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Office of New Reactors (NRO)
Items of Interest
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Staff Holds Public Scoping Meeting to Discuss Environmental Issues Pertaining to the Combined License (COL) Application for Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4

On January 6, 2009, the staff conducted two public meetings, related to the COL application for Luminant Generation Company, LLC COL site in Glen Rose, Texas to solicit comments from the public on environmental issues related to the COLs. Over 150 people attended the meetings, including representatives of the NRC, Oakridge National Laboratories, Information Laboratories, Luminant, state and local governments, the nuclear industry, and members of the public. About 50 people provided comments. The public comment period for scoping ends on February 17, 2009. At the conclusion of the comment period, the staff will evaluate the comments, develop the scope of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS), and prepare the draft EIS, which is currently scheduled to be published December 2009.

Entergy Reconsidering Reactor Technology for River Bend and Grand Gulf Combined License (COL) Applications

By letter dated January 9, 2009, Entergy Operations, Inc. requested the NRC suspend, until further notice, the staff's review of the docketed COL applications for the River Bend Station Unit 3 and the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Unit 3. Entergy plans to reconsider the General Electric-Hitachi ESBWR reactor technology, which was the basis for the COL applications. The staff plans to issue a response to Entergy's letter in the near future.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Public Quarterly Management Meeting on Yucca Mountain

On January 7, 2009, NRC and Department of Energy (DOE) management and staff held a public meeting (at NRC headquarters) on the proposed Yucca Mountain Project. This was the first Quarterly Management Meeting since receipt of the license application for a high level waste repository. With the production of NRC staff requests for additional information and the receipt of contentions, both the application review and the hearing process are underway. As a result, the meeting focused on the license application review process rather than specific technical concerns associated with the application. The new DOE organization for the Yucca Mountain Project, the schedule for future DOE submittals, and more efficient ways to respond to NRC requests for additional information were discussed. Representatives of the State of Nevada, interested stakeholders, the press, and other members of the public participated either at headquarters or via telecom or videoconferencing from (1) San Antonio, Texas, (2) Las Vegas, Nevada, or (3) other parts of the country.

Public Teleconference on Additional Information on Yucca Mountain License Application

On January 7, 2009, NRC staff held a public teleconference with DOE staff concerning requests for additional information about radionuclide transport.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Information and Records Services Division participated in the Digital Government Institute's Educational Advisory Committee

On January 8, 2009, the Information and Records Services Division participated in the Digital Government Institute's Educational Advisory Committee for the upcoming program on *E-Discovery and Records Management*, to be held at the Reagan Building in Washington, DC on Thursday, March 5, 2009. A small group of professionals from information technology (IT), legal, and records management were brought together to share feedback on the proposed program and discuss topics, issues, and challenges they consider of most interest to the community. The Digital Government Institute specializes in developing educational programs on emerging trends and technologies for government IT professionals and tailors programs to meet the needs of those responsible for improving agency service and performance.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 2, 2009 through January 8, 2009:

Senior Reactor Operator license, 21849, docket 55-22411	FOIA/PA-2009-0055
Allegation RIV-2004-A-0014, all correspondence between individual and NRC	FOIA/PA-2009-0056
Reactor Operators License	FOIA/PA-2009-0057
Investigation Closing Memorandum 05-71 dated June 7, 2007, Joseph McMillan to Luis Reyes regarding Office of the Inspector General investigations on Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3	FOIA/PA-2009-0058

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

Reactor water cleanup system at Vermont Yankee nuclear plant near Brattleboro, Vermont.

New reactor applications

Transfer of licenses for Oyster Creek and Three Mile Island nuclear plants from AmerGen to Exelon.

Recent enforcement action against Exelon for guard inattentiveness at Peach Bottom nuclear plant near Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-001	NRC Meeting with Public January 27-28 on Environmental Issues for Summer New Reactor Application (1/05)
09-002	NRC Deploys National Source Tracking System; Milestone in Security of Radioactive Materials (1/05)
09-003	NRC Announces Opportunity to Participate in Hearing on New Nuclear Reactor Application for Fermi Site (1/08)
09-004	NRC Meeting with Public January 29 on Environmental Issues for Bell Bend New Reactor Application (1/08)
09-005	NRC Maintains Top-Notch Performance in Latest Government-Wide Human Capital Survey (1/09)
Regions:	
I-09-001	NRC Proposes \$65,000 Fine for Violations Associated with Inattentive Security Guards at Peach Bottom Nuclear Plant (1/06)
I-09-002	NRC to Discuss Results of License Renewal Inspection for Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant on January 13 (1/07)
II-09-001	NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Following Alternative Dispute Resolution (1/06)
II-09-002	NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference with Duke Energy to Discuss Oconee Nuclear Plant (1/09)
III-09-001	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant (1/05)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMSECY-08-0036	11/10/08	Status of Decommissioning Program - 2008 Annual Report
SRM on COMSECY-08-0036	01/08/09	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMSECY-08-0036	01/08/09	(same)
2. SECY-08-0196	01/09/09	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Requirements for Fingerprinting for Criminal History Record Checks of Individuals Granted Unescorted Access to Research and Test Reactors (NRC-2008-0619) (RIN-A125)
3. SECY-08-0197	01/09/09	Options to Revise Radiation Protection Regulations and Guidance with Respect to the 2007 Recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0001	01/02/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 26, 2008
Memoranda		
1. M081215A	01/08/09	Briefing on Protection of the NRC Information Technology Infrastructure and Related Topics
2. M081211	01/08/09	Briefing on Uranium Recovery
3. M081107	01/09/09	Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Detroit Edison Company, Notice of Hearing, and Opportunity to Petition for Leave to Intervene and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation on a Combined License for FERMI 3, Docket No. 52-033.

Region IV (RIV)
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Management Changes at Columbia Generating Station

On January 8, 2009, Energy Northwest announced that Scott Oxenford will serve as Vice President, Nuclear Generation/Chief Nuclear Officer. Dale Atkinson will become Vice President, Operational Support.

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