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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS) Final Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement

On May 8, 2008, the Division of License Renewal staff issued a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the WCGS license renewal review. The SEIS represents the completion of the staff's environmental review of the license renewal application submitted by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC). The SEIS was filed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for issuance of the Notice of Availability of the final SEIS in the *Federal Register*. The comment period expires in 30-days.

Performance Demonstration Initiative Meeting

During May 12 - 14, 2008, Division of Component Integrity (DCI) staff met with representatives of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) - Performance Demonstration Initiative (PDI) to discuss the status of the EPRI-PDI program to implement the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code for ultrasonic testing (UT) qualifications. As noted in the April 28, 2008, Commission Briefing on reactor materials issues, UT examinations are a key aspect of degradation management. The Director of the DCI emphasized the importance of aggressively pursuing their efforts related to degradation management, inspection of dissimilar metal butt welds, and inspection of polyethylene pipe joints.

Steam Generator Task Force Meeting

On May 14, 2008, DCI staff conducted a Category 2 public meeting with the industry's Steam Generator Task Force to discuss various technical issues related to steam generator tube inspection and tube integrity activities under study by the industry. The issues discussed included industry activities associated with eddy current noise monitoring for tube inspections, steam generator divider plate integrity evaluation, handling of recent operating experience, and a possible proposal to revise technical specification requirements for tube inspections. The industry described schedules to provide several reports to the staff and plans to address several of the issues.

Steam Generator Tube Inspection Amendments Meeting

On May 14, 2008, DCI staff conducted a Category 2 public meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and licensee representatives to discuss pre-submittal information related to a technical specification amendment to reduce inspection scope for steam generator tubes in the tubesheet region for some steam generators. This meeting featured a discussion by the industry on their activities to address a list of staff questions related to their proposed technical approach. In addition, the staff was provided with an update on activities by an industry expert panel to address the staff's concerns. The staff expects additional meetings and interactions with the industry and the expert panel during the summer.

Crystal River Unit 3 - Planned Extended Power Uprate (EPU)

On May 19, 2008, the staff met with representatives of Progress Energy Florida and its contractor, AREVA, to discuss a planned submittal for an EPU application for Crystal River, Unit 3, currently scheduled for the third quarter of 2009. During the meeting, participants discussed the EPU and its integration with other major licensing actions/activities. Progress Energy is planning to implement the EPU during the 2011 refueling outage, which would raise its rated thermal power from 2069 MWt to 3014 MWt (~15.5%). Additional pre-application meetings on the EPU environmental report plan and technical discussions of the some of the EPU related licensing activities (e.g., core flood line break and secondary depressurization) are planned to be held in July 2008. Discussions on steam generator replacement and its impact on the EPU will be discussed in a separate meeting in August 2008.

Work Hour Rule Workshop

During May 19-20, 2008, the Division of Inspection and Regional Support (DIRS) and the Office of New Reactors staff participated in a NEI sponsored Work Hour Rule Workshop to discuss the recently published rule, 10 CFR Part 26, Subpart I, "Managing Fatigue." The staff provided guidance and clarification for licensees on the implementation of the requirements in the new addition to the rule. Meeting topics discussed included: NEI 06-11, "Managing Personnel Fatigue at Nuclear Power Reactor Sites," scheduling, training, managing hours, fatigue assessments, the waiver process, management systems, and planning for implementation. The staff gained insights on the challenges in implementing the rule, and additional issues were identified for clarification in the next revision of NEI 06-11.

Operator Licensing Biennial Review

During May 19-22, 2008, DIRS management and staff conducted a review of the administration of the operator licensing functions in the Region II office. DIRS conducts these biennial reviews to evaluate Regional consistency in implementing 10 CFR 55, the Examination Standards (NUREG-1021), and other associated policy guidance.

Region IV Counterpart Meeting

On May 22, 2008, the DIRS staff gave a presentation at the Region-IV Counterpart Meeting providing information on the Nuclear Reactor Regulation Operating Experience Program (OpE). The presentation, "A Day in the Life of OpE" includes a discussion of: OpE Activities; Technical Focus Areas; OpE Products; the OpE Smart Sample Program; performing OpE Searches; Quarterly OpE Summary reports, and OpE points of contact for assistance. This discussion provided a better understanding of the role of OpE in regional activities.

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Detroit Edison's Reactor Technology Selection for the Fermi Combined License Application (COLA)

By letter dated May 16, 2008, Detroit Edison informed the NRC that there is no longer a need to withhold the reactor technology selection of the General Electric Hitachi Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor for the Fermi COLA. Currently, as indicated in Detroit Edison's letter dated November 12, 2007, the applicant is expected to submit the Fermi COLA in October 2008.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Meeting with the Tribal Council of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe

On May 15, 2008, NRC staff met with the Tribal Council of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe in Death Valley, California. Staff listened to the Tribe's concerns, questions and information needs with regard to Tribal participation in NRC's hearing process for deciding whether or not to authorize the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain. Staff discussed, in detail, the nature and scheduling of NRC's licensing and hearing process, and provided information on the steps necessary to certify compliance with NRC's requirements for the Licensing Support Network.

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Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan for West Valley Demonstration Project Public Meeting

On May 19, 2008, NRC staff from the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME), the Office of the General Council (OGC) and Region I met with the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to discuss the scope and content of DOE's Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan for the West Valley Demonstration Project. The public was invited to observe this meeting and had an opportunity to communicate with NRC staff before the meeting was adjourned.

40th Annual Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors Meeting

During May 19-22, 2008, Commissioner Peter B. Lyons, and Commissioner Kristine L. Svinicki were joined by NRC staff from FSME, the OGC, the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR), Region I, Region III, and Region IV at the 40th Annual Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors meeting which was held in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 3033 (DG-3033) "Standard Format and Content of Safety Analysis Reports for Uranium Enrichment Facilities"

On May 21, 2008, the subject draft regulatory guide was issued. The draft guide endorses the standard format and content for safety analysis reports and integrated safety analysis summaries described in the current revision of NUREG-1520, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of a License Application for a Fuel Cycle Facility", as a process that the NRC staff finds acceptable for meeting regulatory requirements. DG-3033 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/fuels-materials/draft-index.html>.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Peter G. Crane; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-35-18)

On May 21, 2008, the NRC published a document (73 FR 29445) in the *Federal Register* that denied a petition for rulemaking (PRM-35-18) submitted by Peter G. Crane requesting that the NRC amend the regulations that govern medical use of byproduct material and the release of individuals who have been treated with radiopharmaceuticals. The petitioner requested that the "patient release rule" be partially revoked insofar as it allows patients to be released from radioactive isolation with more than the equivalent of 30 millicuries of radioactive iodine I-131 in their bodies. The NRC has denied the petition because it has determined that the issues raised in the petition do not justify a rule change.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of May 16, 2008 through May 22, 2008:

Medical use licenses for States of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, active	FOIA/PA-2008-0226
Chrin Landfill, Industrial Lane, Williams Township, LeHigh County, Pennsylvania, all records relating to the site from 1970 to present	FOIA/PA_2008-0227
Heritage Minerals, Route 70, Mile Marker 41, Manchester Township, Ocean County, NJ 08733, correspondence, reports, analysis	FOIA/PA-2008-0228
FOIA/PA-2008-0220, "Deputation of OI staff, all communications between NRC and the United States Marshals Service, 1-1-07 through 5-7-08," incoming request and response(s)	FOIA/PA-2008-0229
Medical use radioactive material licenses issued for the State of Virginia, active	FOIA/PA-2008-0230
RFQ No. ASL-04-315/04-232, awarded bid and other bids submitted	FOIA/PA-2008-0231
OI Report 4-2008-008	FOIA/PA-2008-0232
Investigation results on Travel and Lodging Expenses Program, December 2006, on named individual	FOIA/PA-2008-0233
Safety evaluation supporting operation of GE test reactor (8204190167 in PDR illegible)	FOIA/PA-2008-0234

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
ANZALONE, REED	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
BARNHURST, DANIEL	HYDROLOGIST	NRO
BARR, EDWARD	STUDENT INVESTIGATIONS SPECIALIST	ADM
BARRY, TERRENCE	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
BARTHOLOMEW, AARON	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-IV
BIRLA, SUSHIL	SR. TECH ADVISOR FOR DIGITAL landC	RES
BOTWIN, HARRISON	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRO
BRADY, DENIS	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
CHAMBERS, ALEX	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-IV
CHAZELL, RUSSELL	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRO
COLLINS, TRAVIS	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
CONLEY, CASEY	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-IV
COOPER, DOMINIQUE	STUDENT ENGINEER	NMSS
CRAIG, SETH	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-II
CRUZ PEREZ, LUIS	STUDENT ENGINEER	NMSS
DAVIS, DESIREE	STUDENT CLERK	ACRS
DEAN, DANIEL	LEAD VISUAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST	ADM
FYNAN, DOUGLAS	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
GIEBEL, STEPHEN	HEALTH PHYSICIST	FSME
GILLEY, DEBBIE	ACMUI MEMBER (CONSULTANT)	FSME
GOSS, ERIC	STUDENT VISUAL INFO SPEC (CO-OP)	ADM
GUZMAN, JESSICA	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-IV

HATHORN, JAMES	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-II
HUANG, JASON	GENERAL ENGINEER (NSPDP)	NRO
JENKINS, KEVIN	STUDENT FINANCIAL ANALYST (CO-OP)	CFO
JURIS, KRISTA	STUDENT INFO. SECURITY SPECIALIST	ADM
KILLIAN, MATTHEW	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
KUL, STEPHANIE	STUDENT LAW CLERK	OGC
KUNTZ, NATHAN	STUDENT ENGINEER	NMSS
LANGE, WALTER	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST	NSIR
LEE, MICHAEL	MANAGEMENT ANALYST TRAINEE (CO-OP)	NRR
LIN, BRUCE	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	RES
LIPKA, TIMOTHY	STUDENT ENGINEER	CA
LOULA, MATTHEW	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-IV
LYNCH, STEVEN	STUDENT ENGINEER	FSME
MORGAN, THOMAS	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
NGUYEN, CAROLINE	PROGRAM SPECIALIST	NRR
OLSON, PETER	STUDENT SCIENTIST	RES
PAULSEN, ALICE	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
POWERS, ROSS	STUDENT ENGINEER	NSIR
PURDIE, MICHAEL	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRO
RICHARDSON, ANTWAUN	STUDENT ENGINEER	NSIR
RIVERA-CAPELLA, GRETCHEN	GENERAL SCIENTIST	FSME
RUSSO, GENEVIEVE	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRO
SAHAY, PREM	ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	NRR
SCARBEARY, APRIL	REACTOR ENGINEER (NSPDP)	R-III
SCHLAPPER, GERALD	HIGH LEVEL WASTE INSPECTOR	R-IV

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SCHMIDT, JEFFREY	SENIOR REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRO
SCHROER, SUZANNE	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRO
SHYU, EUGENIA	IT SPECIALIST (SYSANALYSIS)	OIS
SKAGGS RYAN, TERESA	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-IV
SOMERVILLE, GLENDA	PROGRAM ANALYST	CFO
SPENCER, HOWARD	TECHNICAL WRITER-EDITOR	ADM
THOMAS, KYLE	STUDENT FINANCIAL MGMT SPECIALIST	ACRS
THOMPSON, ANNA	CONTRACT SPECIALIST (CO-OP)	ADM
TOKUHIRO, AKIRA	NUCLEAR ENGINEER (SUMMER FACULTY)	RES
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
BOUGHAN, PATRICK	STUDENT ENGINEER COOP	NRR
HARRIS, TIMOTHY	SR. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	IS
O'MEARA, KYLE	STUDENT TRAINEE (IT SPEC)	IS
SMITH, HEIDI	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	HR

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

Cyber security.

Westinghouse fuel facility in Columbia, South Carolina, declared an alert after a city water line coming into the plant site ruptured.

Event reports recently released to the public for: Nuclear Fuel Service (NFS), Erwin, Tenn., and BWX Technologies, Lynchburg, Virginia; as well as NFS safety-culture assessment report submission.

United States low-level radioactive waste imports and exports.

Possible strike at Pilgrim power plant, Plymouth, Massachusetts, and the NRC's role.

ASLB conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, on formats for contentions to be filed in the Yucca Mountain licensing hearings.

Other Public Affairs Items:

Chairman Klein visited Turkey Point power plant near Miami, Florida, where he spoke to numerous reporters.

Chairman Klein spoke at the International Conference of Nuclear Engineering in Orlando, Florida, and following the conference, he addressed questions from the attending media on domestic and local topics. OPA also facilitated a longer interview with the St. Petersburg Times.

OPA regional staff assisted in numerous end-of-cycle meetings.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
08-091	NRC Releases Event Reports for Nuclear Fuel Services and BWXT Facilities for 2004 – 2007 (5/12)
08-092	NRC Invites Comment on Advanced Reactor Design Policy (5/12)
08-093	License Renewal Application for Prairie Island Nuclear Plant Available for Public Inspection (5/13)
08-094	NRC Approves Power Uprate for Hope Creek Nuclear Plant (5/14)
08-095	NRC Meeting June 5 in Crystal River, Fla., to Discuss Review Process for Expected New Reactor Application (5/16)

08-096	NRC Finds No Significant Environmental Impacts from Extended Operation of Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant (5/16)
08-097	NRC Issues New Guidance on Release of Thyroid Patients Administered Radioactive Iodine (5/16)
Regions:	
I-08-032	NRC to Discuss Inspection of Company's Assessment of Groundwater Contamination at Indian Point Plant on May 20 (5/13)
I-08-033	05/14/2008 NRC Seeks Input on Draft Environmental Report for Susquehanna Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application; Meetings on May 28 (5/14)
I-08-034	New NRC Senior Resident Inspector Assigned to Hope Creek Nuclear Plant (5/15)
II-08-029	NRC to Discuss 2007 Performance of Farley Nuclear Plant (5/13)
II-08-030	NRC to Discuss Apparent Violations at Global Nuclear Fuels (5/13)
II-08-031	NRC to Discuss 2007 Performance of Harris Nuclear Plant May 20 (5/13)
II-08-032	NRC Issues Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Vogtle Nuclear Plant License Renewal; Public Meeting June 3 (5/15)
II-08-033	NRC to Discuss an Apparent Violation by Areva in Lynchburg, Va. (5/16)
III-08-020	NRC to Discuss Apparent Violations at American Radiolabeled Chemicals (5/15)
III-08-021	NRC Proposed \$3,250 Fine Against Michigan Hospital for Failure to Properly Secure Radioactive Material (5/13)
IV-08-018	NRC to Discuss 2007 Performance Assessment for Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant (5/13)
IV-08-019	NRC to Discuss 2007 Performance Assessment for Callaway Nuclear Plant (5/16)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM-SECY-08-0024	5/19/08	Delegation of Commission Authority to Staff to Approve or Deny Emergency Plan Changes that Represent a Decrease in Effectiveness
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0024	5/19/08	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-08-0069	5/16/08	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 9, 2008

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress, dated May 16, 2008, responds to letter concerning the waste confidence in preparation for oversight hearing planned for May 15, 2008.
2. Letter to Congress, dated May 15, 2008, provides the “Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: FY 2007” (NUREG-0090, Vol. 30).
3. Letter to Congress, dated May 15, 2008, responds to concerns regarding Independent Safety Assessment of Vermont Yankee.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences, Fiscal Year 2007, Dissemination of Information.
2. Natural Resources Defense Council; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking, 10 CFR Part 50, Docket No. PRM-50-90, NRC-2008-0279, [NRC-2008-0279].
3. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Crow Butte Resources, Inc., Crawford, Nebraska, In Situ Leach Recovery Facility, and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) for Contention Preparation.

Region II (RII)
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Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Annual Assessment Meeting

On May 22, 2008, the Regional Office held the Annual Assessment meeting for Farley Nuclear power plant. The meeting was held near the nuclear plant and was open to the public. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the NRC ROP at the site.

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Region IV (RIV)
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Meeting with Omaha Public Power District (OPPD)

On May 22, Region IV conducted a public meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, with representatives of OPPD to discuss the most recent annual assessment results for Fort Calhoun Station. As part of this meeting, the NRC staff discussed the results of the recent supplemental inspection and the licensee described actions that they are taking to improve performance at Fort Calhoun Station.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 17

OCA Contact	Date and Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Decker	05/20/08 2123 RHOB	10:00	House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality (Representatives Boucher / Upton)	Importing Low Level Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margie Doane, NRC • Kent Bradford, Utah Radiation Control Board • Steve Creamer, EnergySolutions • Gene Aloise, GAO
Kron	05/20/08 2247 RHOB	2:00	House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia (Representative Davis / Marchant)	Part-time Reemployment of Federal annuitants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
Decker	05/21/08 311 CHOB	2:00	House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology (Representatives Langevin / McCaul)	Implications of Cyber Vulnerabilities on the Resiliency and Security of the Electric Grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Kelliher, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission • Richard Sergel, CEO, North American Electric Reliability Corp • Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office • Bill McCollum, Chief Operating Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority
Powell	TBD	TBA	House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations	Inattentive Guards at Peach Bottom and other Security Related Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD

			(Representatives Stupak / Whitfield)		
Shane/Dacus	07/16/08 406 DSOB	10:00	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety (Senators Carper / Voinovich)	New Reactors and License Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRC Commission • Others TBD

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