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Fire Protection Rulemaking

On June 6, 2001, the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and General Counsel (OGC) staff met with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and industry representatives to continue the discussions concerning the fire protection rulemaking activities and the endorsement of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 "Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants," that was issued in April 2001. The OGC representative responded to legal and process questions raised by the industry personnel. SPSB representatives responded to questions concerning the use of PRA within the context of NFPA 805, the implementation issues associated with the rulemaking, and the use of NFPA 805 within the context of a plant's existing licensing basis. NEI provided its feedback on the NRC concerns with the standard. NRR committed to provide a letter to NEI outlining the process and regulatory framework for the rulemaking, expectations for the implementing guidance, a schedule for the development of the implementing guidance, and feedback on its proposed exceptions to the NFPA standard. A meeting summary will be issued in the near future.

Entergy

On June 18, 2001, Entergy met with the NRC staff to discuss a May 1, 2001, request for exemptions for eight plants from the 10 CFR 20.1003 definition of deep-dose equivalent and permission to use whole-body weighting factors other than 1.0. The purpose of this meeting was to address the missing and/or unclear information identified by the staff's May 29, 2001, preliminary "completeness and acceptance" review of the application.

Significant issues discussed during the meeting included: (1) a clarification of the terminology used in the submittal, (2) what provisions in 10 CFR Part 20 the licensee needs an exemption from to implement the referenced EPRI method of estimating effective dose equivalent (EDE) from external radiation sources, (3) exactly what portions of the EPRI recommendation the licensee intends to implement (i.e., the limitations of applicability), and (4) how the licensee can resolve a significant technical issue inherent in the EPRI methodology (e.g., the impact of the angular response of commercially available dosimeters on the methodology).

At the conclusion of the meeting, the licensee indicated that they need about a week to consider the information discussed at the meeting in order to get back to the staff with a projected time-frame to supplement the application.

Public Meeting on ALARA SDP

NRR conducted a public meeting on June 8, 2001, with NEI staff and other stakeholders, to discuss the basis for assessing licensee ALARA program performance in the Reactor Oversight Process. This was the last in a series of four public meetings. The purpose of these meetings was to solicit stakeholder input to the resolutions of issues identified in the March 2001, Lessons Learned Public Workshop. The agreed upon resolutions include: revisions to the

Occupational Radiation Safety SDP; replacing the Group 2 screening question applicable to ALARA with one that clarifies the basis for an ALARA inspection finding; providing a range of inspection effort for the ALARA baseline inspection procedure; and adding additional inspector guidance in IP71121. To maximize participation in this meeting, stakeholders and NRC inspection staff from all four regions participated. An additional opportunity for stakeholder comments will be provided prior to the implementation of these revisions.

Nuclear Energy Institute Emergency Planning Information Forum

Representatives of NRR and the Regions attended and made presentations on emergency preparedness issues at the Nuclear Energy Institute Emergency Planning Information Forum held in Galveston, TX on June 11-12, 2001. This conference is held annually and is attended by approximately 130 licensee representatives. There were two representatives from Canadian nuclear power stations. NRR and Regional representatives provided an update on NRC emergency preparedness and response activities. An NRR representative participated in a panel presentation on KI with State of Illinois and TVA representatives. The NRR and regional representatives also participated in a Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Lessons Learned Panel, exploring ROP implementation experience across the regions.

ANO-1 Renewed License Issued

On June 20, 2001, NRR issued the renewed operating license for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1). ANO-1 is the third nuclear facility to successfully complete the license renewal process and receive approval to operate an additional 20 years beyond its original license term. This renewed license will allow the applicant, Entergy Operations, Inc., to operate ANO-1 until May 21, 2034.

Duke License Renewal Application for McGuire 1&2 and Catawba 1&2

In a letter dated June 13, 2001, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted license renewal applications for McGuire, Units 1 and 2, and Catawba, Units 1 and 2. The contents of Duke's application include a technical report describing how, during the renewal term, the effects of aging will be managed for the systems, structures, and components within the scope of the rule. The application includes environmental reports for both sites. McGuire (MNS) and Catawba (CNS) are Westinghouse four-loop nuclear steam supply systems with ice condenser containments. They were originally licensed for commercial operation in 1981 (MNS 1), 1983 (MNS 2), 1985 (CNS 1), and 1986 (CNS 2). Duke has requested the license terms be extended 20 years, pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 51 and 54.

In accordance with the submittal requirements, Duke delivered 14 paper copies and a preliminary electronic copy on CD-ROM. However, the applicant will provide CD-ROMs that will include links to the FSAR and plant drawings, which serve as reviewer aids, once the tool has been finalized.

ITTAC

On June 15, staff members from NRR, Region 1 and OGC met with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to discuss issues related to inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC). The purpose of the meeting was to resume efforts toward a common understanding of goals, principles and guidance for an effective and efficient construction inspection program (including ITAAC verification) and to prioritize topics for future discussion. NEI and the staff discussed options for how the NRC would verify that ITAAC have been met, the use of risk information in the inspection process, and issues associated with the compressed construction schedules proposed for some advanced designs. An example of the latter is Exelon's proposal of a 20 month construction schedule for the pebble-bed modular reactor (PBMR). 10 CFR 52.103 requires that not less than 180 days before initial loading of fuel the Commission publish in the *Federal Register* a notice of intended operation to allow an opportunity for a hearing. The 180 day requirement is approximately 1/3 of the proposed construction schedule for the PBMR and some of the ITAAC will likely not be completed at the time of the *Federal Register* notice. NEI and the staff discussed possible options to address this case.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Stakeholder Meeting on Uranium Recovery Case Study

On June 13, 2001, the Risk Task Group (RTG) held a stakeholder meeting to discuss its case study on uranium recovery. This case study is part of RTG's overall effort to incorporate risk-informed approaches into the materials and waste regulatory processes. The meeting was held in Denver, Colorado, in conjunction with, but independent of, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)/National Mining Association Uranium Recovery Workshop. RTG's objectives for the meeting were: to inform stakeholders on the status of the uranium recovery case study; and to receive feedback from stakeholders.

Approximately 30 stakeholders, from industry; NRC; other Federal, State and local government agencies; and the public, attended the meeting. Comments received during the meeting provided insight and information to RTG, regarding uranium recovery processes and available reference analyses. Stakeholders also discussed the overall case study process and the potential benefits of increasing the use of risk information in uranium recovery regulation, licensing, and oversight. RTG staff emphasized that the information presented during the meeting was preliminary, and that the primary purpose of the meeting was to solicit comments and recommendations on how the case study should proceed. The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2001, and will address RTG's case studies in spent fuel storage and gaseous diffusion facilities.

Also, on June 12 and June 15, 2001, RTG visited the White Mesa Mill and Smith Ranch In-Situ Leach facility, respectively. The purpose of these site visits was to gather information for the RTG's case study in uranium recovery.

Annual Nuclear Regulatory Commission/National Mining Association Uranium Recovery Workshop

On June 13-14, 2001, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards (FCSS) staff participated in the annual Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)/National Mining Association (NMA) Uranium Recovery Workshop in Denver, Colorado. The principal purpose of the meeting was to discuss uranium recovery issues with the regulated industry and other stakeholders. At this meeting, presentations were made by the FCSS staff, and discussions were held on topics including: fees; alternate feed; byproduct material; overview of the NRC uranium recovery program; risk-informed regulations; licensee input to environmental reviews; 10 CFR 2.206 petitions; license termination for Agreement States; status of the Atlas site; and the NRC dam safety policy. The presentations were well-attended, and numerous parties expressed their appreciation for being able to provide their input and to discuss issues with the NRC staff.

In addition, in conjunction with the NRC/NMA workshop, on June 12, 2001, FCSS staff participated in a public meeting of the NRC/Agreement States Working Group to discuss license termination issues in Agreement States and revisions to current guidance for the license termination process.

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Draft Chapter 3 of Standard Review Plan for Fuel Cycle Facilities

On June 15, 2001, the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards issued a revised draft version of Chapter 3, "Integrated Safety Analysis," and its Appendix A, "Example Procedure for Risk Evaluation," of the Standard Review Plan (SRP) for fuel cycle facilities licensed under 10 CFR Part 70. All Part 70 Subpart H stakeholders known to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) were notified via e-mail of the availability of the draft document. This is the only SRP chapter that remains to be finalized.

Subpart H requires NRC's six fuel fabrication facility licensees to conduct an Integrated Safety Analysis (ISA) for their facilities and submit, to NRC, a summary of the ISA by October 18, 2004. This latest draft version of Chapter 3, which provides guidance for reviewing ISA summaries, incorporated stakeholders' comments and the agreements and understandings reached on May 8, 2001, during a public meeting between NRC and stakeholders. An additional public meeting to discuss the revised Chapter 3 is planned for July 2001.

Private Fuel Storage Review Schedule

On June 20, 2001, the Spent Fuel Project Office sent a letter to Private Fuel Storage (PFS), Limited Liability Corporation, detailing the schedule for review of two license application (LA) amendments. One amendment concerns the aircraft crash hazard in the area of the proposed PFS facility. The other amendment deals with revised geotechnical data. The June 20, 2001, letter also serves to inform PFS that, with its May 31, 2001, submittal of information which the staff had determined to be missing from the geotechnical LA Amendment, as originally submitted in March, 2001, the staff could accept the LA amendment for review. The staff's proposed schedule anticipates completion of a supplement to the PFS Safety Evaluation Report (SER) covering the information in both LA amendments by January 31, 2002. The supplement to the SER would be released concurrently with the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Staff Attendance at the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force Spring Meeting

On June 14, 2001, staff from the Spent Fuel Project Office and Region I attended the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force Spring meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the meeting was for selected Federal agencies to update northeastern States on activities associated with shipment of high-level radioactive waste. Representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE) provided updates on shipments from West Valley, New York, and Brookhaven National Laboratory; status of DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant; and changes in DOE's transportation emergency preparedness program. A representative from the Federal Railroad Administration updated the task force on high-level radioactive waste inspection activities. NRC staff presented an overview of the NRC regulations associated with the control of unclassified sensitive information. The NRC discussion primarily focused on the handling of Safeguards Information associated with spent fuel shipments.

Meeting with National Research Council on Its Project "Principles and Operational Strategies for Staged Repository Systems"

On June 21, 2001, staff from the Division of Waste Management met with National Research Council staff to discuss a study it has just initiated on staged repository systems. The title of the study is "Principles and Operational Strategies for Staged Repository Systems." Although the concept of repository staging is receiving increased attention in many national waste disposal programs, including Yucca Mountain, implementation issues have not been addressed in much detail, according to the National Research Council. Staging is believed to provide opportunities for continuous learning and improvement over the life of a repository program. The study has a number of objectives, including identification of potential incompatibilities of a staged repository system with licensing procedures, and strategies for resolving them. The first meeting of the study group formed by the National Research Council will be on June 27, 2001, and the staff plans to attend.

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Interagency MOU on Research and Development of Multimedia Environmental Models

On June 18-19, 2001, RES hosted the inaugural meeting of the Interagency Steering Committee established under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on research and development (R&D) of multimedia (i.e., air, surface and ground-water systems) environmental models. This MOU is intended to provide a mechanism for Federal Agencies to pursue a common technology in multimedia environmental modeling with a shared technical basis. The Federal Agencies participating in this MOU are the NRC, EPA, DOE, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Agricultural Research Service. These agencies seek mutual benefit from their R&D programs across the broad range of scientific and technical issues associated with the assessment of human and environmental risk. The agencies will cooperate and coordinate to ensure effective exchange of information on a wide variety of software modules, databases, data processing tools, uncertainty assessment approaches, and development and enhancement of software system designs and implementation. The NRC representative will chair the first year to be followed by the EPA representative. Each MOU party presented their research program objectives and plans with the focus for the first meeting on modular framework activities. The Steering Committee approved two technical working group proposals; "Software System Design and Implementation," and "Uncertainty and Risk Analyses." Additional Federal organizations have expressed an interest in the MOU. On June 21, RES staff briefed the ACNW and the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards (ISCORS) on the MOU and Steering Committee Meeting deliberations and agreements.

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Meeting of Federal Radiological Policy Coordinating Committee (FRPCC) Subcommittee on Protective Action Guides (PAGs)

On June 6, 2001, Incident Response Operations staff attended a meeting of the FRPCC Subcommittee on PAGs to discuss comments on a draft revision of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) PAG manual. The Subcommittee was told that the NRC recommended deleting the separate 4 mrem drinking water PAG and using the 500 mrem PAG recommended by the Food and Drug Administration for food and water. The NRC also recommended deleting a proposed new 15 mrem PAG for recovery. The proposed new 15 mrem recovery PAG was based on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act lifetime risk of 10^{-4} to 10^{-6} . The NRC suggested that the proposed recovery PAG was not really a PAG but was instead a cleanup standard that should not be in the PAG manual. The EPA was receptive to both recommendations. Other comments on the PAG manual have been provided to EPA. Completion of the PAG Manual is expected in 2002.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-I-01-017, Department of the Army, LOSS OF DEVICES CONTAINING 300 MICROCURIES OF AMERICIUM 241.
2. PNO-III-01-018, Evanston-Northwestern Hospital, INTRAVASCULAR BRACHYTHERAPY MISADMINISTRATION.
3. PNO-III-01-019, Nuclear Management Co. (Palisades), SMALL LEAK IN CONTROL ROD DRIVE MECHANISM PRESSURE HOUSING.
4. PNO-IV-01-023A, R. D. Plant Contracting, UPDATE CONCERNING MISSING PORTABLE GAUGE.

Office of Administration
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Procurement Executive Council (PEC) / A76 Working Group

On June 21, 2001, the PEC's A76 interagency working group met at the Department of Treasury. Fifteen agencies discussed issues regarding the inventory of commercial activities. These issues included the need for guidance and training to clarify reason codes and current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policies for classifying activities. Recommendations for improving OMB A76 procedures will be sent forward to OMB through the PEC.

CISSCO-II Award

On June 18, 2001, an order was awarded to OAO Corporation under NRC BPA No. NRC-33-01-182 for provision of operational support and maintenance of 85 NRC application systems. The total value of the order over the two-year period of performance is \$8,370,889.

Contract Award

On June 15, 2001, a firm fixed-price contract was awarded to Cherokee Information Services, Inc. of Arlington, VA, under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program, for personnel security support. The contract period runs for 5 months with 4 one-year options and is valued at \$751,000 over that period. The contract was awarded in 45 days using streamlined procedures under a new NRC/SBA partnership agreement.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of
June 15, 2001 through June 21, 2001:

OIG report and supporting documents on NRC's handling of a Diablo Canyon issue.
(FOIA/PA-2001-0287)

Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), license renewal, request for waiver of fee
billing. (FOIA/PA-2001-0288)

Conflict of interest filings concerning travel for NRC employees, 1994 through 2000.
(FOIA/PA-2001-0289)

Solicitation #ASL-01-309, current contract information: bidders list, name of incumbent
contractor, abstracts of bids, and schedule B line-item pricing. (FOIA/PA-2001-0290)

Callaway plant, 10/26/00 incident, all records. (FOIA/PA-2001-0291)

Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
GARCIA, Alberto*	STUDENT LAW CLERK	OGC
IFFATH, Ali	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIII
KIM, Yoon	STUDENT ENGINEER	NMSS
PRUETT, Timothy**	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	OCIO
SCOTT, Michael	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR

*Effective June 4, 2001

** Temporary Hire

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

Chairman Meserve and Commissioner Merrifield visited Milwaukee to stress the importance of safety at nuclear power plants.

There was media interest in the shutdown of the Seabrook nuclear plant during a blizzard last March that was complicated by failures of safety equipment.

The New York Times reported that sobering economic realities - the low cost of natural gas, estimated capital expenses, and the cost of storing high level waste - cast doubt on the likelihood of new plant construction.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
01-073	NRC Renews License for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 for an Additional 20 Years
Regions:	
I-01-036	NRC to Discuss Preliminary "White" Finding on TMI 1 Corrective Actions
I-01-037	NRC to Meet with Constellation Nuclear to Discuss Performance at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant
I-01-038	NRC to Meet with Entergy Nuclear Generation Company to Discuss Performance at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant
I-01-039	NRC to Meet With Exelon Generation Company to Discuss Performance at Limerick Nuclear Power Plant
I-01-040	NRC to Meet With Amergen Energy Company to Discuss Performance at Three Mile Island 1 Nuclear Power Plant
I-01-041	NRC to Meet With PPL Susquehanna to Discuss Performance at Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-015	NRC to Meet with Progress Energy/CP&I Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-016	NRC to Meet with Progress Energy/CP&L Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Harris Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-017	NRC to Meet with Progress Energy/CP&I Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant

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II-01-018	NRC to Meet with Virginia Power Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Surry Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-19	NRC to Meet with Duke Energy Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Oconee Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-20	NRC to Meet with Southern Nuclear Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Hatch Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-21	NRC Proposes \$3,000 Fine Against Puerto Rico Company for Violation of Radioactive Material Safety Requirements
III-01-025	NRC to Meet with Nuclear Management Company to Discuss Safety Performance at the Prairie Island Nuclear Power Station
IV-01-035	NRC to Meet with Entergy to Discuss Safety Performance at Arkansas Nuclear One
IV-01-036	NRC to Meet with Arizona Public Service to Discuss Safety Performance at Palo Verde

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Office of International Programs
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Visit of Tomihiro Taniguchi to NRC

Mr. Tomihiro Taniguchi, who has been selected to be the next Deputy Director General of the IAEA Nuclear Safety Department, paid a courtesy visit to NRC on June 21 to meet with Commissioners, EDO and senior program office officials. Mr. Taniguchi is currently Vice President of NUPEC in Japan. Mr. Taniguchi discussed several ideas to create synergies between nuclear safety and safeguards. He expressed concern over the aging and decreasing pool of talent for nuclear energy. Other matters that Mr. Taniguchi said would require attention included China's proliferation of reactor types to be regulated by a very small staff, the need for greater influence on safety issues in India, Pakistan, and the DPRK, and continued efforts on radiation protection issues such as clearance.

Japanese Emergency Response Experts Meet with NRC Operations Center

On June 18, a team of emergency response experts from several Japanese organizations, including the newly established Nuclear Emergency and Assistance & Training Center (NEAT), met with members of the NRC Operations Center to learn more about NRC's approach to emergency preparedness training. Since the JCO accident in September 1999, the Japanese Government has established 21 offsite response centers around Japan to support the utilities, prefecture and local governments in case of a nuclear event.

Presentation by Russian Official at the Annual Meeting of the American Nuclear Society

Chairman Meserve invited Alexander Gutsalov, First Deputy Chairman of the Federal Radiation and Safety Authority of Russia, to make a presentation at the annual meeting of the American Nuclear Society in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 18-21. Chairman Meserve and Mr. Gutsalov also discussed current nuclear regulatory matters.

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-01-0070	4/25/01	Plan for Preapplication Activities on the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR)
SRM on 01-0070	6/19/01	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0070	6/19/01	(same)
2. SECY-01-0081	5/8/01	Proposed License to Export Uranium Oxide Reference Materials to Ukraine for Use as Calibration Standards for Safeguards Verification Measurements (Application No. XSNM03174)
SRM on 01-0081	6/19/01	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0081	6/19/01	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-01-0107	6/14/01	SECY-01-0107 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 8, 2001
2. SECY-01-0103	6/12/01	STP Nuclear Operating Company Exemption Requests: Proof-of-Concept for Risk-Informing 10 CFR part 50 Option 2
Memoranda		
1. SRM-M010614C	6/18/01	Staff Requirements - Briefing on License Renewal Program (SECY-01-0074)
2. SRM-M010614B	6/19/01	Staff Requirements - Meeting with Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB)
3. SRM-M010621	6/21/01	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session, Thursday, June 21, 2001, SECY-01-0089 - Power Authority of the State of New York Entergy Companies; Applications to Transfer Licenses for Indian Point 3 and FitzPatrick Nuclear Plants; Merits Decision

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Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Marvin S. Fertel, NEI, dated June 15, 2001, provides response concerning whether combined license applications should contain inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria for operational programs.
2. Letter to Stephen L. Rosen, dated June 12, 2001, offers an appointment to a four-year term on the advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.
3. Letter to Congress, dated June 11, 2001, concerns the need to develop solutions to help the Federal government meet its human capital challenges and to ensure the excellence of the Federal workforce in the 21st century.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice.
2. Duke, Cogema, Stone and Webster; Savannah River Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility; Docket No. 70-3098-ML; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.
3. ACRS Joint Meeting of the Subcommittees on Materials and Metallurgy, Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, and Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting.
4. ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations; Notice of Meeting.
5. ACRS Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting.
6. ACRS Subcommittees on Materials and Metallurgy and Plant Operations; Notice of Meeting.

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Haddam Neck Citizen's Decommissioning Advisory Panel Meeting June 19, 2001

A meeting of the Haddam Neck Citizen's Decommissioning Advisory Panel (CDAC) was held the evening of June 19, 2001, at the Haddam Neck Site Information Center, Haddam, CT. The meeting was open to public participation, with an audience of approximately 30 people. Also in attendance was staff from the Connecticut Dept. of Environmental Protection, a Selectman from the Town of Haddam, and a staffer from US Representative Rob Simmons' office.

Connecticut Yankee staff provided an update of site activities, followed by an NRC presentation. Ronald Bellamy, Chief, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch, Marie Miller, Sr. Health Physicist and E. Harold Gray, Sr. Engineer, presented an update of NRC activities, including a focus on Dry Cask Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation) inspection plans. Followup questions focused on design characteristics of vertical concrete casks, and the ability to withstand catastrophic events. The CDAC requested a followup NRC presentation at their next meeting on September 18, 2001, to identify the design basis events (worst case scenario - catastrophic occurrence) for the casks and the expected radiological consequences.

Maine Yankee Community Advisory Panel Meeting June 21, 2001

A meeting of the Maine Yankee Community Advisory Panel was held the evening of June 21, 2001, at the Maine Yankee Site Information Center, Wiscasset, ME. The meeting was open to public participation, with an audience of approximately 20 people.

Maine Yankee provided an update of decommissioning activities. The site decommissioning is now 50% complete. Major building demolition is underway, with over 30 tons of material being shipped offsite. Twenty-two vertical concrete casks for fuel storage are complete, out of a total of 64. Fuel transfer to an onsite Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation is expected to begin late summer. Planning has also started for reactor vessel removal and shipment to Barnwell, SC in mid-2002.

An update of NRC regulatory activities was presented by Ronald Bellamy, Chief, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch. The discussion included inspection results for January-May 2001, violations issued for radiation protection issue identified in early 2000, and plans for future inspection and review activities. There was no followup from the Panel or any member of the public.

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Carolina Power and Light Company - H. B. Robinson Station Safety System Design Inspection (SSDI) Exit Meeting

On June 21-22, 2001, the Regional Administrator visited the H. B. Robinson nuclear power plant site and discussed current issues facing industry and the NRC with managers and the NRC resident inspectors. On June 22, 2001, the Regional Administrator participated in the SSDI Team Inspection Exit Meeting.

Florida Power and Light Company - Turkey Point Operator License Certification Ceremony

On June 22, 2001, the Deputy Regional Administrator participated in the Turkey Point Operator License Certification ceremony. The Deputy Regional Administrator provided the new operators with a regulator's insight into what it means to hold an operator's license from the NRC and the expectations for performance.

Tennessee Valley Authority - Browns Ferry Management Meeting

On June 18, 2001, representatives from Tennessee Valley Authority attended a management meeting in the Region II Office. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Browns Ferry's plant performance and planned major projects.

Turabo Corporation

On June 20, 2001, NRC issued a proposed \$3,000 civil penalty to the Turabo Corporation for violations related to the storage of licensed material. During an inspection on April 17, 2001, of this year, the inspector found that the licensee had failed to adequately secure two portable moisture density gauges that were stored at its Caguas, Puerto Rico facility.

Region III
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Readiness Review of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Health Physics Program

On June 19-22, 2001, an NRC team will conduct the on-site portion of the Readiness Review of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Health Physics Program. The review is in response to a VA request for a Master Materials License. A licensing review of the request is being performed in parallel with the Readiness Review.

The review team, with members from each of the Regions and NMSS, has over the past few months, visited VA field offices and approximately 35 VA medical centers nationwide to judge the VA's ability to effectively implement a Master Materials License. An exit meeting is scheduled for June 22 with senior VA officials. NRC management will be represented by Don Cool, NMSS and Cindy Pederson, Region III.

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Public Meeting at the Fort Calhoun Station to Present EOC Performance Assessment Results

On June 20, 2001, a member of the regional supervisory staff, the senior resident inspector and other NRC staff, held a public meeting with the Vice President, Omaha Public Power District and other members of his staff, at the Fort Calhoun Station's Training Center Auditorium, to discuss the results of the End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment completed on May 8, 2001.

Public Meeting at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station to Present EOC Performance Assessment Results

On June 21, 2001, the senior resident inspector held a public meeting with the Senior Vice President and Principal Nuclear Officer, TXU Electric, and other members of his staff, at the Comanche Peak Station's Support and Service Building Training Room, to discuss the results of the End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment completed on May 8, 2001.

Public Meeting at the River Bend Station to Present End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment Results

On June 21, 2001, a member of the regional supervisory staff and the senior resident inspector held a public meeting with the Vice President - Operations, Entergy Operations Inc., the General Manager of Plant Operations for the River Bend Station, and other members of their staff, at the River Bend Station Training Center, to discuss the results of the End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment completed on May 8, 2001.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 21

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Portner	06/25/01 2359 RHOB	3:30	Markup	FY02 Energy and Water Development Appropriations	Reps. Callahan/Visclosky Energy and Water Development Appropriations
Combs	06/26/01 SD-366	9:30	Joseph Gray, DOE and others	Price-Anderson, S. 597, S. 472, S. 388	Senators Bingaman/Murkowski Energy and Natural Resources
Gerke/ Madden	06/27/01 2123 RHOB	10:00	NRC, DOE, and others	Hydroelectric Relicensing and Nuclear Energy	Reps. Barton/Boucher Energy and Air Quality Energy and Commerce

Note: Congress is scheduled to be in recess 6/30 through 7/8.