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The Weekly Information Report is compiled by the Office of the EDO and includes highlights of Headquarters and Regional Office activities.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Standard Technical Specification Conversion - Exelon

On January 19, 2001, the staff issued Draft Safety Evaluation Reports (DSERs) relative to applications to convert the Quad Cities Units 1 & 2, Dresden Units 2 & 3, and LaSalle Units 1 & 2 Technical Specifications (TS) in their entirety to new TS based on the improved Standard Technical Specifications (iSTS). Applications to convert these six units TS were submitted jointly and reviewed on an accelerated schedule at the request of the licensee. The DSERs for these six units were issued within 11 months of submittal and the final amendments are scheduled to be issued in March 2001 consistent with the licensee's request.

There are currently 53 units operating with the iSTS including Watts Bar 1 which was originally licensed with the iSTS and Browns Ferry 1. (Does not include the Zion units, which never implemented the iSTS that were approved). Applications for conversion to iSTS for an additional 15 units are currently under review including Indian Point Unit 3 and the six Exelon reviews that are nearing completion. Licensees for seven units are scheduled to make applications in the future, 19 are undecided, and ten have indicated that they will not seek conversions.

KI - Final Rulemaking

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its emergency planning regulations governing the domestic licensing of production and utilization facilities. The final rulemaking on potassium iodide (KI) was published in the Federal Register on January 19, 2001, (66 FR 5427) and is effective on April 19, 2001. The rule requires that consideration be given to including potassium iodide (KI) as a protective measure for the general public that would supplement sheltering and evacuation. The final rule responds to, grants, and completes all NRC actions related to petitions for rulemaking (PRM 50-63 and PRM 50-63A) submitted by Mr. Peter G. Crane concerning the use of KI in emergency plans.

NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-01: Eligibility of Operator License Applicants, dated January 18, 2001

The U.S. NRC issued this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to familiarize addressees with the NRC's current guidelines for the qualification and training of reactor operator (RO) and senior operator (SRO) license applicants.

NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-02: Guidance on Risk-Informed Decisionmaking in License Amendment Reviews, dated January 18, 2001

The U.S. NRC issued this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to advise addressees of final guidance on the use of risk information by the staff in its license amendment reviews, including reviews of license amendment requests that are not risk informed.

NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-03: Changes, Tests, and Experiments, dated January 23, 2000

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued this regulatory issue summary (RIS) as guidance to addressees in making the transition to the requirements of recently amended regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, namely 10 CFR 50.59 and 10 CFR 72.48.

Reactor Oversight Process

The Inspection Program Branch (IIPB) provided substantial support at the Division of Reactor Projects and Division of Reactor Safety regional counterparts meeting held on January 16-18, 2001, at NRC headquarters. The topic areas discussed included: steam generator inspections; safety system design and performance capability inspection results/techniques; operating plan issues including its relationship with the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP), ROP budget model assumptions, and calculating ROP FTE expended vs. budgeted; and Inspection Manual Chapter 1245 task group activities.

On January 10, 2001, the IIPB staff sent the request for comments/information on the first year of the initial implementation of the ROP to members of the public, licensees, and pertinent public interest groups. The Federal Register Notice, (FRN) [December 14, 2000, Volume 65, Number 241, Pages 78215-78217] attached to this request, asks the stakeholders to suggest discussion topics for a public workshop on the ROP, tentatively scheduled for late March 2001, as well as any comments and insights on the ROP.

FRPCC Meeting on KI

The Chief and several staff members of the Operator Licensing, Human Performance and Plant Support Branch participated in a meeting of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee on January 17, 2001, at the FEMA Headquarters offices. The FRPCC is chaired by FEMA and includes representatives from 17 federal agencies. NRC is represented by the Chief, IOLB, NRR, and the Director, Incident Response Operations. The recent Commission decision on the KI rule was discussed. The process and timeline for FRPCC review and comment on the Commission's revision to the Federal KI Policy was established. Agency comments will be provided to the FRPCC Chair (FEMA) by February 16, 2001. The comments will be consolidated and reviewed with the full FRPCC during a March 5 retreat. The approved comments that result from the FRPCC retreat will be sent to NRC for resolution. FDA reported that the comment period for the draft FDA guidance which revises KI dosage and intervention levels will likely be extended due to numerous Federal and State commenters. EPA agreed that the draft EPA Protective Action Guidelines will be revised to incorporate the FDA guidance when it is finalized. NRC and FEMA informed the FRPCC that an implementation program for KI will be developed by a subcommittee of the NRC/FEMA Steering Committee. The need for efficiency in moving forward and completing all deliverables was emphasized by the FRPCC Chair in light of the rule becoming effective on April 19, 2001.

Force-on-Force Exercises at Waterford 3

The Chief of the Operator Licensing, Human Performance and Plant Support Branch (IOLB), a member of his staff, and NRC contractors participated in a Region IV follow-up evaluation of force-on-force exercises at Waterford 3 from January 22-26, 2001. This effort was in response to an NRC Confirmatory Order dated August 4, 2000.

Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 - Homestead Air Force Base

Under a "Record of Decision" signed January 15, 2001, by the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, the Air Force partially reversed a 1994 Record of Decision that called for the transfer of more than 1800 acres, including the runway and aviation facility at the Homestead Air Force Base, to Miami-Dade County for use as a commercial airport. Instead, the Air Force will offer more than 700 acres of surplus land at the base for mixed-use development, but will not allow construction of a commercial airport at the site. The Air Force stated that this action is needed to strike a balance between environmental protection and economic development.

Over the last 15 months, the NRC staff has been interacting with Florida Power and Light, various environmental groups, and the Air Force, regarding the potential risk to Turkey Point Plant of the proposed civil and government aircraft operations at the Homestead Air Force Base. On June 19, 2000, the NRC staff issued a safety assessment which concluded that the potential risk to Turkey Point from the increased aircraft operations is acceptable.

Under the January 15, 2001, decision, the Air Force will retain the runway and airfield areas of the Homestead Base. They will continue to be maintained by the Air Force and used by the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Customs Service and other federal agencies.

V. C. Summer

The NRC held a public meeting with the licensee at V.C. Summer Station on January 18, 2001, to discuss the licensee's root cause analyses and repair efforts for the cracked weld discovered in October 2000. Region II's Special Inspection Team (SIT) Leader discussed the status and results of the inspection, and NRR's Division of Engineering (DE) discussed the results of the review of the WCAP report and issues which the NRC expects the industry's Materials Reliability Program to address generically. The licensee indicated that the repair was ongoing and was scheduled to be completed soon. The SIT had no major issues, but was continuing to observe the repair process. DE indicated that the WCAP analysis was adequate to support one full cycle of operation before reinspection of the B and C hot leg reactor coolant pipes.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Envirocare Requests Utah Approval to Dispose of Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Material as Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials

On January 24, 2001, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards staff received a copy of the January 17, 2001, Envirocare of Utah, Inc. (Envirocare) letter to William J. Sinclair, Utah Division of Radiation Control, requesting the state's approval to dispose of so-called non-11e(2) Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Plan (FUSRAP) waste in the licensee's Low Activity Radioactive Waste (LARW) or Class A cells as Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (TENORM) waste. As background, Envirocare's letter notes: (1) that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has decided to let stand the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Director's Decision (Decision) of December 13, 2000, regarding the Agency's authority to regulate pre-1978 mill tailings; (2) that the Decision takes the position that the NRC lacks regulatory jurisdiction over pre-1978 tailings (FUSRAP material); (3) that the Decision (page 21) indicates that pre-1978 FUSRAP waste meets the definition of TENORM waste, and therefore, may be regulated as such by the states; and (4) that the NRC, during the December 21, 2000, public meeting with Envirocare, indicated that the NRC would have no objection to the disposal of pre-1978 FUSRAP material in Envirocare's LARW or Class A cells, which are licensed by Utah, as an Agreement State.

Licensee Performance Review for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant

On January 23, 2001, at the Ohio State University Center in Piketon, Ohio, staff from Region III and the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, met with the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) to discuss the results of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) review of Portsmouth's safety and safeguards-related performance for the period from October 1, 1998, to September 30, 2000. The meeting was open to the public for observation. The NRC concluded that during the review period, USEC adequately conducted activities to maintain safety and safeguards at Portsmouth. Strengths were noted in the areas of nuclear material safeguards and radiological controls. Improvements were warranted in the areas of safety operations, facility support, and certification activities. Future challenges were identified in the area of safety operations and were primarily related to the anticipated transition of the Portsmouth facility from uranium enrichment to UF₆ product sampling and transfer. At the end of the meeting, a representative of the local Portsmouth workers union, known as Paper Allied Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union (PACE), requested the NRC to ensure that USEC is able to provide a reliable and economical source of uranium enrichment by ordering USEC to continue operating the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant until the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant can successfully produce uranium enriched to 5.5 percent in uranium-235. The NRC responded that although our preliminary conclusion is that the NRC needed only to determine whether USEC can provide a reliable and economical source of uranium enrichment as part of the privatization of USEC, which occurred in 1998, the NRC still has not made a final decision on future reviews. The NRC is involved in the safety review of the upgrade at Paducah to achieve 5.5 percent enriched uranium-235. After the meeting, the representative of the local PACE workers union approached the NRC and requested a meeting between Chairman Meserve and the local PACE workers union president, Mr. Dan Minter. He

indicated that Mr. Minter wants to personally voice his concerns to Chairman Meserve concerning USEC's ability to maintain a reliable source of uranium enrichment, the shutdown of Portsmouth, and the ongoing high assay upgrade project at Paducah.

International Forum on Stakeholder Confidence

On January 17-18, 2001, staff from the Division of Waste Management represented the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at the second meeting of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC) convened in Paris, France. Representatives from the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency also attended. The Forum was chartered last year by the Radioactive Waste Management Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), with the intent of supporting NEA member countries' efforts to better involve and respond to the range of audiences interested in, and affected by, the management of nuclear wastes. To encourage the exchange of public outreach tools and techniques developed by member programs, the NRC staff presented materials developed to explain NRC's use of performance assessment. The FSC agreed to: (1) develop a document on principles and good practices of stakeholder involvement; (2) seek updated responses from member programs on the status of stakeholder outreach; and (3) establish a subgroup to collect and review valuable sources of information, materials and tools for enabling dialogue with stakeholders. NRC staff will participate in all of these efforts. FSC also plans a workshop, possibly in Finland, to examine, in detail, the interactions of local stakeholder groups with government authorities involved in the siting of a geologic repository. This workshop is tentatively scheduled for November or December 2001.

Audit/Observation of the Department of Energy's Procurement Program for the Yucca Mountain Project

From January 16-19, 2001, staff from the Division of Waste Management On-Site Representatives Office observed the Department of Energy's (DOE) audit of the Operating Contractor's (M&O) procurement program. The audit, which was performed by DOE's Office of Quality Assurance, focused on evaluating the implementation of the M&O's quality assurance (QA) program related to procurement document control, control of purchased items and services, implementing documents, and QA records management. Within the areas examined, the DOE audit team generally concluded that the QA controls for procurement activities were satisfactory. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission observer reviewed the audit team's preliminary findings and agreed with the results as presented at the post audit briefing.

Department of Energy Meeting on a Memorandum of Understanding for Long-Term Stewardship

On January 18, 2001, staff from the Division of Waste Management and the Office of the General Counsel met with staff from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Long-Term Stewardship (LTS). The purpose of this meeting was to discuss changes in DOE's LTS management and plans for continuing work toward a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Topics discussed included: (1) introduction of the new Acting Director of LTS; (2) Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval of seeking an MOU with DOE; (3) plans for the NRC to repeat the previous background meeting for DOE's new Director; (4) plans for developing an

Agreement in Principle; (5) recent letter from Sequoyah Fuels requesting review of its 11e(2) proposal; and (6) DOE status of its site lists.

Safety Evaluation Report for Naval Spent Fuel Canister System Storage

On January 19, 2001, the Spent Fuel Project Office issued the Safety Evaluation Report that documents the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review of the Naval Spent Fuel Canister System Storage Safety Analysis Report (SAR) with respect to the requirements of 10 CFR Part 72. The SAR describes the dry cask storage system that will be used by the Department of Energy to store irradiated fuels from the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. The storage facility will be located at the existing Naval Reactors Facility on the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory site, near Idaho Falls, Idaho. The facility will not be licensed by the NRC. The storage system is composed of a fully welded spent fuel canister within a separate concrete storage overpack. Storage assemblies (canister and overpack) are positioned upright on a covered concrete pad. Consistent with the scope of the review, NRC staff concluded that the Naval Spent Fuel Canister System Storage facility provides protection of the public comparable to a facility licensed by NRC under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72.

Standard Technical Specifications for Dry Cask Storage

On January 23, 2001, the Spent Fuel Project Office conducted a publicly-noticed meeting with NEI on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) draft Standard Technical Specifications for dry casks which NRC had issued to NEI on December 21, 2000. Following a presentation, NRC staff answered questions for a number of industry representatives including certificate holders and cask users. The industry feedback on this NRC effort was positive and NEI committed to providing written consolidated industry comments by the end of February 2001.

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RES Staffer Works on IAEA Code on Siting Requirements

The Senior Technical Advisor of RES/DET was invited by the Director, Division of Nuclear Installation Safety of the IAEA, to participate in a meeting in Vienna, Austria, to prepare a revision of the "Code on the Safety of Nuclear Power Plants: Siting." This Code covers the full range of siting topics from earthquakes and tornadoes to human-induced external events. His assistance was requested because of his expertise in this area.

Working with IAEA staff, he drafted a revision of the Code that will be titled "Safety of Nuclear Installations: Siting Requirements." The document will be forwarded first to the Nuclear Safety Standards Group and then to the Member States for approval before final acceptance by the IAEA. The draft emphasizes the use of probabilistic analysis techniques for the assessment of natural and human-induced external hazards to characterize the uncertainties in the hazard assessment. The approach will also be used in nuclear power plant PRAs. The IAEA Code is written at a high conceptual, non-prescriptive level; the U.S. Code is consistent with the IAEA Code.

Incident Response Operations
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Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-II-01-005, Duke Energy Corporation (McGuire Unit 1), MCGUIRE UNIT 1 UNPLANNED SHUTDOWN.
2. PNO-III-01-001, Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, POTENTIAL MEDICAL MISADMINISTRATION.

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Office of Administration
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BankCard Training

On January 24, 2001, the Division of Contracts and Property Management conducted Purchase Card refresher training. Thirty-six people attended. The training focused on buying green and use of the purchase card for external training planned for February 2001.

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Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of
January 19, 2001 through January 25, 2001:

MLTS database, nuclear medicine operations for the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia. (FOIA/PA-2001-0114)

Vacancy announcement 0028003, applications, crediting plans and scores, and NRC's plan for hiring disabled persons under Executive Order 13163. (FOIA/PA-2001-0115)

MLTS database. (FOIA/PA-2001-0116)

Engelhard Industries and its subsidiary D.E. Makepeace, production of nuclear materials under the AEC. (FOIA/PA-2001-0117)

High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP), all related documents. (FOIA/PA-2001-0118)

Conective Energy plants, work safety records during years of operation. (FOIA/PA-2001-0119)

Position descriptions, Radiation Safety Officer and Radiation Safety Technician positions, including listing of Knowledge, Skills & Abilities (KSAs) for each position. (FOIA/PA-2001-0120)

Power plant employee listing for 1958 to 1975, plant site located near Hallam, NE. (FOIA/PA-2001-0121)

Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
BLANEY, William	OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANT	NMSS
TRIFILETTIE, Sue*	SECRETARY (OA)	RIV
VERA, Mauricio	SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM MANAGER	SBCR
Retirements		
ROE, Mary Lou	SENIOR INSTRUCTION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	HR
Departures		
BROWNE, Colin	CLERK	ADM
HAROLD, Jeffrey	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
JONES, Jamil	CLERK	ADM
PICCIRILLO, Darren	NUCLEAR PROCESS ENGINEER	NMSS
SHPAK, Anna	CLERK	ADM
STEIN, Michael	ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST	OE
WILLCOXON, Robert	SR PROGRAM ANALYST	OCFO
WISHARD, Bernard	MC & A PHYS SCIENTIST	NMSS

* Conversion from Temporary to Permanent

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

A reporter from a German public broadcasting television station will be interviewing staff from the Spent Fuel Project Office this week about the CASTOR spent fuel cask and spent fuel transportation in general.

A local Channel 3 television reporter interviewed the Region III Public Affairs Officer about the Industry Excess Landfill Superfund site in Ohio. Although NRC has no jurisdiction over the site, regional staff have responded to citizen groups who have repeatedly asked for NRC intervention.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
01-06	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Elects Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Member-at-Large
01-07	NRC Staff to Hold Meeting on Former Atlas Mill Tailings Site in Moab, Utah
Regions:	
III-01-03	NRC Staff to Meet With Nuclear Management Co. Jan. 30 to Discuss Inspection Findings at Kewaunee Nuclear Plant

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMSECY-01-0001	01/02/01	Response Letter to Utah on Land Ownership Issue
2. SRM on COMSECY-01-0001	01/18/01	(same)
3. Chmn. Meserve comment on COMSECY-01-0001	01/10/01	(same)
4. Cmr. Dicus comment on COMSECY-01-0001	01/10/01	(same)
5. Cmr. Diaz comment on COMSECY-01-0001	01/10/01	(same)
6. Cmr. McGaffigan comment on COMSECY-01-0001	01/05/01	(same)
7. Cmr. Merrifield comment on COMSECY-01-0001	01/11/01	(same)
Memoranda		
1. M010109	1/24/01	Staff Requirements - Briefing on EEO Program (SECY-00-0229)
2. M010117B	1/25/01	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Status of Nuclear Reactor Safety
3. M010110B	1/25/01	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Status of Nuclear Materials Safety

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to William Paul Goranson, Rio Algom Mining Corporation dated January 17, 2001, concerns Commission decisions on uranium recovery activities, including staff efforts to develop a new 10 CFR part 41.

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2. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey dated January 17, 2001, concerns NRC report of an interagency meeting to discuss the 1996 authorization issued to Combustion Engineering under 10 CFR Part 810 to export nuclear power technology to the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea.
3. Letter to Congress dated January 16, 2001, provides the November monthly report on the status of NRC's licensing and regulatory duties.
4. Letter to Peter G. Crane dated January 8, 2001, response to June 16, 2000, letter which called upon the Commission to finish its rulemaking on potassium iodide (KI).

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Working Group Meeting
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Joint Meeting of the Subcommittees on Plant Operations and on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment
4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures; Revised Meeting Notice
5. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

Region I
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Activities Involving Indian Point 2

On January 23, 2001, the NRC Chairman and the Region I Regional Administrator met with Senator Charles Schumer in his Washington, D.C. office to review recent activities at Consolidated Edison's Indian Point 2 (IP2) facility. IP2 recently resumed operations after replacement of the steam generators, a follow-up to the February 15, 2000, tube failure event. Congresswoman Sue Kelly, staffers from other New York congressional offices, and ConEd Management also were present. There was lengthy discussion regarding NRC's oversight role at IP2, including the significant inspections and assessments completed to date. The NRC noted that a representative from the State of New York is participating on the NRC's 95003 inspection currently under way at IP2, consistent with the pre-existing MOU between the NRC and the State of New York. Part of the Congressional contingent suggested that periodic briefings by telephone would be helpful in understanding emerging IP2 issues. The NRC agreed to conduct the bi-weekly briefings beginning the week of February 5.

On January 23, 2001, Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano visited the IP2 site. In addition to meeting with a number of IP2 officials, he met with the IP2 Resident Inspectors and other NRC staff. ConEd officials explained the differences between the existing code safety valve leakage and the SG tube failure during the February 15, 2000 event. Mr. Spano requested a briefing on the 95003 team's findings before the exit meeting.

The 13-member 95003 Supplemental Inspection Team is finishing its second on-site week. The last day of the onsite inspection currently is planned for February 9, 2001, to be followed by an exit meeting, open to the public, approximately three weeks later.

New York Outreach

On January 18, 2001, a team comprised of NRC Region I personnel and Headquarters Incident Response Organization staff participated in a facilitated discussion in Albany, New York, with representatives of the New York State Emergency Management Office and New York State Department of Health. Also attending the meeting were representatives of local county governments within 10 miles of nuclear power facilities in the State of New York, emergency preparedness staff of the nuclear utilities within the State of New York, and FEMA Region II. The purpose of the facilitated discussion was understanding how each organization would respond to an event at a nuclear facility, and the coordination/interfaces between these organizations during such a response. There was favorable feedback from all of the organizations present.

Meeting with Staff from Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG)

On January 24, 2001, Region I and NMSS staff met with the staff of the Department of the Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground, to discuss the licensee's response to a deficiency letter concerning its plan to decommission part of the Transonic Range at APG that had been used for testing of depleted uranium munitions. The licensee had proposed a revised Derived

Concentration Guideline Limit (DCGL) and NRC had requested additional information in justification of the proposed limit for the site. The licensee prepared a response to the NRC concerns and presented a summary of it response at the meeting.

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Region II
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Southern Nuclear Operating Company

On January 26, the Regional Administrator visited the Vogtle facility to attend the Problem Identification and Resolution Inspection exit meeting in Waynesboro, GA.

Tennessee Valley Authority

On January 26, the Deputy Regional Administrator visited the Browns Ferry facility to attend the Problem Identification and Resolution Inspection exit meeting in Athens, AL.

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company - V. C. Summer

The Summer Station remains shutdown conducting repairs on the "A" reactor coolant loop hot leg. The licensee has had difficulty completing the weld repair using an automated welding process. They are making plans to complete the reactor coolant loop hot leg repair using a manual welding process. The NRC's Special Inspection Team continues to monitor the licensee's corrective actions.

Region III
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Staff Discusses Portsmouth GDP Performance

Region III and Headquarters staff members discussed the performance of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant over the past two years with USEC officials during a January 23, 2001, public meeting in Piketon, Ohio. The Region III Regional Administrator participated in the meeting and toured the existing centrifuge facility at the site. One member of the media and two members of the public attended.

Regional Administrator Presents Reactor Operator Certificates

On January 24, 2001, the Region III Regional Administrator presented certificates to five reactor operators and seven senior reactor operators who were administered the NRC licensing examination at the Point Beach (Wisconsin) Nuclear Power Plant in October 2000. The operators were issued licenses that were effective November 21, 2000. The certification presentation took place in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 1

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Gerke	01/31/01 SH-216	9:30	TBA	California Energy Crisis	Senators Murkowski/Bingaman Energy and Natural Resources
Portner	01/31/01 2123 RHOB	1:00	N/A	Energy and Commerce Committee Organization	Reps. Tauzin/Dingell Energy and Commerce
Gerke	02/01/01 SD-342	10:30	GAO	Addition of "Human Capital Management" on GAO High-Risk List	Senators Voinovich/Durbin Oversight of Govt Mgmt, Re- structuring and DC Governmental Affairs

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