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ENDING JUNE 8, 2001

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant

On June 1, 2001, the Board of Commissioners of Orange County, NC (BCOC) filed a "Motion for a Stay and Expedition," with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. BCOC's motion requests that the Court stay the effectiveness of the March 1, 2001, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) decision in the Harris spent fuel pool case pending the Court's review of BCOC's appeal, and seeks an expedited briefing schedule. The March 1, 2001, ASLB decision dismissed the ASLB hearing in the Harris case and authorized the license amendment approving the spent fuel pool expansion at the Harris plant.

The licensee has stated that they plan on storing fuel in one of the additional spent fuel pools beginning in July 2001, and that they intend to place only 150 fuel assemblies in the pool during 2001.

The NRC staff response to BCOC's motion is due on June 11, 2001.

Millstone 3

On May 10, 2001, the Atomic Safety And Licensing Board (ASLB) issued a Memorandum and Order on the intervenors' motion for reconsideration granting the intervenors motion to reopen the record on one of the three contentions admitted in this proceeding. The ASLB held a telephone pre-hearing conference on Thursday, May 24, 2001, to consider the procedural requirements of the reopened hearing and to consider the staff's motion to hold the hearing in abeyance until completion of an ongoing investigation concerning Northeast Nuclear Energy Company's conduct relating to the reporting of missing fuel pins at the Millstone Unit 1 spent fuel pool.

In the pre-hearing conference, the ASLB ruled in favor of the staff's motion and ordered to hold hearings in abeyance until September 3, 2001, at which time the investigation is expected to be completed.

Contention as admitted by ASLB: "The new set of administrative controls trades reliance on physical protection for administrative controls to an extent that poses an undue and unnecessary risk of a criticality accident, particularly due to the fact that the licensee has a history of not being able to adhere to administrative controls with respect, inter alia, to spent fuel pool configuration."

GEXL14 Correlation Database

During the week of March 26, four members of the NRC staff visited the GE Facility at Wilmington, North Carolina, as part of the review of the power-uprate for Duane-Arnold to audit material pertinent to the licensee's power uprate. Material reviewed included the data base used for the development of the GEXL14 Correlation for the GE-14 fuel, analyses of anticipated transient without scram (ATWS) event, and loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) related analyses. In the early stages of the audit, the staff discovered that GE was using data generated by the

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computer code COBRAG, instead of experimental data obtained from their critical heat flux (CHF) test facility in San Jose, California. The use of artificial data instead of raw data raises a question about the validity of the statistical results obtained from this methodology. The statistical results are important because they are used in the calculation of the maximum critical power ratio (MCPR) safety limit for all BWRs that use GE-14 fuel, and the uncertainty associated with the data points affects the uncertainty of the safety limit calculations, as well as the degree of conservatism that is used to establish the reactor operating limits. This issue is currently under discussion by the NRC staff, the licensee, and GE personnel.

Meeting with Westinghouse Concerning the AP-1000 Phase 2 Review

On June 6, 2001, the NRR staff met with Westinghouse to discuss the status of the staff review of Phase 2 of the AP-1000 advanced reactor design. The intent of the Phase 2 review is to confirm that the testing done as part of the approval of the AP-600 and the associated computer analyses methodologies to be used in the design of the AP-1000 are adequate for their intended applications. Westinghouse provided additional information on the various computer codes to be used in the AP-1000 design and described their plans for application of these codes. The staff and Westinghouse agreed that as part of the staff's independent assessment of the Westinghouse methodologies, meetings will be held to compare the staff's computer analysis results to those obtained by Westinghouse in order for the staff to understand the Westinghouse codes and the reasons for any differences in results. The staff provided a tentative schedule for completion of the Phase 2 acceptance review and agreed to begin to provide initial requests for additional information.

Reactor Oversight Process

The Inspection Program Branch (IIPB) conducted another of a continuing series of public meetings on May 31, 2001, with industry's working group on Reactor Oversight Process (ROP). The key issues discussed included: pilot test results of proposed changes to the Unplanned Power Changes performance indicator, update on industry trends, summary of the Safety System Unavailability performance indicator focus group meeting, changes to the NRC ROP Web page, and reviews of frequently asked questions (FAQs). The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2001.

The NRC has issued annual assessment letters for all operating nuclear power plants and posted them to its web site on June 1, 2001. The assessment letters sent to each licensee are available from the NRC Office of Public Affairs, at <http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/ppr> on the NRC web site, and through ADAMS, the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System. Public meetings at each plant are planned. Details of the meetings, which will be open to the public, will be announced as they are scheduled. The NRC is in the process of aligning the inspection and assessment cycle with the calendar year. In order to transition to a calendar year, the current inspection and assessment cycle will consist of three quarters (the second, third and fourth calendar quarters of calendar year 2001). The next annual assessment letters will be issued in March 2002, and the next mid-cycle review letters in September 2002.

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Standard Technical Specifications for Spent Fuel Storage Casks

The Spent Fuel Project Office finalized the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) for spent fuel storage casks. The staff's proposed draft STS were developed and made publicly available in December 2000. During the development of the STS, the staff held multiple meetings, which were open to the public, with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and industry. In March 2000, NEI submitted comments and recommendations on the draft STS. NEI comments were addressed by the staff and the STS were modified accordingly. On May 31, 2001, a copy of the final STS was forwarded to NEI, with a disposition of its comments in a publicly available letter. The final STS will be published as a NUREG report for staff and industry use. Further changes to the STS will be considered by the staff, as experience is gained through use of the new specifications.

Telephone Call Regarding NAC International Amendment Request for the NAC-UMS Spent Fuel Storage Cask

On May 31, 2001, Spent Fuel Project Office staff conducted a conference call with NAC International and Maine Yankee to discuss two issues regarding NAC's amendment request for spent fuel storage casks at Maine Yankee. The NAC amendment concerns removal of a Technical Specification provision that ensures that the site maintains the capability to use a transfer cask during storage operations, if needed. The need to retain a capability to remove a loaded canister from the storage cask, into the transfer cask, as a contingency was discussed. The second issue was related to NAC's request to store a boronometer source in a storage cask at Maine Yankee. The staff concluded that the boronometer source operates outside the envelope of the fuel assembly, is not considered to be associated with the spent fuel assembly, and therefore may not be authorized for storage under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72.

Public Meeting on Decommissioning Policy and Guidance Consolidation and Updating Project

On June 1, 2001, the Division of Waste Management staff conducted a public meeting on its project to update and consolidate the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards' decommissioning policy and guidance. The purposes of the meeting were to explain: (1) the scope of the effort; (2) the business process redesign techniques that will be used; and (3) coordination with industry efforts to standardize guidance, in addition to receiving stakeholder input. The meeting was attended by representatives of licensees, industry groups, public interest groups, and a State agency. The public comment period on the plan for this project ends on June 15, 2001. The writing team for the first volume is scheduled to convene on June 18, 2001.

Meeting on the Environmental Impact Statement for the License Termination of Jefferson Proving Ground

On June 4, 2001, Division of Waste Management staff met with representatives from the Department of Army and its contractor, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), to

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discuss plans for the Army's environmental report to be submitted in support of the license termination and institutional control plans for Jefferson Proving Ground, located near Madison, Indiana. The Army plans to submit its environmental report in October 2001, after which the staff will begin the environmental impact statement process to examine the Army request for restricted release of the site, which contains both depleted uranium (e.g., armor-piercing penetrators) and unexploded ordnance. Staff provided clarifying information and answered questions, as well as arranged for bi-monthly status phone calls with the Army and SAIC, during development of the environmental report. Army representatives indicated that interest in the site has generated recent Congressional inquiries.

Briefing of the Draft Safety Evaluation Report on the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program Addendum to the Disposal Criticality Analysis Methodology Topical Report

On June 4-5, 2001, the Division of Waste Management (DWM) briefed the Department of the Navy/Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP), the Department of Energy (DOE), and their contractors on the draft Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for the NNPP Addendum to the Disposal Criticality Analysis Methodology Topical Report. The briefing was not open to members of the public, since it involved classified material. DWM issued the draft SER on May 11, 2001. The Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses staff assisted DWM staff in the preparation of the draft SER. The primary purpose of the briefing was to ensure that NNPP and DOE understood the Open Items and Acceptance Conditions identified in the draft SER. The Open Items and Acceptance Conditions involve the NNPP modeling of material degradation processes, identification of credible configurations of the spent fuel and waste canister, and neutronic modeling and validation for disposal of NNPP spent fuel at the proposed Yucca Mountain geologic repository. The NNPP indicated that it may revise portions of the Addendum or provide additional information, which could delay the issuance of the final SER.

Annual Meeting on the U.S. Nuclear Material Accounting System

On May 30 through June 1, 2001, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards staff co-chaired the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS) annual meeting. NMMSS is the U.S. State system for tracking nuclear materials. It receives reports from Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) fuel cycle and reactor licensees and Department of Energy (DOE) sites concerning nuclear material receipts, shipments, and other changes in nuclear material holdings. Approximately 27 licensees (representatives of conversion, enrichment and fuel fabrication plants, and research and power reactors) and 65 DOE site representatives attended the meeting. Staff met with a wide range of licensees to discuss nuclear material reporting activities. Staff also held a number of inter-active sessions on the current reporting rules and modifications being made to NMMSS. This meeting is sponsored jointly by DOE and NRC, which share funding authority.

Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility Management Meeting

On May 29, 2001, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Duke Cogema Stone & Webster (DCS) staffs met to discuss the mixed-oxide fuel fabrication facility schedule and management expectations. The review schedule proposed by NRC staff was consistent with the DCS schedules. Both NRC and DCS staffs also agreed on the need to meet these schedules. If responses to two requests for additional information are incomplete, NRC staff indicated it would

prepare a safety evaluation report identifying outstanding issues and would then terminate the licensing review, unless DCS took action to fulfill the information request.

Meeting with U.S. Enrichment Corporation on Technetium Traps

On June 5, 2001, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards staff held an open meeting with the U.S. Enrichment Corporation (USEC) at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters to discuss installation of technetium traps at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. USEC discussed the proposed design modification, including why it believes that the proposed modification constitutes an unreviewed safety question. USEC plans to submit the application on June 18, 2001. It requested an NRC decision by the end of August, to support full-scale enrichment operations at Paducah.

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Presentation and Briefing on PBMR

On June 4, 2001, RES staff participated in the ACRS Workshop on Regulatory Challenges for Future Nuclear Power Plants. John Flack and Stuart Rubin made a presentation on current and planned non-LWR advanced reactor pre-application initiatives and longer range new technology initiatives within RES. The presentation included discussions of the challenging design, technology, and research issues associated with the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) pre-application review; the PBMR pre-application review project objectives and plan; RES involvement in the Generation IV program; the potential for additional pre-application activities in connection with the General Atomics GT-MHR design and the Westinghouse IRIS design; and work to establish a risk-informed framework for new plant licensing.

On June 5, Stuart Rubin gave Congressman Vernon Ehlers a telephone briefing on the design, operations, and safety aspects of the PBMR. The briefing covered the major design elements and principles of operation of the PBMR, as well as the principal passive design features, their safety characteristics and manner of function. Prompted by the Congressman's areas of special interest (House Science Committee, Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics), additional detailed information was provided on the nuclear design of the core and the mechanical design of the PBMR pebble fuel. At the end of the briefing, Congressman Ehlers stated that he was very pleased with the information he had been provided.

Incident Response Operations
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“One Voice” Initiative Committee Meeting

The goal of the One Voice Initiative is to enhance communication and coordination among the member agencies of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee so that the Federal Government speaks in a consistent manner following peacetime radiological events or emergencies. The second One Voice Subcommittee meeting was held at the NRC on June 5, 2001 with participation from NRC, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of State (DOS), and the Department of Energy. During this meeting, the subcommittee determined that EPA and DOS will find an appropriate location for a Joint Information Center (JIC), where information will be exchanged during a foreign nuclear event. Additionally, the subcommittee will analyze the guidance in the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan and determine if the current guidance is adequate or if additional guidance is needed. The Subcommittee will also explore the possibilities of participation by Department of Defense and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). CTBT collects real-time data on radiation levels at multiple sites. The real-time data collection could prove valuable in detecting potential domestic impacts from a foreign nuclear event. Ultimately, the subcommittee plans to hold a table top exercise at the JIC to exercise and test the guidance. The next subcommittee meeting will be held in July at the JIC.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-II-01-019A, Westinghouse Fuel Fabrication Facility, REPORT OF SAFETY SYSTEM FAILURES - UPDATE.
2. PNO-I-01-015, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, BRACHYTHERAPY SOURCE RIBBON CONTAINING NINE IRIIDIUM-192 SEEDS TOTALING 7.71 MILLICURIES REPORTED MISSING.

Office of Administration
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Acquisition Training

On May 31, 2001, the Division of Contracts and Property Management conducted a non-mandatory Acquisition Certification and Training Program module entitled "Source Evaluation Panel Procedures" with 16 attendees. This module focuses on the duties and responsibilities of SEP members including effective evaluation of proposals, determination of the competitive range, and contractor selection.

On June 7, 2001, the Division of Contracts and Property Management, in conjunction with the Office of Human Resources, sponsored a mandatory Acquisition Certification and Training Program module entitled "Contract Administration" with 35 attendees. This all-day module focuses on monitoring contractor performance, spending controls, modifying contracts and agreements and remedying contractual problems. Each participant receives a course manual that serves as a reference tool for project managers in performing their day-to-day responsibilities.

Procurement Executive Council

The Procurement Executive Council (PEC) voted at their June 7, 2001, meeting to amend the PEC Charter to make the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Personnel Management, and National Science Foundation full members. With this change, all Federal agencies which have legislated Chief Information Officers, Chief Financial Officers, and Procurement Executives are now fully represented on the PEC. Other small agencies are represented through the Small Agency Council.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of
June 1, 2001 through June 7, 2001:

Diablo Canyon Units 1 & 2, Quarterly Progress Report on the Status of Reactor Construction, all reports prior to and thru 12/21/74. (FOIA/PA-2001-0273)

Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, license SNM-245, all records. (FOIA/PA-2001-0274)

Vacancy announcement 0148010, application of selected candidate. (FOIA/PA-2001-0275)

Site assessment, North Salem, 11-89 Delancy Road, North Salem, Westchester County, New York 10560. (FOIA/PA-2001-0276)

US Robotech, Inc., OIG investigation records related to Contract #RG4-97-246.
(FOIA/PA-2001-0277)

Mailing list for Agreement State contacts and State Liaison officers. (FOIA/PA-2001-0278)

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Office of Human Resources
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Twenty-fourth Annual Awards Ceremony Held

On June 7, 2001, NRC held its Twenty-Fourth Annual Awards Ceremony on the Green. In attendance were Chairman Richard A. Meserve; Commissioner Greta Joy Dicus; Commissioner Nils Diaz; Commissioner Edward McGaffigan; Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield; and William D. Travers, Executive Director for Operations. At the ceremony, 1 employee received the Presidential Distinguished Executive Rank Award, 11 employees received the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, 6 employees received the Distinguished Service Award, and 38 employees received the Meritorious Service Award. A reception was held for all NRC employees in the Two White Flint North Cafeteria following the ceremony. The Office of Human Resources and the Office of Administration provided volunteer ushers, who helped make the event a huge success.

Arrivals		
BAKSH, Sarah	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIII
BELOKIN, Matthew	STUDENT CLERK	RIII
BIRMINGHAM, Peter	STUDENT MANAGEMENT	NRR
DO, Cathy	STUDENT ACCOUNTANT	OCFO
DZIEDZIC, Magdalena	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIII
HENRY, Alvin	GENERAL ENGINEER	NMSS
SHEIKH, Mina*	FUEL FACILITY INSPECTOR	RIII
TORRES-CORDOVES, Jeannette	STUDENT CLERK	RES

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Items of Media Interest

Chairman Meserve was interviewed by the Wall Street Journal.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
01-068	ACRS Subcommittee to Meet on Reactor Power Uprates on June 12
01-069	NRC to Meet With Public on June 13 to Discuss Use of Risk Information in Regulating Nuclear Waste and Materials
01-070	NRC Amends Licensing, Inspection and Annual Fees Rule
Regions:	
I-01-027	NRC to Meet with Exelon Generation Company to Discuss Performance at Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant
I-01-028	NRC to Meet with Consolidated Edison Company of New York to Discuss Safety Performance at Indian Point 2 Nuclear Plant
I-01-029	NRC to Meet with North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation to Discuss Performance at Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-012	NRC to Meet with Florida Power Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-013	NRC to Meet with TVA Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant
III-01-021	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Byron Nuclear Power Plant
III-01-022	NRC Staff to Meet with University Officials on Apparent Violations at Southeast Missouri State University
III-01-023	NRC Staff Concludes Overview Panel for Cook Restart
IV-01-025	NRC to Meet with SONGS to Discuss Safety Performance at San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant
IV-01-026	NRC to Meet with Entergy to Discuss Safety Performance at Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant
IV-01-027	NRC To Meet with PG&E to Discuss Safety Performance at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

Office of International Programs
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Spanish Visitors from Endesa Internacional

On June 7, 2001, Mr. Alfonso Arias Cañete, General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Endesa Internacional, met with Chairman Meserve and Commissioner Merrifield to introduce the Spanish utility and to discuss Endesa Internacional's interest in integrated utilities and business activities in the Americas. They also discussed the effects of electricity deregulation in Spain.

Meeting with Italian National Agency for Protection of the Environment (ANPA)

On June 4-5, 2001, the NRC staff met with Mr. Roberto Mezzanotte, Director of the Department of Nuclear and Radiological Risk, and four associates from ANPA for discussions on a wide range of safety topics. Separately, Mr. Mezzanotte met with EDO Travers and Janice Dunn-Lee, Director of International Programs. The staff discussions involved representatives from IRO, NRR, NMSS and RES. This was the first large, bilateral safety meeting between the Italian regulatory body and NRC in many years. Following the discussions at NRC, the delegation visited Yucca Mountain for discussions and a tour before returning to Italy.

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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-01-0077	4/27/01	Broadcasting of Commission Meetings Over the Internet
SRM on 01-0077	6/7/01	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0077	6/7/01	(same)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward J. Markey dated June 1, 2001, concerns the partial loss of offsite power at the Seabrook nuclear plant on March 5, 2001, during a winter storm.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the Joint ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations and Fire Protection, dated June 5, 2001- Notice of Meeting.

Region I
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Inspection Activities at Maine Yankee

During the week ending June 8, 2001, Region I staff, with assistance from NRC contractors from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), performed inspections of ongoing decommissioning activities and performed radiological measurements at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station. In addition, Regional staff observed dry-run actions related to moving casks of Greater than Class C (GTCC) wastes from the reactor cavity to Maine Yankee's Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). Major activities observed were placement of the 115-ton vertical concrete cask (VCC) and transporter into the containment hatch, installation of the transfer cask adaptor on the top of the VCC, and welding structural lids and vent and drain covers on the top of a mock-up of the 12-ton transportation/storage casks.

ORISE staff performed confirmatory radiological measurements on structures, components, and surfaces of the turbine building, prior to scheduled demolition and disposal of this building as non-radioactive waste. Affected areas of the turbine building previously had been remediated, with wastes transferred to licensed waste handling facilities. ORISE staff also performed radiological measurements and collected surface soil samples from three non-impacted areas (totaling approximately 640 acres) owned by Maine Yankee, to independently verify the non-impacted classification of these areas. Maine Yankee plans to request an early release of these non-impacted areas for unrestricted use by license amendment.

Region II
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Deputy Regional Administrator on International Travel in Prague, Czechoslovakia Republic

During the period of June 1-16, 2001, the Deputy Regional Administrator is on international travel in Prague, Czechoslovakia Republic, to participate in the International Regulatory Review Team (IRRT) mission to the Czechoslovakia Republic.

EEO Counselor's Training

On June 4-8, 2001, three of Region II's EEO representatives attended the EEO Counselors' Training in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Allegation/FOIA Refresher Training

On June 5-6, 2001, two FOIA/PA Specialists from the Office of the Chief Information Officer, were in the Region II office to conduct FOIA Refresher Training for the Enforcement and Investigation Coordination Staff and FOIA Refresher Training for all regional staff.

Tennessee Valley Authority - Browns Ferry Full Scale Emergency Exercise

On June 5-8, 2001, the State Liaison Officer participated as a member of the Regional Assistance Committee in the full scale Browns Ferry nuclear exercise, involving officials of the State of Alabama and applicable local governments.

Incident Response Procedure Rewrite Working Group

On June 5-7, 2001, the Emergency Response Coordinator was in Headquarters to participate in the Agency's Incident Response Procedure Rewrite Working Group.

Turabo Corporation Predecisional Enforcement Conference

On June 6, 2001, Region II held an open Predecisional Enforcement Conference with Turabo Corporation of Puerto Rico. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information to assist the NRC in making an enforcement decision regarding the apparent violations on personnel dosimetry and control of material.

Annual NRC Commission All-Employee Meeting

On June 6, 2001, the Annual Commission All-Employees meeting was viewed during two sessions via video conference in the Main Conference Room at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. by regional staff.

Carolina Power and Light Company - Harris Plant Operator Certification Banquet

On June 7, 2001, the Director, Division of Reactor Safety attended the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant Operator License Certification evening Banquet in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Tennessee Valley Authority - Watts Bar Operator Certification Banquet

On June 7, 2001, the Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Projects attended the Watts Bar Operator License Certification Banquet in Tennessee.

Florida Power and Light Company - Turkey Point License Renewal Exit Meeting

Region II, with NRR participation, during the week of May 21-25, completed the first license renewal inspection at Turkey Point on the scoping and screening processes. Quality and detail of the applicant's supporting documentation was good and material plant condition was good. The team had no negative findings. The exit meeting, open for public observation, was conducted at the Turkey Point site on June 8.

Navy Radiation Safety Committee Meeting

On June 7, 2001, the Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety and staff member attended the Navy Radiation Safety Committee meeting in Crystal City, Virginia.

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Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs Visits Region III

On June 4, 2001, the Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs visited the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Michigan. On June 5, 2001, he visited the D.C. Cook plant, also in Michigan and on June 6, 2001, he addressed the Region III staff in the regional office. The Regional Administrator accompanied the Deputy Executive Director on his site visits.

Regional Reactor Seminar

A three-day seminar was held in the regional office on June 5-7, 2001, for the region's reactor inspectors in DRP and DRS. The seminar included presentations from the Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs. Representatives from the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety also attended portions of the seminar.

D.C. Cook Restart Panel Ends Activities

On June 7, 2001, staff members notified American Electric Power Co. officials that they were concluding the special panel overseeing the restart activities for the D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Station in Michigan. The restart panel was established in April 1998 to review the plant's outage activities and preparations for restart of the plant's two units. Unit 2 restarted in June 2000 and Unit 1 resumed operations in December 2000.

Palisades End-of-Cycle Public Meeting

On June 8, 2001, staff members met with Nuclear Management Co. officials to discuss the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant's latest plant performance results. The meeting was held at the plant in Covert, Michigan.

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End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting with Cooper Nuclear Station

On June 4, 2001, the Director, Division of Reactor Projects, Region IV and other NRC participants discussed the results of the end-of-cycle assessment of Cooper Nuclear Station performance with the Vice President of Nuclear Energy, Nebraska Public Power District. This meeting was held in Auburn, Nebraska, and was open to public observation.

Public Meeting with Callaway Plant

Region IV management conducted a public meeting on June 7, 2001, at the site with licensee representatives to discuss actions associated with a violation and three related, white findings involving failures to maintain radiation doses as low as reasonably achievable.

End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting with South Texas Project

On June 7, 2001, Region IV personnel conducted a public meeting at South Texas Project to discuss the licensee's operational performance during the assessment period which ended on March 31, 2001.

Public Meeting at the Wolf Creek Station to Present End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment Results

On June 7, 2001, a member of the regional supervisory staff and the senior resident inspector held a public meeting with the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Wolf Creek Generating Station and other members of his staff, at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Learning Center, Wolf Creek Generating Station, to discuss the results of the End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment completed on May 8, 2001.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, <u>NO. 19</u>					
OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Portner	06/13/01 2362 RHOB TENTATIVE	TBA	Markup	FY02 Energy and Water Development Appropriations	Reps. Callahan/Visclosky Energy and Water Development Appropriations
Gerke	06/13/01 2322 RHOB	10:00	Secretary Abraham	National Energy Policy	Reps. Barton/Boucher Energy and Air Quality Energy and Commerce
Gerke	06/14/01 2318 RHOB	10:00	TBA	National Energy Policy: Hydrogen and Nuclear Energy R&D	Reps. Bartlett/Woolsey Energy Science

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