

# INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
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Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station Restart

On March 11, 2004, Davis-Besse attained criticality, ending the outage that began on February 16, 2002. On March 14, 2004, Davis-Besse entered Mode 1 operation (greater than 5 percent power), and on March 16, 2004, Davis-Besse synchronized the main generator to the electrical grid.

On March 16, 2004, when switching feedwater (FW) flow from the startup FW system to the main FW system, the licensee identified a problem in the main FW system. Subsequently, on March 17, 2004, the licensee commenced a reduction in power with the intent to shutdown to effect repairs. All license requirements were met.

The NRC staff is maintaining around the clock onsite inspection coverage observing plant activities.

Vermont Yankee Power Uprate

On March 15, 2004, the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) authorized Entergy, during Vermont Yankee's spring 2004 refueling outage, to implement plant modifications to accommodate power uprate of up to 20 percent. The PSB found that the proposed power uprate, with appropriate conditions, would promote the general good of the State by providing additional electric capacity to New England's power grid and economic benefits to Vermont. In connection with its authorization, the PSB requested that the NRC conduct an "independent engineering assessment" of Vermont Yankee.

On March 16, 2004, the Vermont State Senate Committee on Finance approved a resolution urging the NRC to condition its approval of Vermont Yankee's power uprate request upon performance of an "independent engineering assessment," as called for in the PSB ruling of March 15, 2004, which assesses the conformance of the facility to its design and licensing basis for operation at both the current licensed power level and the proposed uprated power level. The NRC staff is currently reviewing the Vermont Yankee power uprate request and expects to complete the review in early 2005.

Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Sump Issue Discussed at the Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) on March 11, 2004

The Emergent Technical Issues Session at the RIC on March 11, 2004, included a discussion on the PWR sump issue. Dr. Brian W. Sheron, the Associate Director for Project Licensing and Technical Analysis, presented the current status of the staff's efforts to resolve the issue and stated that the overall schedule will not be delayed. The draft Generic Letter will be issued for public comment this month and a public workshop is scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2004, to discuss the Nuclear Engineering Institute (NEI) guidance document. Dr. Sheron discussed the staff's recent letter to NEI which rejected the industries proposed resolution based on a leak-before-break and fracture mechanics analyses, and informed the audience that the staff is

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considering allowing a smaller loss-of-coolant accident break size to be applied for calculating debris generation, consistent with the 10 CFR 50.46 rulemaking effort. However, for break sizes between the new smaller design-basis accident break and the double-ended-guillotine-break of the largest pipe in the reactor coolant system, some level of mitigative capability and acceptance criteria must still be satisfied.

#### Public Meeting with NEI

Staff of the Division of Inspection Program Management staff and the regions (via telephone) participated in a Category 2 public meeting with NEI on March 15, 2004, to discuss issues regarding the Occupational and Public Radiation Safety Cornerstones of the Reactor Oversight Process. The discussion focused on Frequently Asked Questions concerning the control of access to locked high radiation areas and issues concerning the adequacy of physical barriers used to prevent unauthorized entry into a locked High Radiation Area. The staff is continuing to work with stakeholders to clarify the NRC and NEI guidance in this area.

The meeting also focused on the staff's proposed revision to the Transportation Significance Determination Process on package dose rate limits. The intent of the proposed revision is to more closely align the NRC's enforcement of transportation regulations with those of the of the Department of Transportation and the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards. Comments were requested on the draft. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2004.

#### Mitigating Systems Performance Index (MSPI)

For over two years, NRC staff, industry representatives, and other stakeholders have participated in a pilot program to develop and assess a potential replacement for the current safety system unavailability (SSU) performance indicator (PI). The pilot program was completed in late 2003 and the staff has completed its assessment of the results. While the MSPI had certain advantages over the SSU PI, the disadvantages and unintended consequences (e.g., assessment process changes and additional staff resources needed to implement and maintain the MSPI) were significant and outweighed the potential improvements. The staff will continue to work with all stakeholders involved in its effort to improve PI.

#### 16th Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC)

On March 10-12, 2004, the 16th annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) was held in Washington, DC. Mr. James Dyer, Director, NRR, opened the conference on Wednesday, March 10 with the conference theme, "Promoting Openness Through Effective Communications." He explained the Agency's goal to promote openness by providing a meaningful exchange of information. In addition, he described how effective communications could enhance stakeholder understanding of the Agency's regulatory programs.

The staff made presentations on a variety of technical and regulatory topics such as: License Renewal, Reactor Oversight Process, Licensing Issues, International Issues, Communications, Operating Experience, Emergency Preparedness, Risk-Informed Activities, Fire Protection, and Emergent Technical Issues, as well as numerous other topics.

The theme during the RIC of maintaining a questioning attitude was echoed by several speakers, including the Chairman. Of particular interest was a panel discussion on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Three Mile Island accident which included Mr. Richard Thornburg, former Governor of Pennsylvania and Mr. Harold Denton, former Director of NRR, as well as the Chairman and the Executive Director for Operations. The conference was widely attended by domestic and international stakeholders, members of industry, the media, and the NRC staff.

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Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on Action Items from September 2003 Workshop

On March 5, 2004, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards met with NEI representatives to discuss the status of action items from the September 2003 Integrated Safety Analysis and Criticality Safety Workshops. These action items included NRC development of interim staff guidance and industry's perspective on various aspects of items relied on for safety. The follow-up meeting to the workshop, to be hosted by NRC in the summer of 2004, was also discussed.

In-Office Review of Louisiana Energy Services' Integrated Safety Analysis

On March 9-10, 2004, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards conducted an in-office review of the non-classified portion of the Louisiana Energy Services' (LES's) Integrated Safety Analysis (ISA) at its contractor's Marlborough, Massachusetts, corporate office. By letter dated December 12, 2003, LES had submitted, to NRC, its license application and ISA Summary for construction and operation of the National Enrichment Facility (NEF), a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility, in Lea County, New Mexico, near the city of Eunice. The NEF's design is similar to the design of the Claiborne Enrichment Center in Homer, Louisiana, for which LES had submitted a license application in 1991, which it later withdrew in 1998. However, since Subpart H of 10 CFR Part 70 went into effect in 2000, the most significant difference between the two license applications is the ISA.

Meeting of the International Commission on Radiological Protection

On March 8-10, 2004, senior staff participated in a meeting of the International Commission on Radiological Protection Task Group on the definition of the individual for purposes of the radiation protection dose assessment. The Task Group continued detailed drafting and discussion, and focused upon the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed approach. The Task Group will meet again in Oxford, England, in July 2004, to complete work on the draft.

NUREG on Public Scoping Comments on Controlling the Disposition of Solid Materials Rulemaking

On March 9, 2004, NRC published NUREG/CR-6682, Supplement 1, entitled "Summary and Categorization of Public Comments on Controlling the Disposition of Solid Materials." These public scoping comments are related to NRC's proposed rulemaking to evaluate alternative courses of action at NRC-licensed facilities for controlling the disposition of solid materials that have very low amounts of, or no, radioactivity. In 1999 NRC sought early input on the major issues associated with this effort; these public comments were summarized and published as NUREG/CR-6682, "Summary and Categorization of Public Comments on the Control of Solid Materials." As part of its continuing efforts to solicit stakeholder involvement, on February 28, 2003, NRC published a "Request for Comments" on the scope of a proposed rulemaking, in the Federal Register (68 FR 9595). In this Federal Register notice, NRC sought stakeholder

participation and involvement in identifying alternatives and their environmental impacts that should be considered as part of a rulemaking. NRC also conducted a workshop to solicit new input in May 2003. NUREG/CR-6682, Supplement 1, summarizes over 2600 public comment letters and e-mails received on the proposed rulemaking in 2003.

#### Senate Field Hearing on Yucca Mountain Silicosis Concerns

Along with about 100 members of the public and news media, an NRC onsite representative on the Yucca Mountain project attended a March 15, 2004, Las Vegas field hearing convened by U.S. Senator Harry Reid of Nevada. The hearing was held to understand past site industrial safety practices for, and potential health impacts from, working in environments with high levels of silica or fibrous mineral dust during the drilling and tunneling of Yucca Mountain. Also discussed was the Department of Energy's (DOE's) knowledge of, and response to, the dust issues. Current DOE managers, former and current workers at the Yucca Mountain site, and industrial and medical health experts provided testimony.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research  
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Standard Review Plan for Selected Containment Subcompartment Analyses Found Non-Conservative

The licensee for River Bend requested a license amendment to revise the method of analysis for high energy line breaks in subcompartments inside the containment using the GOTHIC computer code. The staff found that this new method of performing subcompartment analyses for a certain class of breaks was nonconservative. In addition, this method of performing subcompartment analyses for a certain class of breaks showed that the guidance in the Standard Review Plan was nonconservative for this case. Pressure resulting from a Reactor Water Cleanup (RWCU) system pipe break in the filter demineralizer room was found to be much higher than predicted in the licensee's submittal. NRC's findings were provided to the River Bend licensee who confirmed the conclusions and took steps to notify the nuclear industry by means of an Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) newsletter.

Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) Model Development Program

With the receipt of the Revision 3 SPAR model for Beaver Valley 1 on March 11, 2004, RES staff has completed the updates of all 72 Revision 3i SPAR models to address comments generated during onsite quality assurance review of these models. The next phase of the SPAR Model Development Project will consist of producing a set of enhanced models using insights obtained during the comparison exercise conducted with the pilot program plants in the Mitigating Systems Performance Index development program, and using recent feedback received from model users from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Regions, and RES.

Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
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Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-I-04-008-A, St. Mary Hospital - UPDATE TO POTENTIAL MEDICAL EVENT INVOLVING A PROSTATE SEED IMPLANT.
2. PNO-III-04-003, Davis-Besse - SHUTDOWN OF THE DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION PLANT FOR GREATER THAN 72 HOURS.
3. PNO-IV-04-010, Pacific Gas and Electric Company - EARTHQUAKE NEAR DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT.

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Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material: Public Meeting (Part 71)

On March 15, 2004, a document announcing a Nuclear Regulatory Commission/Department of Transportation workshop on the regulations applicable to the safe transport of radioactive material was published in the Federal Register (69 FR 12088). The workshop will provide an opportunity for affected parties to discuss any operational concerns with the recently revised transportation regulations. The workshop will also include discussions concerning change authority for dual-purpose certification holders, a proposed action that was not included in the recent final rule (69 FR 3632; January 26, 2004). The workshop will be held on April 15, 2004.

Contract Award

On March 12, 2004, a competitive fixed-price delivery order, DR-33-04-316, was awarded to Kyocera Mita America, Inc., under the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Schedule. The vendor is required to provide sixteen (16) KM-6330 copiers on a Lease-to-Purchase basis, each with a 90-day warranty and monthly minimum maintenance. The new copiers will be located at Headquarters and Regions I, III, and IV. The delivery order is estimated at \$403,900.80 for a five-year period of performance.

Chief Information Officer  
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Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests received during the period of  
March 12 through March 18, 2004:

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| Nuclear Laundry Services, Waterbury, Connecticut, radioactive material license, termination letter, transfer of ownership 1962, and decommissioning documents                                 | FOIA/PA-2004-0159 |
| Note from H. K. Shapar to J. Hennessey, 04/03/67, explaining why the Commission consistently interprets the provision to require a trial-type hearing (Section 189a of the Atomic Energy Act) | FOIA/PA-2004-0160 |
| Decommissioning plan & cost estimates for the Alan J. Blotcky Reactor in Omaha, Nebraska & the Ford Reactor, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan   | FOIA/PA-2004-0161 |
| EA-03-190, inspection report 030-07710/01-001, investigative report 4-2002-001, with attachments, all records   | FOIA/PA-2004-0162 |
| EA-03-126, inspection report 01-4-2002-001 with attachments, all records  | FOIA/PA-2004-0163 |

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Office of Human Resources  
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| <b>Arrivals</b>      |                                     |         |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Russell A. Barnes    | Security Specialist                 | NSIR    |
| Janet C. Burkhardt   | Secretary                           | OCIO    |
| Lynn D. Cooper       | Office Services Assistant           | R-IV    |
| Keith Heater         | Secretary (OA)                      | R-I     |
| Susan W. Johnson     | Branch Chief                        | OCIO    |
| Leslie Kerr          | Cost Analyst                        | NRR     |
| Jun Lee              | IT Specialist                       | NRR     |
| John Nicholson       | Health Physicist                    | R-I     |
| Jiwon Song           | Secretary (OA)                      | HR/SPAC |
| Sheldon Stuchell     | Security Specialist                 | NSIR    |
| Nicholas H. Taylor   | Reactor Engineer                    | R-IV    |
| Marshanda White-Plye | Office Automation Assistant         | NRR     |
| <b>Retirements</b>   |                                     |         |
| Henry K. Lathrop     | Project Engineer                    | NMSS    |
| <b>Departures</b>    |                                     |         |
| Anthony C. Ebaugh    | Nuclear Safety Intern               | NMSS    |
| Burnetta Montgomery  | Human Resources Specialist (Intern) | HR      |
| Cheryl Stone         | Branch Chief                        | ADM     |

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Office of Public Affairs  
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Media Interest

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

For the approaching 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Three Mile Island accident, OPA facilitated interviews of NRC historian J. Samuel Walker with CNN, Reuters, NPR, Pennsylvania Public Radio, and other media outlets.

Petitions in a lawsuit by Sierra Club and other groups seeking public hearings on the potential terrorist threat to a spent fuel storage installation proposed for the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant in California.

Calls by eight Western governors for the Commission to reverse its decision to drop the double-containment requirement for waste shipments containing plutonium to the Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico.

First Energy's efforts to restart the Davis-Besse nuclear plant in Ohio after being shut down for two years.

Other OPA Items:

Assisted at public meetings regarding the Honeywell Uranium Conversion Plant in Metropolis, Illinois, and the Salem/Hope Creek nuclear plants in New Jersey.

Made presentations on nuclear power regulation at schools in Illinois and New Hampshire.

| <b>Press Releases</b> |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Regions:</b>       |   |
| I-04-010              | NRC to Discuss Annual Performance Assessment of Pilgrim Nuclear Plant (3/17)                        |
| I-04-011              | NRC to Discuss Annual Performance Assessment of James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Plant (3/17)           |
| I-04-012              | NRC to Discuss Annual Performance Assessment of Millstone Nuclear Power Plant (3/18)                |
| I-04-013              | NRC to Discuss Annual Performance Assessment of Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Plant (3/18)            |
| II-04-011             | NRC to Meet with SCE&G Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Summer Nuclear Power Plant (3/17) |

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| II-04-012  | NRC to Meet with Progress Energy Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Harris Nuclear Power Plant (3/17) |
| III-04-012 | NRC Suspends License of a Missouri Industrial Testing Company (3/16)  |
| III-04-013 | NRC Proposes \$60,000 Fine Against Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant (3/19)                                     |
| IV-04-009  | NRC Proposes \$21,000 Fine to Alaska Department of Transportation (3/16)                                      |
| IV-04-010  | NRC to Discuss Performance of Palo Verde Plant (3/17)   |
| IV-04-011  | NRC to Meet with Entergy Operations Inc. to Discuss Performance of Arkansas Nuclear One (3/18)                |
| IV-04-012  | NRC to Meet with Nebraska Public Power District to Discuss Performance of Cooper Nuclear Station (3/19)       |

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Office of International Programs  
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Japanese Interest in NRC's Resident Inspector Program

On March 15, 2004, Mr. Tsuyoshi Ebine, Deputy Director for Nuclear Safety Training, Japan Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, accompanied by staff from the Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization, met with staff from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation NRR to discuss NRC's Resident Inspector Program. Mr. Ebine and his group also visited the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant in Tennessee and met with the Resident Inspectors on March 18, 2004, to discuss the Resident Inspector Training and Qualification Program.

Japan Nuclear Safety Commission Explores the NRC

On March 16, 2004, Dr. Yoshio Murao, Dr. Koichi Takitani, and Dr. Koji Morizono, senior staff of Japan's Nuclear Safety Commission (NSC), met with representatives from OIP; the Office of the Secretary; the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; the Offices of the Inspector General and, Nuclear Regulatory Research; the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, and NRR for overview briefings on their roles and responsibilities within the Commission. The NSC makes recommendations to the Prime Minister on nuclear safety. The NSC is also responsible for prioritizing Japan's nuclear confirmatory research.

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| Document Released to Public         | Date    | Subject  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|
| <b>Decision Documents</b>           |         |  |
| 1. SRM-SECY-03-0227                 | 3/15/04 | Review Standard RS-002, "Processing Applications for Early Site Permits"   |
| Commission Voting Record on 03-0227 | 3/15/04 | (same)   |
| 2. SECY-04-0037                     | 3/3/04  | Issues Related to Proposed Rulemaking to Risk-Inform Requirements Related to Large Break Loss-of-Coolant Accident (LOCA) Break Size and Plans for Rulemaking on LOCA with Coincident Loss-of-Offsite Power |
| <b>Information Papers</b>           |         |  |
| 1. SECY-04-0034                     | 3/2/04  | Litigation Report - 2004 - 01  |
| 2. SECY-04-0035                     | 3/1/04  | Results of the License Termination Rule Analysis of the Use of Intentional Mixing of Contaminated Soil   |
| 3. SECY-04-0043                     | 3/15/04 | SECY-04-0043 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending March 5, 2004   |
| <b>Memoranda</b>                    |         |  |
| 1. M040302B                         | 3/16/04 | Staff Requirements - Meeting with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) and the NRC Staff   |

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress, dated March 9, 2004, forwards NRC's monthly reports for November 2003, December 2003, and January 2004, on the status of NRC's licensing and regulatory duties and the status of Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.
2. Letter to Senator Barbara Boxer, dated March 3, 2004, provides follow-up to letter dated December 24, 2003, responding to letter urging NRC undertake an emergency inspection at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

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### Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Policies and Practices, meeting notice (4/1/04).
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Joint Meeting of the Subcommittees on Materials and Metallurgy and on Plant Operations, meeting notice (4/2/04).
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal, meeting notice (4/14/04).
4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, meeting notice (4/14/04).
5. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Joint Meeting of the Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Plant Operations, meeting notice (4/14/04).
6. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Meeting on Planning and Procedures, meeting notice (4/20/04).
7. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes Renewal Notice.
8. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, meeting notice (4/15-17/04).

Region I  
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Management Meeting on Salem/Hope Creek Safety Conscious Work Environment

On March 18, 2004, the Region I Regional Administrator and Regional and Headquarters staff met with senior management from the Public Service Electric and Gas (PSEG) to discuss the company's plans to assess and improve the work environment at its Salem and Hope Creek plants. In late January 2004, the Regional Administrator had sent a letter to the Chairman of PSEG providing interim results of an ongoing NRC special review of this issue and requested that PSEG conduct its own in-depth review. The company provided its review plan on February 27 and further described it at the March 18 meeting. The PSEG's self-assessment will integrate input from three discrete, independent activities: a survey of the work environment performed by Synergy Survey in December 2003; an assessment performed by Utilities Service Alliance (USA) in early March 2004; and an ongoing Independent Assessment Team (IAT) staffed with a number of industry and former NRC personnel that began in mid-February 2004. PSEG expects to communicate the detailed results and an action plan in mid-May. However, because the results thus far have indicated that the licensee's safety conscious work environment and corrective action program implementation are well below industry norms, the company has begun a number of near-term remedial actions. The NRC staff expects to continue its heightened monitoring of this issue through planned interactions with PSEG management, frequent NRC management visits to the site, and resident inspector oversight.

Electrical Cable Separation Allegation Follow-up at Indian Point 2

On February 23, 2004, the NRC received an allegation from a former Entergy employee regarding cable separation issues at Indian Point Unit 2. The allegation was made public by the former employee through statements to the media starting in early March. Inspectors performed an initial onsite review of the cable separation issues and determined that Entergy has an appropriate basis to conclude there are no immediate safety issues. Further review of the cable separation allegation and Entergy's actions will be conducted over the next several weeks.

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Duke Energy Corporation - Catawba Emergency Exercise

On March 16, 2004, Region II participated in the Catawba Emergency Exercise with both a Base Team and a Site Team, and the Regional Administrator functioned as the Site Team Leader/Director of Site Operations.

Region II Operator Licensing Activities Audit

On March 16-18, 2004, the Director, Division of Inspection Program Management, NRR visited Region II to observe the conduct of the Regional Annual Operator Licensing Activities audit.

2004 Nuclear Nonoperating Owner's Group Conference

On March 17, 2004, the Deputy Regional Administrator attended the Nuclear Nonoperating Owner's Group Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Carolina Power and Light Company - Brunswick Regulatory Conference

On March 17, 2004, representatives from Carolina Power and Light Company were in the Regional Office to attend a Regulatory Conference. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a preliminary White finding related to a Brunswick Unit 2 design review involving reactor feed pump speed control system.

Honeywell International, Inc. Management Meeting

On March 18, 2004, the Regional Administrator and the Director, Division of Fuel Facility Inspection attended a public management meeting in Metropolis, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Honeywell International's progress in improving operational safety performance and emergency preparedness at the Honeywell Uranium Conversion Plant in Metropolis, IL.

Health Forum Sponsored by Region II Federal Women's Program

On March 18, 2004, the Region II Federal Women's Program sponsored a Health Forum in the Regional Office.

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Korean Institute of Nuclear Safety (KINS) Visit

On March 17, 2004, three senior representatives from the KINS visited NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, to obtain information regarding regional experience in inspecting licensee implementation of Maintenance Rule requirements. On March 18, 2004, the delegation visited the Waterford-3 Steam Electric Station to obtain information about the licensee's experience in implementing their Maintenance Rule program.

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**CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 50**

| OCA Contact | DATE & PLACE           | TIME  | WITNESS   | SUBJECT   | COMMITTEE  |
|-------------|------------------------|-------|---|---|--|
| Combs       | 03/24/04<br>2362B RHOB | 10:00 | DOE   | FY05 Nuclear Waste Budget   | Reps. Hobson/Visclosky<br>Energy and Water Development<br>Appropriations   |
| Gerke       | 03/24/04<br>2203 RHOB  | 2:00  | TBA   | Federal Health Benefits and Long-Term<br>Care Programs                          | Reps. Davis/Davis<br>Civil Service and Agency Reorganization<br>Government Reform  |
| Gerke       | 03/24/04<br>2154 RHOB  | 2:30  | TBA   | Implementing Quicksilver E-Government<br>Initiatives                            | Reps. Putnam/Clay<br>Technology, Information Policy,<br>Intergovernmental Relations and the<br>Census<br>Government Reform   |
| Combs       | 03/25/04<br>2123 RHOB  | 9:30  | NV Delegation, NRC, DOE,<br>NWTRB, Bechtel, NEI,<br>NARUC | Review of the Progress of DOE's Yucca<br>Mountain Project; H.R. 3429, H.R. 3981 | Reps. Hall/Boucher<br>Energy and Air Quality<br>Energy and Commerce  |
| Keeling     | 03/25/04<br>2141 RHOB  | 2:00  | TBA   | Consolidating Terrorist Watchlists  | Reps. Coble/Scott<br>Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security<br>Judiciary<br>Reps. Gibbons/Langevin<br>Intelligence and Counterterrorism<br>Select Committee on Homeland Security |

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| Gerke   | 03/31/04<br>2154 RHOB | TBA  | GAO                   | Government Performance and Results Act                       | Reps. Platts/Towns<br>Gov't Efficiency & Financial Mgmt<br>Government Reform                               |
| Gerke   | March 2004<br>TBA     | TBA  | DOE                   | Final Report by U.S. - Canada Power System Outage Task Force | Senators Domenici/Bingaman<br>Energy and Natural Resources   |
| Portner | 04/01/04<br>2123 RHOB | 9:30 | DOE Secretary Abraham | Fiscal 2005 Budget: DOE                                      | Reps. Barton/Dingell<br>Energy and Commerce  |
| Portner | 04/29/04<br>TENTATIVE | TBA  | NRC Commissioners     | NRC Oversight  | Senators Voinovich/Carper<br>Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety<br>Environment and Public Works |

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