request for Additional Information (RAI) to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regarding its Section 3116 Determination for the Idaho TFF. The RAI was issued as part of NRC's review in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2005, which requires DOE to consult with NRC on its incidental waste determinations in Idaho and South Carolina.

Staff Observes DOE Audit of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Program

On January 9-12, 2006, staff observed a DOE audit of the quality assurance (QA) program implementation at USGS in Denver, CO. The audit reviewed the adequacy, implementation, and effectiveness of the QA program procedures applicable to the USGS scope of work in support of the Yucca Mountain project.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Recognition of Specialty Boards

On January 12, 2006, the NRC published a document in the Federal Register (71 FR 1926) correcting an amendment to a final rule that amended the training and experience requirements applicable to the medical use of byproduct material. This document inserts a reference in the provisions applicable to training for a radiation safety officer that was inadvertently omitted from the final rule.

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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
January 6, 2006 through January 12, 2006:

Indian Point 2 spent fuel pool, all correspondence between NRC & Entergy Nuclear Northeast, LLC, from October 28, 2005 to January 05, 2006	FOIA/PA-2006-0081
Palisades nuclear power plant, incident of Oct. 11-13, 2005, re: fully loaded dry cask storage container dangling from crane, all records	FOIA/PA-2006-0082
Aberdeen Proving Ground Radiological Final Status Survey Report, Bomb Throwing Device Site-Soils (ML052770370) Appendices A & B	FOIA/PA-2006-0083
Eastern Technologies Inc. (ETI), license no. 01-30362-01, all records, correspondence, drawings, licenses	FOIA/PA-2006-0084
Commission's Ex Parte & Separation of Functions Rules, SECY papers & memoranda re: proposed rule & revisions	FOIA/PA-2006-0085

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrival		
GOODMAN, P. CLARE	CONSULTANT	NRR
RUTH, LAWRENCE C.	CONSULTANT	NRR
WERTZ, TRENT L.	REACTOR ENGINEER	NRR
Departures		
COOPER, LATOYA D.	STUDENT CLERK (SUMMER)	NMSS
KALKMAN, ADAM N.	STUDENT CLERK (SUMMER)	OI
KOLLATH-ROMANO, PAUL E.	STUDENT ENGINEER	NSIR

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ENCLOSURE I

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

Allegations of security lapses at Shearon Harris nuclear plant.

Plans by several utilities to submit applications for new nuclear plants.

Possible federal government plans to begin reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA staff assisted at a public meeting regarding FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co.'s operation of its nuclear plants.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
06-005	NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Elects New Chairman, Vice Chairman and Member-at-Large (1/9)
06-006	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Radiation Source Protection and Security (1/12)
Regions:	
I-06-002	NRC Finalizes "White" Finding for Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant Over Classification of Emergency (1/9)
III-06-002	NRC Begins Special Inspection at Quad Cities Nuclear Plant (1/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMSECY-05-0061	12/13/05	Information Sensitivity of the National Source Tracking System
SRM on COMSECY-05-0061	1/11/06	(Same)
Voting Record on COMSECY-05-0061	1/4/06	(same)
2. SECY-05-0234	12/27/05	Adequacy of Medical Event Definitions in 10 CFR 35.3045, and Communicating Associated Risks to the Public
Information Papers		
1. SECY-06-0003	01/05/06	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 23, 2005
2. SECY-06-0004	01/05/06	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 30, 2005
Memoranda		
M060111A	1/11/06	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session: I. SECY-05-0220 - Hydro Resources, Inc. (Crownpoint, New Mexico) Petition for Review of LBP-05-17 (Groundwater Issues)

Region III (RIII)
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Meeting on FirstEnergy Nuclear Plants

On January 10, 2006, Region I and Region III staff members met with representatives of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. at the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station to discuss the performance of the three FirstEnergy facilities – Beaver Valley, Davis-Besse, and Perry.

Special Inspection at Quad Cities

Region III initiated a special inspection on January 9, 2006, at the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station to review the circumstances surrounding the degradation of electromagnetic relief valve actuations for both Units 1 and 2. The inspectors continue to review the licensee's root cause determination and corrective actions.

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.