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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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SECY-07-0063 Issued

On April 3, 2007, the staff issued SECY-07-0063, "Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Results of the Industry Trends Program," to document the results and analysis of the FY 2006 industry-level performance indicators. The report also summarizes the status of the ongoing development of the Industry Trends Program. The report concludes that no statistically significant adverse industry trends have been identified through FY 2006. In addition, no issues that warranted further analysis or significant program adjustments were identified by short-term trending of the FY 2006 data.

Meeting with Exelon Generating Company Regarding LaSalle County Station

On April 5, 2007, the staff met with members of Exelon Generating Company for a public meeting to discuss a pre-application license amendment for LaSalle County Station (LaSalle) for the Ultimate Heat Sink (UHS). On November 3, 2006, the staff issued a notice of denial which documented that the LaSalle's initial March 13, 2006, amendment request to be unacceptable. The purpose of the April 5 meeting was to discuss the action items identified during the denial followup meeting held on January 26, 2007. The licensee plans to resubmit a license amendment request for the UHS on or before May 31, 2007.

Reactor Oversight Process Self-assessment SECY Paper Issued

On April 6, 2007, the staff issued SECY-07-0069, "Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Self-assessment for Calendar Year (CY) 2006," to document the self-assessment results for CY 2006. The results for CY 2006 indicate that the ROP provided effective safety oversight as demonstrated by meeting the seven program goals and achieving its intended outcomes. The NRC appropriately monitored operating nuclear power plant activities and focused agency resources on performance issues, and plants received a level of oversight commensurate with their performance. The staff continued to emphasize stakeholder involvement and improve various aspects of the ROP as a result of feedback and lessons learned.

Reactor Oversight Process Monthly Meeting

On April 11, 2007, the staff held the monthly Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) public meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a forum for industry feedback on staff initiatives. The meeting attendees discussed mitigating systems performance index (MSPI) implementation, safety culture integration into the reactor oversight process, performance indicator issues, and open and new frequently asked questions for the ROP.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Annual Fire Research Conference

On April 4-5, 2007, the staff made presentations at the above-mentioned conference which was attended by more than 140 U.S. and international fire researchers. The RES Fire Research Team discussed its Fire Modeling Verification and Validation program and Cable Response to Live Fire (CAROLFIRE) spurious actuation testing program.

Federal Agencies Fire Research Working Group Sponsored by NIST

On April 6, 2007, NIST sponsored a meeting attended by about 100 personnel representing 12 Federal Agencies. Discussions during the meeting, which was held at the request of RES, focused on how multiple agencies could benefit from the various fire research programs being conducted. NIST and RES were tasked to draft a charter for a Federal Fire Safety Research working group, and NIST was tasked to establish a web-based forum for this group to communicate and exchange information.

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Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
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Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-IV-07-004A, Energy Northwest, UPDATE TO FORCED OUTAGE RESULTING FROM A TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REQUIRED PLANT SHUTDOWN
2. PNO-IV007-004, Energy Northwest, ALERT DECLARATION DUE TO A TRANSFORMER FIRE AND INITIATION OF A TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REQUIRED PLANT SHUTDOWN

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Request for Comments on Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the Union of Concerned Scientists (PRM-73-13)

On April 9, 2007, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 17440) that requests comments on a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Union of Concerned Scientists (PRM-73-13). The petitioner requests an amendment to the regulations that would close a loophole in the access authorization regulations. The amendment would prevent persons who do not meet trustworthiness and reliability standards from unescorted access to protected areas of nuclear power plants. The comment period for this action closes June 25, 2007.

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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 April 6 through April 12, 2007:

MLTS database, active and retired sites	FOIA/PA-2007-0168
Office of the General Counsel's written policy outlining future staff actions on Federal/state regulatory preemption issues	FOIA/PA-2007-0169
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant, analysis of the radiation protection office area re: hot gas layer temperatures reaching in excess of 1000 degrees F	FOIA/PA-2007-0170
RS-ADM-07-446, current contract for Medical Review Officer (MRO) Services	FOIA/PA-2007-0171
Radioactive material licenses for named cities in Solano, Napa, Yoma, and Somana counties, California	FOIA/PA-2007-0172
Radioactive material licenses for named cities in Burlington, Ocean, Mercer, & Monmouth counties, New Jersey	FOIA/PA-2007-0173
Allegation RIV-1998-A-0169, including all correspondence between named individual and NRC	FOIA/PA-2007-0174
Strike contingency plan, Oyster Creek, NRC integrated Inspection Report 05000219/2003003 dated July 29, 2003, all records	FOIA/PA-2007-0175
Advisory letter issued by NRC to all Research Test Reactor sites (October 2001) outlining required security measures for each Department of Homeland Security (DHS) threat level; Interim Compensatory Measures; Confirmatory Action Letters, etc.	FOIA/PA-2007-0176

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
AKE, JON	SR. SEISMOLOGIST/GEOPHYSICIST	RES
AYRES, ANNETTE	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
BEACH, KIMBERLY	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
BURTON, TASHEENA	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
CHERUBINI, JOHN	PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTOR	RI
COLE, CASSANDRA	SECRETARY (OA)	HR
CURRAN, BRIDGET	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
FLETCHER, CECIL	GENERAL ENGINEER	RII
GAITHER, M'LITA	MANAGEMENT ANALYST (TERM)	RES
GRZYWA, MARY	SECRETARY (OA)	RIII
KRISS, BARBARA	SECRETARY (OA)	OIS
NOSEK, ANDREW	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGR. (NSPDP)	RES
SANCHEZ, CHANEL	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
Departures		
ANDERSON, CHARMAINE	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
GARRETT, NORMAN	SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR (BWR/TL)	RII
ROMERO, STEVE	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OI

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA received significant media inquiries on the following:

Indian Point siren testing and failures; transformer fire; order extension and questions on white performance indicator

Shearon Harris license renewal

Exponent report on Davis Besse vessel head corrosion growth rate.

Issuance of USEC centrifuge license and the Atomic Safety Licensing Board ruling

Other Public Affairs Items:

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

OPA Headquarters assisted the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs in adding Security for Radioactive Material to NRC's website.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
07-045	NRC Staff Approves Big Rock Point Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation License Transfer (4/10)
07-046	NRC Issues Clarifications to New Reactor Licensing Process (4/11)
07-047	NRC Issues License to USEC Inc. For Gas Centrifuge Uranium Enrichment Plant in Ohio(4/13)
07-048	NRC Denies Entergy's Request for a Second Deadline Extension For an Order Requiring Siren back-up Power (4/13)
Regions:	
I-07-015	NRC to Discuss 2006 Assessment for Pilgrim Nuclear Plant at Public Meeting Scheduled for April 17 (4/10)
I-07-016	NRC to Discuss 2006 Assessment for Limerick Nuclear Plant At Public Meeting Scheduled for April 18 (4/11)
II-07-013	NRC to Discuss Process for Review of License Renewal Application for Harris Nuclear Plant, Seeks Environmental Input (4/11)

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II-07-014	NRC to Discuss 2006 Performance at Hatch Nuclear Plant (4/11)
II-07-015	NRC to Discuss 2006 Performance at Crystal River Nuclear Plant (4/11)
II-07-016	NRC to Discuss 2006 Performance at Turkey Point Nuclear Plant (4/11)
II-07-017	NRC to Discuss 2006 Performance at Summer Nuclear Plant (4/11)
II-07-018	NRC Staff Issues Order to Former Contract Foreman for Deliberate Misconduct at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (4/13)
II-07-019	NRC to Discuss 2006 Performance at Surry Nuclear Plant (4/12)
II-07-020	NRC to Discuss 2006 Performance at North Anna Nuclear Plant (4/13)
II-07-021	Licensing Board Schedules Evidentiary Hearing for North Anna Early Site Permit(4/13)
III-07-014	NRC to Discuss 2006 Performance Assessment for D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant (4/6)
III-07-015	NRC Issues a "Yellow" Inspection Finding to Kewaunee Nuclear Plant for Failing to Promptly Evaluate Diesel Fuel Oil Leak (4/10)
III-07-016	NRC to Discuss 2006 Performance Assessment for Quad Cities Nuclear Power Plant (4/12)
IV-07-007	NRC to Hold Regulatory Conference with Omaha Public Power District to Discuss Apparent Violation at Ft. Calhoun (4/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Commission Voting Record on SECY-06-0220	4/11/07	Final Rule to Update 10 CFR Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants" (RIN AG24)
2. SECY-07-0060	3/27/07	Basis and Justification for Approval Process for 10 CFR 20.2002 Authorizations and Options for Change
Information Papers		
- SECY-07-0067	4/6/07	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending March 30, 2007
Memoranda		
- M070411	4/11/07	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session: I. SECY-06-0220 - Final Rule to Update 10 CFR Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants" (RIN AG24); II. SECY-07-0056 - Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), Docket No. 50-271-LR, LBP-06-20, 64 NRC 131, 175-82 (2006)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to David Modeen, EPRI, dated April 3, 2007, responds to letter requesting authorization for the EPRI to control Safeguards Information.
2. Letter to Christine Gregoire, Governor of Washington, dated April 2, 2007, responds to letter encouraging the NRC to consider adopting the use of global positioning satellite (GPS) tracking as a national requirement for mobile or portable use of highly radioactive sources.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Request to Amend a License to Export Radioactive Waste (Diversified Scientific Services, Inc.).

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2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (05/02/2007).
3. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Safety Research Program, notice of meeting (05/02/2007).
4. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, revised notice of meeting (05/23-24/2007).
5. ACRS, notice of 542nd meeting (05/03-05/2007).

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Region II (RII)
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Areva Richland Uranium Fuel Plant Pre-Decisional Enforcement Conference

On April 12, 2007, Region II management met with representatives of the Areva Richland Uranium Fuel Plant to discuss the apparent violations identified by the Special Inspection Team that reviewed a hydrogen fluoride leak in the dry conversion facility. The Areva representatives discussed the causes of the leak and corrective actions taken.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 11

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	WITNESSES
Decker	04/11/2007 138 Dirksen	2:30	Senate Appropriations, Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Senators Dorgan /Domenici)	FY 2008 Appropriations	-Kevin Kolevar - Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability -Alexander Karsner - Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy -Dennis Spurgeon - Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy -Tom Shope - Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy
Combs/ Powell	04/25/07 406 HSOB	10:00	Senate Environment and Public Works, Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee (Senators Carper / Voinovich)	Oversight and Budget	-Nuclear Regulatory Commission -TBD