

## INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Issuance of Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS) License Renewal Safety Evaluation Report (SER)

On July 29, 2008, the staff issued the SER for WCGS. By letter dated September 27, 2006, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) submitted an application pursuant to 10 CFR Part 54 to renew the operating license for the WCGS, for an additional 20 years. On February 1, 2008, the staff issued its SER with open items to the applicant for response. The staff completed the review of the responses provided by the applicant for closure of the five open items contained in the SER. The results of the staff's evaluation are scheduled to be presented to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in September 2008.

License Renewal Application for Prairie Island Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2

On July 30, the staff conducted two public scoping meetings in Red Wing, Minnesota to solicit comments on the scope of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, license renewal environmental review. Approximately 100 people attended the meetings, including members of the public, the Prairie Island Indian Community, representatives of Nuclear Management Company (the applicant), local citizen organizations, state agencies, and local news media. Public comments focused on the NRC's interaction with the public, availability of information, and support for or opposition to nuclear power/license renewal. Staff will continue to receive scoping comments by mail, electronically, or in person at headquarters until the scoping period ends on September 22, 2008.

Contentions Regarding Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal

On July 31, the Atomic Safety Licensing Board admitted 15 contentions regarding the license renewal request submitted by Entergy, the licensee for Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, Units 2 and 3 (Indian Point). Two of these contentions relate to the Severe Accident Mitigation Alternative (SAMA) analysis contained in the environmental report. They contend that the SAMA analysis does not accurately reflect decontamination and clean-up costs associated with a severe accident, the projected population used by Entergy is underestimated, the atmospheric dispersion model in the MACCS2 offsite consequence code is being used beyond its range of validity, and use of the MACCS2 code leads to non-conservative geographical distribution of radioactive dose within a fifty-mile radius of Indian Point. The staff will continue to support the hearing process for these contentions and obtain technical assistance where necessary.

Office of New Reactors (NRO)  
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Submittal of Callaway Combined License (COL) Application

On July 28, 2008, AmerenUE submitted a COL application for a U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR) to be located at their current Callaway County, Missouri, site of the Callaway Power Plant. The COL application designates the new unit as Callaway Plant Unit 2. This is the second COL application that has been submitted to the staff that references the U.S. EPR design. The acceptance review is scheduled to be completed by October 3, 2008.

Project Status Reports updated

On August 1, 2008, the staff completed the monthly update to the project status reports that communicate review status as well as any project risks and schedule changes associated with new reactor licensing reviews. These project status reports are available at: <http://nrr10.nrc.gov/NRO/new-rx-status/status-reports/2008/index.cfm>. For convenience, a one-click option of "print latest" reports is available. Updated information on the public webpage is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactor-licensing.html>.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)  
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Public Meetings Held on “Generic Environmental Impact Statement”

On July 28, 2008, staff published for public comment, NUREG-1910 “Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for In-Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities – Draft Report for Comment” (Draft GEIS). The Draft GEIS identifies and evaluates, on a programmatic basis, the potential environmental impacts from the construction; operation; aquifer restoration; and decommissioning of in-situ leach uranium mills. The staff will hold a total of eight public meetings in Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, and New Mexico in August and September, to allow members of the public to make oral comments on the Draft GEIS. The public comment period closes on October 7, 2008. A Final GEIS will be published by June 2009.

Preliminary Draft Rule Language Available

On July 30, 2008, staff posted the preliminary draft rule language for the Part 72 License and Certificate of Compliance Terms proposed rule on the internet (ML081970262). A *Federal Register* notice announcing the posting will also be published. Staff provided the preliminary rule language to obtain input from stakeholders. The notice makes it clear that the draft rule is preliminary and may be significantly revised.

Participation in the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

On July 30, 2008, staff participated in a Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board meeting by providing a presentation on NRC’s review of performance assessments for waste determinations. On July 31, 2008, staff visited the Savannah River National Laboratory to observe laboratory testing that will support the U.S. Department of Energy analysis of the saltstone waste disposal facility.

Workshop on Security and Continued Use of Cesium-137 Chloride (CsCl) Sources

On July 31, 2008, staff published a notice in the *Federal Register* about a Workshop on the Security and CsCl Sources. The Notice solicits comments from stakeholders and requests participation in the Workshop scheduled for September 29-30, 2008, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel. The notice also contains an Issues Paper which delineates the topics of discussion grouped into five major areas: alternative CsCl sources, alternative technologies, phase-out of CsCl, additional enhanced security, and potential future requirements.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1149 (DG-1149), "Qualification of Safety-Related Motor Control Centers for Nuclear Power Plants"

On July 23, 2008, the staff issued DG-1149 to provide an opportunity for public comments. This is a proposed new Regulatory Guide which provides an acceptable approach for qualifying safety-related motor control centers in nuclear power plants. DG-1149 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 3034 (DG-3034), "General Design Guide for Ventilation Systems of Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Plants"

On July 28, 2008, the staff issued DG-3034 to provide an opportunity for public comments. This is proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 3.12, and provides updated guidance on acceptable approaches for design of ventilation systems for plutonium processing and fuel fabrication plants. DG-3034 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/fuels-materials/draft-index.html>.

Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)  
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Allocation of Pandemic Influenza Vaccines

On July 23, 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Health and Human Services released guidance for the allocation of pandemic influenza vaccines. The new guidance defines 3 levels of pandemic severity, 5 tiers of recipients, and criteria for sub-prioritizing allocations when a full supply of vaccines is not available. Appropriate portions of the guidance will be incorporated into the NRC Pandemic Plan. The report is available at <http://www.pandemicflu.gov> and in ADAMS at ML082100331.

Emergency Preparedness (EP)

On July 30, 2008, NRC and Federal Emergency Management Agency staff attended a Nuclear Energy Institute EP Working Group meeting. Topics discussed included the hostile-action based drill program, timing of EP rulemaking and guidance, communications during events, and the status of NRC approval of revisions to Emergency Action Level schemes. The discussion of the hostile-action based drill program and the timing of EP rulemaking and guidance focused on the transition from the current pilot drill program into the evaluated exercise program and how best to provide the necessary tools and guidance to effect this transition.

Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) and Improvised Nuclear Device (IND) Incidents

On July 30, 2008, DHS informed the NRC staff that DHS will publish the final RDD/IND Guidance, "Planning Guidance for Protection and Recovery Following RDD and Improvised Nuclear Device (IND) Incidents," in the *Federal Register* on August 1, 2008. A copy of the entire *Federal Register* notice, response to public comments, a Fact Sheet, and Frequently Asked Questions can be found in ADAMS at ML082130249.

Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Administrative Changes (RIN 3150-AI46, 10 CFR Parts 2, 30, 31, 32, 40, 50, 61, 62, and 70)

On July 23, 2008, NRC published a document (73 FR 42671) in the *Federal Register* to remove obsolete text, restore material removed inadvertently from the NRC's regulations, and make administrative changes to the NRC's regulations to correct errors published in recent rulemaking documents. This final rule also updates the definition of a not-for-profit organization. The final rule was effective July 23, 2008.

Petition for Rulemaking; Denial (PRM-20-26)

On July 25, 2008, NRC published a document (73 FR 43381) in the *Federal Register* denying a petition for rulemaking (PRM-20-26) submitted by James Salsman (petitioner). The petitioner requested that NRC amend its regulations to modify exposure and environmental limits for heavy metal radionuclides, in particular uranium. NRC is denying the petition because current NRC regulations provide adequate protection of public health and safety.

Petition for Rulemaking: Consideration of Petition in Ongoing Rulemaking Process (PRM-73-11)

On July 29, 2008, NRC published a document (73 FR 43874) in the *Federal Register* stating that the NRC will consider the issues raised in a petition for rulemaking submitted by Scott Portzline, Three Mile Island Alert, in an ongoing reactor security requirements rulemaking. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations governing physical protection of plants and materials to require NRC licensees to post at least one armed guard at each entrance to the "owner controlled areas" surrounding all U.S. nuclear power plants. Further information on the ongoing rulemaking may be tracked through <http://www.regulations.gov> under the Docket IDs NRC-2006-0016 and NRC-2008-0019.

Petition for Rulemaking: Consideration of Petition in Ongoing Rulemaking Process (PRM-73-13)

On July 29, 2008, NRC published a document (73 FR 43874) in the *Federal Register* stating that the NRC will consider the issues raised in a petition for rulemaking submitted by David Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists, in an ongoing reactor security requirements rulemaking. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require that licensees implement procedures to ensure that when information becomes known to a licensee about an individual that would prevent that individual from gaining unescorted access to the protected area of a nuclear power plant, the licensee will implement measures to ensure the individual does not enter the protected area, whether escorted, or not; and, when sufficient information is not available to a licensee about an individual to determine whether the criteria for unescorted access are satisfied, the licensee will implement measures to allow that individual to enter the protected area only when escorted at all times by an armed member of the security force who remains in periodic communication with security supervision. Further information on the ongoing rulemaking may be tracked through <http://www.regulations.gov> under the Docket IDs NRC-2006-0016 and NRC-2008-0019.

Contract Award for Client/Server Production Databases

On July 22, 2008, as a result of a competition under NASA SEWP IV, a firm fixed price Delivery Order, NRC-DR-33-08-353, was awarded to the International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) of Bethesda, Maryland, to replace client/server production databases at Region 3, Region 4, and NRC Headquarters. Delivery is scheduled for 30 days after receipt of order and includes 3 years of software maintenance. The total value of the delivery order is \$181,810.97.

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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 July 25, 2008 through July 31, 2008:

Allegation NRR-1999-A-0042, all documents	FOIA/PA-2008-0287
Contract GS35F0522J, awarded contract	FOIA/PA-2008-0288

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Office of Human Resources (HR)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
ANZENBERG, VERED	NUCLEAR ENGINEER (NSPDP)	FSME
BLECHMAN, PAULA	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
BOYER, RACHEL	SECRETARY (OA)	NMSS
BURRELL, MICHAEL	CONSULTANT	OE
BUSHELL, ASHLEE	SECRETARY (OA)	OIP
CASBY, MARCIA	SECRETARY (OA)	FSME
CHO, CAROLINE	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
CUSUMANO, VICTOR	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
DEVLIN, STEPHANIE	GEOPHYSICIST	NRO
ESMOND, DANIEL	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
FONG, CHRISTOPHER	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INSPECTOR	RII
FROST, JOHN	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
HILLIKER, TAYLOR	PERSONNEL SECURITY SPECIALIST	ADM
LACKEY, DANA	SECRETARY (OA)	RIV
LAMANTEER, JOAN	SPACE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	ADM
MCPHERSON, DENEDRA	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	NRO
MELENDEZ, ISRAEL	SPECIAL SECURITY OFFICER	NSIR
MITCHELL-FUNDERBURK, NATALIE	SECRETARY (OA)	ACRS
MOORE, WENDY	SECRETARY (OA)	NMSS
MORELL, CLYDE	STORAGE & TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INSPECTOR	NMSS
MORLANG, GARY	REACTOR INSPECTOR	NRR
MORRELL, REGINA	SECRETARY (OA)	RII
NG, SAIWAH (RONNIE)	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
PETRUCELLI, RICHARD	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
PEZESHKI, JONAH NMN	ELECTRONICS ENGINEER (DIGITAL I&C)	NRR
PRESSLEY, LUNDY	RESIDENT INSPECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRA	RII
RAO, APPAJOSULA	MATERIALS ENGINEER	RES
RASOULI, HOUMAN	SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER	RES
SCULLY, DEREK	REACTOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	NRO
SIGMON, REBECCA	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
SIMMONS, ANNELIESE	FINANCIAL ANALYST	NRR
STATTEL, RICHARD	ELECTRONICS ENGINEER (DIGITAL I&C)	NRR
WULSCH, DANIEL	REACTOR ENGINEER	RIII
ZABEL, JOSEPH	TECHNICAL EDITOR	RES

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<b>Retirements</b>		
BARNETT, LESLIE	DIRECTOR, PLANNING, BUDGET, AND ANALYSIS	CFO
CALURE, BARBARA	TECHNICAL WRITER-EDITOR	ADM
ESLIN, JOHN	PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	ADM
GILLESPIE, FRANCIS	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	ACRS
PIERSON, ROBERT	DIR, DIV OF FUEL CYCLE SFTY & SFGDS	NMSS
<b>Departures</b>		
BILLINGS, KRISTIAN	STUDENT CLERK	NMSS
BROWN, ROBERT	SENIOR HEALTH PHYSICIST	RIV
COLON, JESSICA	STUDENT ENGINEER TRAINEE (COOP)	RES
CREASY, CASSANDRA	STUDENT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	SBCR
GORESKI, MICHELLE	STUDENT CLERK	RI
HALBRITTER, SHANNA	SECRETARY (OA)	FSME
HASTINGS, NICOLE	STUDENT LAW CLERK	OGC
HOLLENCAMP, KATHRYN	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	FSME
JENKINS, KEVIN	STUDENT FINANCIAL ANALYST (CO-OP)	CFO
KILLIAN, MATTHEW	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
LIPKA, TIMOTHY	STUDENT CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANT	OCA
LOULA, MATTHEW	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIV
MACON, WILLIAM	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	RES
OLSON, PETER	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
RIVERA-SANCHEZ, AIXAMAR	STUDENT BUDGET ANALYST	FSME
SICOLA, THOMAS	REACTOR INSPECTOR	RI

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

Comments by GOP presidential candidate John McCain's desire for a second reactor at Seabrook nuclear power plant (New Hampshire)

Earthquake north of San Onofre nuclear power plant (California)

Pre-hearing conference on Tennessee Valley Authority combined license application to build two new AP1000 reactors at Bellefonte nuclear power plant (Alabama)

Radiation release below state and federal limits from Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (Vermont); update of license renewal review

Independent Safety Evaluation for Entergy at Indian Point nuclear power plant (New York); contentions to be admitted to license renewal proceeding

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA arranged an interview with Government Executive on the Federal Information Infrastructure Response Enhancement Act.

OPA arranged an interview with the Federal Times on Office of Management and Budget's requirement for certification of acquisition program and project managers.

OPA supported an interview with Platts on fuel cycle staffing, future budgeting, Differing Professional Opinion's and mixed oxide, deconversion, and conversion of plants.

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
08-141	NRC Awards Nuclear Education Grants (8/1)
08-140	NRC Solicits Public Input into How it Can Increase Public Access to Security Information (7/29)
08-139	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Generic Environmental Study of In-Situ Leach Uranium Recovery Operations (7/28)
08-138	NRC Staff Approves Transfer of Entergy Operating Licenses to New Corporate Structure (7/28)

<b>Regions:</b>	
I-08-048	NRC, Entergy to Discuss Work Toward Completion, Operability of New Siren System for Indian Point Nuclear Plant on August 8 (8/1)
I-08-047	NRC Proposes \$3,250 Fine Against New Jersey Hospital for Violations of NRC Requirements (7/31)
III-08-029	NRC Proposes \$6,500 Fine Against Missouri Company for Violations of NRC Requirements (7/29)
IV-08-033	NRC Conducting Special Inspection at San Onofre Nuclear Plant (7/30)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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<b>Document Released to Public</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SRM-SECY-08-0080	07/25/08	Proposed Rule: Medical Use of Byproduct Material—Amendment/Medical Event Definitions (RIN 3150-AI26)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0080	07/25/08	(same)
2. COMSECY-08-0012	04/09/08	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-54-5) on Emergency Planning Reviews During License Renewal
SRM-COMSECY-08-0012	08/01/08	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMSECY-08-0012	08/01/08	(same)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-08-0103	07/22/08	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending July 11, 2008
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. M080717	07/29/08	SRM - Briefing on Fire Protection Issues, 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 17, 2008, Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland (Open to Public Attendance)

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information or Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information or Safeguards Information.
2. Eric Epstein; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking, 10 CFR Part 54, Docket No. PRM-54-5.
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (August 3, 2008).

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4. Request for a License to Export Radioactive Waste, Duratek Services, Inc. (a subsidiary of EnergySolutions), Application No. XW014.
5. Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos. 50-454 and 50-455, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
6. Exelon Generation Company, LLC, LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, Docket No. 50-373 and 50-374, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
7. Proposed rule. 10 CFR Part 35, RIN 3150-AI26 [NRC-2008-0071] Medical Use of Byproduct Material – Amendments/Medical Event Definitions.

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Region II (RII)  
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Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Public Meeting

On July 31, 2008, representatives from Tennessee Valley Authority attended a public meeting in the Region II Office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the plant status of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant.

Catawba Nuclear Plant Public Meeting

On August 1, 2008, representatives from Duke Energy Corporation attended a public meeting in the Region II Office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the plant status of the Catawba Nuclear Plant.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)  
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 27					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Janbergs	07/31/08 366 DSOB	9:30	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Senators Bingaman / Domenici)	Oversight Hearing on the State of the Nation's Electricity Transmission Grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kevin Kolevar, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy reliability; Jim Hoecker, Counsel for WIRES; Terry Boston, President and CEO of PJM Interconnection; Colin Whitley, General Manager of Kansas Power Pool, American Public Power Association; Joseph Kelliher, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Marsha Smith, Commissioner of Idaho Public Utilities Commission, representing the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Susan Tomasky, President of American Electric Power; and George Loehr, Piedmont Environmental Council</li> </ul>
Kron	07/31/08 342 DSOB	9:30	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security (Senators Carper / Coburn)	Offline and Off-budget: The Dismal State of Information Technology Planning in the Federal Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>