

INFORMATION REPORT

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JANUARY 18, 2008

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
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Meeting of the Interagency Nuclear Safety Review Panel (INSRP) on the Mars Science Laboratory '09 (MSL09) Mission

On January 8 and 9, RES staff met with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) project team for the MSL09 mission. The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft Safety Analysis Report for the mission and to discuss the schedule for development of the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) and the independent INSRP Safety Evaluation Report (SER). The FSAR is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2008, and the SER is scheduled to be finalized in the fall of 2008.

Workshop on Low Probability of Rupture in Primary Water Stress Corrosion Cracking (PWSCC) Systems

From January 9 - 11, staff conducted an international workshop that included discussions on the current state of knowledge, potential knowledge gaps and identification of areas of conservatism/non-conservatism for PWSCC. The workshop also addressed quantification of uncertainties in developing probabilistic fracture mechanics analytical tools that can quantify the effects of PWSCC and other degradation mechanisms on the probability of fluid system piping rupture. PWSCC is a concern for piping systems designated and approved for leak-before-break in pressurized water reactor (PWR) plants.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Training and Qualification of Security Personnel at Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities; Issuance of Draft Regulatory Guide (Part 73)

On January 15, 2008 (73 FR 2435), the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* announcing the availability of a draft regulatory guide for comment (DG-5015 – Training and Qualification of Security Personnel at Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities). The draft regulatory guide provides licensees with an approach that would be acceptable to the NRC for training and qualifying security personnel at their facilities. The comment period for this action closes February 25, 2008.

George Barnet; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-20-27)

On January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3221), the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* that denies a petition for rulemaking submitted by George Barnet (PRM-20-27). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations concerning obtaining approval for radioactive material disposal procedures by broadening their scope to allow for the recycling of materials. The NRC is denying the petition because the issues raised by the petition fall within the scope of the rationale for a recent Commission decision not to conduct a rulemaking in the area of setting radiological criteria for the disposition of solid materials. The Commission believes that the current NRC approach for the disposition of solid materials is fully protective of public health and safety.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 11, 2008 through January 17, 2008:

NRC license 34-29200-01MD	FOIA/PA-2008-0088
Allegation RIV-1999-A-0041 including all correspondence between NRC and named individual	FOIA/PA-2008-0089
August 9, 2007, meeting between NRC and GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas regarding pre-application issues, copy of NRC presentation handouts	FOIA/PA-2008-0090
Indian Point 3, memo from T. King to J. Zwolincki, regarding Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Submittal, November 15, 2000	FOIA/PA-2008-0091
Investigation report on named individual, May 2006 and July 2006	FOIA/PA-2008-0092
Radioactive material licenses for companies near Pope AFB, Cumberland County, North Carolina, listing of cities provided	FOIA/PA-2008-0093
Radioactive material licenses for companies near McChord AFB, Pierce County, Washington, listing of cities provided	FOIA/PA-2008-0094
St. Lucie, Florida Power and Light, all communications regarding incidental capture of threatened and endangers species, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and to August 2007 (Referral by NOAA, Dept of Commerce)	FOIA/PA-2008-0095
STPNOC COL application, all records associated with compilation of acceptance review inputs of whether to docket an application, September 20, 2007, to present	FOIA/PA-2008-0096
Nuclear Fuel Services, docket no. 70-143, license SNM-124, all inspection reports and notices of violations for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007	FOIA/PA-2008-0097
Office of Investigations report 4-2007-006, including transcript of named individual	FOIA/PA-2008-0098
Director's Decision dated March 10, 2005 for Entergy Nuclear Operations, Vermont Yankee, docket 50-271; and Carolina Power and Light Co., Shearon Harris Nuclear, LBP-07-11 (ML0721504472)	FOIA/PA-2008-0099
Cabot Corp., a.k.a. The Beryllium Corp, NGK Metals Corp, Cabot Berylco Inc., Kaweck Berylco Inc, KBI, Kaweck Berylco Industries, Kaweck Chemicals, Berylco Inc, residing at 150 Tuckerton Road, Reading, Pennsylvania 19605, all records	FOIA/PA-2008-0100
Indian Point, 8 th Quarterly Seismic Report, March - May 1977; and 13 th Quarterly Seismic Report, June - August 1978	FOIA/PA-2008-0101

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
BEALL, ROBERT	PROJECT MANAGER (MULTIPLE)	NRR
CALLE, JOSELITO	SENIOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	RII
DIPALO, ANTHONY	PROJECT MANAGER	NMSS
FLORES, GREG	PERSONNEL SECURITY SPECIALIST	ADM
GRAIZER, VLADIMIR	GEOPHYSICIST (SEISMOLOGY)	NRO
GREYNOLDS, ELENA	IT SPECIALIST (SYSANALYSIS)	NRO
KENNEDY, MICHAEL	ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE (TECHNICAL)	ASLBP
MABRY, YVETTE	MANAGEMENT ANALYST/AUDITOR	OIG
MARTIN, GILLIAN	HUMAN RESOURCES TEAM LEADER	HR
MASTERS, ANTHONY	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INSPECTOR	RII
MATHEWS, ROBERT	ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE (TECHNICAL)	ASLBP
TRIMBLE, JR., DAVID	CONSULTANT	NRO
Departures		
FAIRBANKS, ABIN	REACTOR INSPECTOR (NSPDP)	RIV
LEE, MICHAEL	MANAGEMENT ANALYST TRAINEE (CO-OP)	NRR
MONROE, SHIRLEY	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	RI
ORTIZ-MORALES, GRISEL	STUDENT ENGINEER (CO-OP)	RES
UNIKEWICZ, STEVEN	SENIOR MECHANICAL ENGINEER	NRR

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
Items of Interest
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

Inattentive Guards incident at Peach Bottom nuclear plant

Oyster Creeks nuclear plant license renewal application and an appeal in the proceedings

Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant's decommissioning funding issues

South Texas Combined License application and the expectations of the environmental scoping meetings

NRC received Bellefonte's new reactor application and the amended AP1000 reactor design application

NRC's confirmatory order issued against San Onofre nuclear plant involving deliberate misconduct by plant employees

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported coordination of the Department of Homeland Security's rollout of the new National Response Framework.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
08- 005	NRC Announces Expanded Photo Gallery on Its Web Site (1/14)
08-006	Mitsubishi Application to Certify US-APWR Design Available on NRC Website (1/18)
Regions:	
III-08-001	NRC Proposes \$3,250 Fine for Violation Associated with Theft Of Nuclear Gauge from Southfield, Mich., Firm (1/14)
IV-08-004	NRC Orders Changes at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (1/14)
IV-08-005	NRC Assigns New Senior Resident Inspector at Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant (1/15)
IV-08-006	NRC Conducting Special Inspection at Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant (1/16)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-07-0224	12/29/07	Final Rule: Regulatory Improvements to the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System (RIN 3150-AH85)
2. SECY-07-0225	12/29/07	Revision of NUREG-0654, Supplement 3, "Criteria for Protective Action Recommendations for Severe Accidents"
Information Papers		
1. SECY-08-0001	12/29/07	Status Update on Consultation With Native American Tribes Who May be Affected by a Commercial Reactor Proposed for Galena, Alaska
Memoranda		
1. M080115	1/15/08	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session: I. SECY-07-0193 – PG&E Co. (Diablo Canyon ISFSI), Docket No. 72-26-ISFSI, San Luis Obispo Mothers For Peace's Contentions And Request For Hearing Re Diablo Canyon Environmental Assessment Supplement; II. SECY-07-0214 – Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station License Renewal Pilgrim Watch's Appeal Of Interlocutory Board Order Summarily Disposing Of Contention 3 (Samas) (LBP-07-13)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Clay Johnson, OMB dated January 2, 2008, provides appointment of NRC's Performance Improvement Officer.
2. Letter to Shian-Jang Su, Taiwan, dated January 2, 2008, responds to recent letter and invitation to visit Taiwan.
3. Letter to Senator Thomas Carper, et al., dated December 31, 2007, provides a summary of actions taken by the NRC in response to recommendations made by GAO, "Nuclear Energy: NRC's Workforce and Processes for New Reactor Licensing Are Generally in Place, but Uncertainties Remain as industry Begins to Submit Applications," GAO-07-1129.

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Federal Register Notices Issued

1. ASLBP Designation of Presiding Officer - Diablo Canyon Power Plant Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation.
2. ACRS Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures Notice of Meeting (February 6, 2008).
3. ACRS Subcommittee Meeting on Safety Research Program Notice of Meeting (February 5, 2008).