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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Dam Inspections

From April 6 to 10, 2009, the staff and dam inspectors from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission performed dam safety inspections at the Comanche Peak and Farley Nuclear Plants.

Public Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on Safety Culture

On April 16, 2009, the staff hosted a Category 2 public meeting. The purpose of this meeting was for NEI to describe in detail its proposed safety culture oversight process, its view of an independent regulatory role for the NRC in that process, and safety culture assessment guidelines for which the NEI seeks NRC endorsement.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1211 (DG-1211) "Materials and Inspections for Reactor Vessel Closure Studs"

On April 9, 2009, the staff issued DG-1211 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.65, which provides guidance for use in complying with the requirements that the NRC staff deems acceptable for the design, fabrication, installation, and testing of reactor vessel closure studs. DG-1211 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Publication of Regulatory Guide 3.16, Revision 1, "General Fire Protection Guide for Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Plants"

On April 13, 2009, the staff published a Regulatory Guide that directs the reader to the type of information acceptable to the NRC staff for the review of fire protection programs included by an applicant as part of an application to construct and operate a plutonium processing and mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility. Regulatory Guide 3.16 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/fuels-materials/active/>.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Requirements for Fingerprinting for Criminal History Record Checks of Individuals Granted Unescorted Access to Research and Test Reactors (RIN 3510-AI25)

On April 14, 2009, the NRC published a document (74 FR 17115) in the *Federal Register* as an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) proposing to begin the process of establishing generic requirements for NRC research and test reactor (RTR) licensees to obtain fingerprint-based criminal history checks on individuals having unescorted access to their facilities. This document is being published to inform all interested parties of the options that the NRC is considering for implementing the requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 as they pertain to RTRs. The comment period for this ANPR expires June 15, 2009.

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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 10, 2009 through April 16, 2009:

Office of Investigations Report 4-2008-053	FOIA/PA-2009-0137
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Instruction LIC-112, "Power Uprate Process" effective February 17, 2009	FOIA/PA-2009-0138
Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes, other candidates for Patients' Rights Advocate position	FOIA/PA-2009-0139
Neutron Energy Inc., public meeting between Neutron and NRC held November 6, 2008, detailed account of comments of Neutron	FOIA/PA-2009-0140
Allegation, RII-2007-A-0179, including transcripts of interviews and correspondence between NRC and named individual	FOIA/PA-2009-0141
Allegation, RII-2008-A-0040, including transcripts of interviews and correspondence between NRC and named individual	FOIA/PA-2009-0142

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Arnold, Valanita	Training Program Specialist (CO-OP)	RII
Osgood, Nancy	Consultant	NMSS

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

NRC's response to letters from Rep. Markey (D-Massachusetts) and Rep. Jim Matheson (D-Utah) on the disposal of depleted uranium as Class A waste

Discovery of tritium in the water of a cable vault at the Oyster Creek nuclear plant, located near Toms River, New Jersey

Stuck control rod at Unit 3 of the Turkey Point nuclear plant, located near Miami, Florida

Waste Control Specialist's proposal to accept waste from outside the Texas Compact

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA coordinated an interview of Chairman Dale Klein and Commissioner Kristine Svinicki by reporters from the Knoxville News-Sentinel and the Chattanooga Times-Free Press about the NRC's oversight of the construction of the Watts Bar Unit 2 nuclear plant, (Tennessee), Tennessee Valley Authority's anticipated combined license applications for new nuclear reactors and potential construction of unfinished reactors at the Bellefonte site (located near Scottsboro, Alabama), the review of applications for new reactors throughout the United States, disposal of nuclear waste, and plant security from attack by aircraft.

OPA arranged for Commissioner Kristine Svinicki and Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Alabama) to be interviewed by two Huntsville television stations, the Chattanooga Times Free Press, the Scottsboro Daily Sentinel, the Huntsville Times, and the Clarion, after their tour of the Bellefonte site.

OPA arranged for the North County News (Westchester, New York) to discuss with NRC staff the proposal for the Indian Point nuclear plant, located near New York City, New York, to shift fuel from the Unit 3 pool to the Unit 2 pool, and then into dry cask storage.

A Region I Public Affairs Officer participated in a television interview with a reporter from CBS-3, the CBS-TV affiliate in Springfield, Massachusetts, about the safety of the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-072	NRC Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes to Meet May 7-8 (04/14)
09-073	NRC Seeks Comment on Proposal to Set Requirements for Security Checks on Staff at Research Reactors (04/14)
09-074	NRC Directs Staff to Enhance Security of Cesium Chloride Radiation Sources while Alternatives are Explored (04/15)

Regions:	
I-09-022	NRC to Discuss Annual Assessment for Millstone Nuclear Plant at Two Public Meetings Set for April 23 in Waterford, Connecticut (04/17)
II-09-020	NRC to Discuss 2008 Performance of Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant (04/15)
II-09-021	NRC to Present Results of Licensee Performance Review at Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel Plant in Columbia, South Carolina (04/15)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-09-0051	03/31/09	Evaluation of Radiological Consequence Models and Codes
2. SRM-SECY-09-0007	04/16/09	Proposed Rule Related to Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Regulations (10 CFR Part 50) (RIN 3150-A110)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0007	04/16/09	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0048	03/27/09	Fiscal Year 2008 Results of the Industry Trends Program for Operating Power Reactors and Status of the Ongoing Development of the Program
2. SECY-09-0060	04/13/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 3, 2009

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey, dated April 9, 2009, responds to letter expressing concern about the potential outcome of the pending lawsuit between the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste management and Energy Solutions, Inc.
2. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey, dated April 9, 2009, responds to letter expressing concerns about the safe and secure disposal of depleted uranium.
3. Letter to Mohammad Anwar Habib, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority, dated April 6, 2009, express congratulations on appointment as Chairman of PNRA.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, notice of 562nd meeting (05/07-09/2009).

Region IV (RIV)
Items of Interest
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Meeting with Callaway Plant Management

On April 13, 2009, members of the Region IV staff met with engineering management representatives from AmerenUE in the Region IV office to discuss engineering performance at the Callaway Plant. The public meeting was held at the request of the licensee. The Callaway Plant engineering management presented engineering successes, engineering challenges, and engineering-specific regulatory affairs items as topics for discussion.

Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Public End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting

On April 14, 2009, Region IV staff conducted a Category 1 public meeting in Port Gibson, Mississippi, to discuss Grand Gulf Nuclear Station's safety performance for 2008. Participants included members of the licensee staff and Region IV staff. Approximately 12 people attended the presentation, including representatives from state and local governments.

Wolf Creek Public End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting

On April 16, 2009, Region IV staff conducted a Category 1 public meeting in Burlington, Kansas, to discuss the Wolf Creek's safety performance for 2008. During the meeting, the NRC also discussed the station's current substantive cross-cutting issues in Human Performance and Problem Identification and Resolution. Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Company management presented their plans to address these issues. Approximately 70 people were in attendance at the meeting. Participants included Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Company employees, NRC staff, and one representative from the local county government.