

## INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Corrective Action Program Owners Group Meeting

During the week of January 19, 2009, the staff (along with Region II) participated in a Corrective Action Program Owners Group meeting to discuss issues of interest in the Reactor Oversight Process.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants and Nuclear Industry Check Valve (NIC) Group Meetings

From January 19 to 22, 2009, the staff participated in meetings of the ASME Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants Subgroup on Check Valves and the Nuclear Industry Check Valve Users Group. The staff discussed an update on regulatory issues related to testing of check valves and interacted with industry participants on recent operating experience and developments in check valve testing methodologies.

Inservice Testing Owners' Group (ISTOG) Meeting

From January 21 to 23, 2009, the staff participated in a meeting of the ISTOG. The staff discussed highlights of current NRC activities related to inservice testing of pumps, valves and snubbers, and provided an overview of NRC regulations related to inservice testing as contained in 10 CFR 50.55a. The staff also participated in panel discussions of common inservice testing (IST) issues encountered by licensees, including challenges associated with avoiding "pre-conditioning" prior to IST.

Mitsubishi Electric Total Advance Controller (MELTAC) Digital Platform Meeting at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

From January 22 to 23, 2009, the staff participated in a meeting with Mitsubishi at Oak Ridge National Laboratory regarding MELTAC digital platform request for additional information and responses. The meeting was a follow up to the September audit conducted at Mitsubishi's Arlington, Virginia facility. The next meeting will be an audit conducted at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Kobe, Japan facility March 2-6, 2009.

Exelon Pre-Submittal Teleconference

On January 27, 2009, the staff participated in a pre-submittal teleconference with Exelon regarding a potential risk-informed licensing action for a fleet initiative change to Standby Liquid Control System technical specifications which would extend the Allowed Outage Time when the system is unavailable due to small leaks in the Class 1 piping. The submittal would be made in Fall 2009 and would apply to seven Exelon boiling water reactor plants.

Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1 - Pre-Licensing Meetings with Omaha Public Power District (OPPD)

On January 28, 2009, the staff held a public meeting (Category1) with representatives of OPPD, the licensee for Fort Calhoun Station, to discuss the Transition to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 and on Plans to Submit an Extended Power Uprate (EPU) Request.

Meeting with La Salle Licensee

On January 29, 2009, the staff met with the La Salle licensee (Exelon) to discuss a proposed license amendment request to allow use of NETCO-SNAP-IN® inserts in the Unit 2 spent fuel storage rack cells as neutron absorbing hardware to allow recovery of spent fuel pool storage rack cells that are unusable due to Boraflex degradation. The installation of these inserts will restore the capability to use 100% of the Unit 2 spent fuel storage rack cells.

Meeting with Comanche Peak Licensee

On January 29, 2009, the staff met with the Comanche Peak licensee to discuss their Spent Fuel Pool Criticality Analysis.

Three Mile Island Alert, Inc. (TMIA) Petition for Rulemaking

On January 29, 2009, the staff published a notice in the *Federal Register* (74 FR 5187) announcing its denial of a petition for rulemaking submitted by TMIA. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its emergency preparedness regulations to require that all host school pick-up centers be located at least 5 to 10 miles beyond the radiation plume exposure boundary zone to properly ensure that all school children are protected in the event of a radiological emergency. The Commission has denied the TMIA petition because current NRC regulations and joint NRC/Federal Emergency Management Agency regulatory guidance provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of all members of the public, including school children, in the event of a nuclear power plant incident.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)  
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Yucca Mountain - Public Phone Call Meeting on Requests for Additional Information

On January 21, 2009, NRC staff held a public phone call with U.S. Department of Energy staff on a Request for Additional Information on the Yucca Mountain License Application. The public listened to the call via teleconference connections.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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RES Participation in Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Instrumentation and Control (I&C) Steering Committee meeting

On January 26, 2009, RES staff participated as invited guests in the subject meeting in Long Beach, California, with the main objective to provide industry with an overview of RES activities in the area of digital I&C and to learn about industry research efforts and priorities in this technical discipline. Participants also discussed potential opportunities and topics for collaborative research. Specifically, RES is developing a Memorandum of Understanding with EPRI to collaborate on additional research activities and to develop the technical basis for further refinement of regulatory guidance in the area of digital I&C.

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Raymond A. Crandall; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-87)

On January 26, 2009, the NRC published a document (74 FR 4346) in the *Federal Register* denying a petition for rulemaking (PRM-50-87) submitted by Raymond A. Crandall. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend regulations to eliminate the specific criteria related to the radiological doses for control room habitability at nuclear power plants. After reviewing the petition and comments received, the NRC has determined that the conclusions upon which the petitioner relies do not form a substantive basis for the requested action.

Westinghouse Electric Company LLC; Consideration of Petition in Rulemaking Process (PRM-50-69)

On January 28, 2009, the NRC published a document (74 FR 4911) in the *Federal Register* indicating that it will consider the issues raised in a petition for rulemaking (PRM-50-69) submitted Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC in the NRC's rulemaking process. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend Table 1 in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, to remove requirements related to the metal temperature of the closure head flange and vessel flange regions.

Transit Subsidy Services

On January 15, 2009, as a result of a sole source negotiated acquisition, a fixed-price, requirements type contract was awarded to the Washington Metro Transit Authority (WMATA) located in Washington D.C. Contract NRC-10-09-374 supports the NRC transit subsidy program by providing public transit fare media; metrochecks and SMARTrip cards for NRC employees. The contract is valued at \$7,569,115 over a 5 year period of performance (January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2013). The amount of \$685,000 was obligated at time of award.

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 23, 2009 through January 29, 2009:

Oyster Creek, October 2008 inspection, December 23, 2008, meeting regarding the inspection, and January 21, 2009, report of that inspection, all documents	FOIA/PA-2009-0070
SECY-2008-0019 and associated staff requirements and Commission voting records	FOIA/PA-2009-0071
Transfer or receipt of devices generally licensed under 10 CFR 31.5 for producing light, specifically exit signs, NRC Form 653, all records	FOIA/PA-2009-0072
All communications between NRC and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) between January 1, 2004, and October 31, 2008, regarding subsurface or groundwater contamination	FOIA/PA-2009-0073
NMSS (Material License Tracking System) licensees for Regions I, II, III, and IV including company name, address, contact person, phone number and program code with medical use or fixed gauge noted	FOIA/PA-2009-0074
Material License Tracking System (MLTS), active and retired facilities	FOIA/PA-2009-0075
SECY-92-263, NUREG-1493, NUREG/CP-0099, NUREG-1333 and SECY paper transmitting the final amendment to 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, dated September 1995	FOIA/PA-2009-0076

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

Request to organizations to check tritium exit signs in their possession against their records and to report any lost or missing signs to the agency, based on recent audit conducted of Wal-Mart tritium exit signs.

NRC letter to PPL Susquehanna, LLC. asking them to address concerns about the safety conscious work environment at the site.

Recent developments associated with the Oyster Creek license renewal review.

NRC proposed \$13,000 fine against Sabia, Inc., for a radiation contamination event.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA coordinated interview with Fed Tech magazine and NRC's Chief Information Security Officer about cyber security.

OPA coordinated an interview with NRC's Chief Human Capital Officer and the Federal Times about changes that may occur with the new administration.

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
09-017	Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet February 5-7 in Rockville, Maryland (1/26)
09-018	NRC Public Workshop on Safety and Security Culture Policy Statement in Rockville, Maryland. Postponed from January 28 to February 3 Due to Inclement Weather (1/27)
09-019	William J. Raymond Selected as First Recipient of NRC Edward McGaffigan, Jr. Public Service Award (1/27)
09-020	NRC Meeting February 18 in Fulton, Missouri, Environmental Issues for Callaway New Reactor Application (1/28)
<b>Regions:</b>	
I-09-005	NRC Cancels Public Meetings on Three Mile Island 1 License Renewal Application Scheduled for Today (1/28)
I-09-006	NRC to Discuss Results of License Renewal Inspection for Three Mile Island 1 Nuclear Power Plant on February 5 (1/28)
IV-09-001	NRC Proposes \$13,000 Fine for Sabia, Inc. (1/30)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SECY-09-0005	01/08/09	Options for Accelerating the Completion of the Various Fire Protection Tasks and Applicable Budget Implications
2. SECY-09-0006	01/08/09	Critical Research Facilities for Severe Accident Research at Light Water and Advanced Reactors
3. SECY-08-0172	12/19/08	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM)-50-87 Concerning Control Room Habitability Radiological Dose Requirements as Governed by Regulations Specified in Appendix A 10 CFR PART 50, and in 10 CFR PART 50.67
SRM-SECY-08-0172	12/19/08	(same)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0172	12/19/08	(same)
4. SECY-09-0007	01/09/09	Proposed Rule Related to Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Regulations (10 CFR Part 50) (RIN 3150-AI10)
5. COMSECY-08-0038	11/28/08	Commission Approval to Withdraw SECY-08-0144, "Final Rule: Decommissioning Planning (10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, and 72; RIN 3150-AH45)"
6. SRM-SECY-08-0144/ COMSECY-08-0038	01/28/09	Final Rule: Decommissioning Planning (10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, and 72; RIN: 3150-AH45
Commission Voting Record on SECy-08-0144	01/28/09	(same)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-09-0014	01/26/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 16, 2009
2. M090127	01/27/09	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-08-0160-Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (License Amendment Request for Decommissioning of the Newfield, New Jersey Facility)

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-85), Mr. Eric Epstein, Chairman, Three Mile Island Alert, Inc.
2. Notice of Impending Waiver Termination, 10 CFR Chapter 1.
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on US-Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor, notice of meeting (02/19/2009).
4. 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 the Callaway Plant, Unit 2, Docket No. 52-037.

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Region II (RII)  
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U.S. Women in Nuclear Conference in Savannah, Georgia

On January 29, 2009, the Regional Administrator was a presenter at the U.S. Women in Nuclear Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

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