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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3

The plant was shutdown in February because of damage that resulted from a breaker fire. The licensee completed extensive turbine repairs, and the plant is now at normal operating temperature and pressure. Reactor startup began during the evening of May 30, 2001. The licensee expects the unit to be connected to the grid in the next few days.

Susquehanna Steam Electric Station

The staff issued an Order on May 25, 2001, approving the indirect transfer of the Facility Operating Licenses for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, to the extent held by PPL Susquehanna, LLC. PPL Susquehanna requested approval of the indirect transfer of the licenses in connection with a proposed corporate restructuring of PPL Susquehanna's parent organization. Under this restructuring, PPL Susquehanna will become a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of PPL Energy Supply, LLC, which in turn will be a new, wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of PPL Corporation, the ultimate parent of PPL Susquehanna. The licensee anticipates completion of the restructuring by June 7, 2001.

Dominion License Renewal Application for North Anna 1&2 and Surry 1&2

In a letter dated May 29, 2001, Dominion, Inc. (Dominion) submitted license renewal applications for North Anna, Units 1 and 2, and Surry, Units 1 and 2. The contents of Dominion's application include a technical report describing how during the renewal term the effects of aging will be managed for the systems, structures, and components within the scope of the rule. The application includes environmental reports for both sites. North Anna and Surry are Westinghouse three loop nuclear steam supply systems originally licensed for commercial operation in 1978, 1980, 1972, and 1973, respectively. Dominion has requested the license terms be extended 20 years, pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 51 and 54.

In accordance with an NRC-approved exception to the submittal requirements, Dominion delivered one paper copy for docketing and the balance of the copies of the application on CD-ROM disks. The CD-ROM includes links to the FSAR and plant drawings, which serve as reviewer aids.

Proposed Rule on Decommissioning Trust Provisions

On May 30, 2001, the NRC published in the Federal Register (66 FR 29244) its "Proposed Rule on Decommissioning Trust Provisions." The notice indicated a public comment period on the rule of 75 days. The proposed rule change would (1) help safeguard decommissioning trust funds from investment risks; (2) ensure licensees provide adequate information to NRC about their trusts; and (3) provide safeguards against improper payments from such trusts. Along with the proposed rule, the notice announced the availability for public comment of Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1106, a proposed revision of Regulatory Guide 1.159, "Assuring the Availability of Funds for Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors." The draft guide has been

expanded and updated to include sample language for trust agreements consistent with the terms and conditions of the proposed rule.

Stakeholders Meeting on the Safeguards Performance Assessment (SPA) Pilot Program

On May 18, 2001, members of the Operator Licensing, Human Performance, and Plant Support Branch conducted a public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), industry representatives, and members of the public on the implementation details associated with the Safeguards Performance Assessment Program. The staff provided an update on the status of the SPA Commission Paper and responded to questions associated with a variety of safeguards initiatives. NEI provided the staff with an updated "SPA Toolbox," which is a guidance document on how the industry plans to implement the SPA pilot program, and other documents which reveal significant progress made by the industry to resolve some of the issues that the staff discussed in previous public meetings on the SPA pilot program.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Items of Interest
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Publication of a Proposed Rule on Material Control and Accounting

On May 30, 2001, the NRC published a proposed rule in the Federal Register (66 FR 29251) to amend its Material Control and Accounting (MC&A) regulations. The proposed amendments would revise frequency and timing for submitting Material Balance Reports and Inventory Composition Reports. In addition, the MC&A requirements for Category II facilities are being revised to be more risk-informed. (A Category II facility is one that is licensed to possess and use greater than one effective kilogram of special nuclear material of moderate strategic significance.) The proposed amendments are intended to reduce unnecessary burden on licensees and NRC without adversely affecting public health and safety. The public comment period expires August 13, 2001.

Management Meeting with Private Fuel Storage, Limited Liability Company

On May 30, 2001, staff from the Spent Fuel Project Office had a management meeting with Private Fuel Storage (PFS), Limited Liability Company, to discuss the status of PFS efforts to provide the staff with information that was missing from the March 30, 2001, license application amendment. In a May 7, 2001, letter to PFS, the staff identified the information that PFS needed to provide to support the staff's technical review of the license application amendment. At the meeting, PFS indicated that all outstanding information related to the license application amendment would be submitted to the staff on June 1, 2001. This was a noticed public meeting.

Meeting with the Department of Energy and Westinghouse TRU Solutions

On May 30, 2001, the Spent Fuel Project Office had a management meeting with the Department of Energy (DOE) and Westinghouse TRU Solutions. The meeting was held to discuss future work and resource needs to support the review of submittals related to the transportation of transuranic wastes to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, New Mexico. DOE discussed plans for future amendment requests for the TRUPACT II, RH-TRU-72B, and HALFPACT transportation packages and a possible new package design currently designated as the TRUPACT III package.

HI-STAR Amendment 2 Certificate of Compliance Issued

On May 25, 2001, the Spent Fuel Project Office issued Amendment 2 to the HI-STAR 100 Dry Spent Fuel Storage Cask System. Amendment 2 was submitted by Holtec International on August 4, 2000. The amendment simplifies technical specifications associated with the cask pad parameters and gives the cask user more flexibility in designing cask pads. The 10 CFR 72.214 rulemaking was noticed as a direct final rulemaking on March 13, 2001. No comments were received and the amendment became effective on May 29, 2001.

Public Meetings on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Hearing Process and General Overview of Its Regulatory Responsibilities for a Possible High-Level Waste Repository

In response to public requests, Division of Waste Management (DWM) staff continued its series of public meetings on the high-level waste repository licensing process. With support from the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) and the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO), DWM staff held meetings in Pahrump, Nevada, on May 22, 2001, and in Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 23, 2001. The purpose of these meetings was to explain the formal hearing process the NRC would use to decide whether to issue a construction authorization for a possible repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Staff made a more general presentation, outlining NRC's role in, and responsibilities for, licensing a potential repository and regulating transport of spent fuel, at a third public meeting in Mesquite, Nevada, on May 24, 2001. These meetings included OGC and SFPO presentations, and were facilitated by the OGC special counsel for public liaison. All three meetings began with a review of the events that would have to take place before NRC would begin a formal hearing, and a general review of NRC's licensing role. Question and answer periods followed the breaks between presentations. At the Mesquite meeting, the staff also discussed spent fuel transport issues, including NRC and Department of Transportation roles, routing, safety considerations for spent fuel transport, and NRC cask performance standards. The meetings were well-received, press coverage was favorable, and the meetings allowed staff an opportunity to interact with members of the community in a manner that promotes public confidence. The staff was invited to come to counties in northern Nevada to acquaint Nevada citizens there with NRC's role and responsibilities, and Mesquite residents asked NRC staff to return for future public meetings.

Meeting with Duke Cogema Stone & Webster at the Savannah River Site

On May 22-23, 2001, staff from the Division of Waste Management and the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, along with staff from Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), visited the planned site of the proposed Mixed-Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility (FFF), currently under licensing review for construction authorization. The visit is part of the environmental impact statement (EIS) process supporting the licensing review, and was intended to give the NRC and ANL staffs opportunity for a detailed inspection of the site vicinity. The trip included a drive-by tour of the Savannah River site and a drive-by tour of the F-Area, which is also the planned location for the plutonium Pit Disassembly and Conversion Facility, and the Plutonium Immobilization Facility. The visit also included a walking tour of the proposed MOX FFF location, and five specific topic area tours, including ecology, utilities, archaeology, geology, and transportation/radiological. The information and insights provided by this visit will be used as input to the Draft MOX FFF EIS, which is expected to be issued for public comment in February 2002.

Staff Attendance at the Department of Energy Peer Review Panel on Waste Package Materials Performance

On May 23, 2001, staff from the Division of Waste Management and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses attended a Department of Energy (DOE) waste package materials performance peer review panel meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. DOE initiated a consensus peer review of waste package materials performance to provide recommendations regarding the current basis for predicting long-term corrosion performance; the ongoing and planned

experimental modeling program; and augmentations that could increase confidence in long-term performance projections. This first meeting of the panel introduced panel members to DOE and contractor staff who have developed the technical bases for waste package materials performance. The panel was presented with background information on the five issues they will review. The review issues are potential degradation modes; long-term performance of passive metals; the composition of water in contact with waste package materials; the understanding and control of crevice corrosion and pitting; and the fundamental basis and control of stress-corrosion cracking. The panel expects to issue an interim report and present findings from the report in a public meeting in September 2001, in Las Vegas. The panel is currently scheduled to issue a final report and present its final findings at a public meeting in February 2002, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Expert Group meeting on Physical Protection Convention Revision

During the week of May 21, 2001, a meeting of the Expert Group, on whether to revise the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM), took place in Vienna, Austria. The U.S. delegation was headed by the Department of State, with representation from the NRC and the Department of Energy. The main conclusion/recommendation of the meeting was that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General should convene an open-ended group of legal and technical experts, to prepare a draft of a well-defined amendment to strengthen the CPPNM. The draft amendment would conform with the scope and exclusions, and the "Physical Protection and Fundamental Principles," already identified in a Working Group report. The Expert Group also made recommendations concerning the IAEA Board of Governors' endorsement of physical protection guidance, the drafting of a General Conference resolution providing related endorsements, and the establishment of an advisory group on physical protection.

Meeting of the Standing Advisory Group on Safeguards Implementation

During the week of May 14, 2001, a staff member from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards participated in a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Standing Advisory Group on Safeguards Implementation (SAGSI) in Vienna, Austria. The main focus of the SAGSI review was on topics relating to integrated safeguards. The results of the SAGSI meeting will be discussed at the next meeting of the inter-agency Subcommittee on IAEA Safeguards and Monitoring. This discussion will include consideration of suggestions for positions to be addressed in the U.S. statements at the June IAEA Board of Governors meeting; suggested efforts that could be pursued under the U.S. Support Program, or by other means, to support effective IAEA safeguards; and requests for reviews and analyses in support of the next SAGSI meeting (scheduled for the week of November 5, 2001).

Results of Special Inspection at Westinghouse Fuel Fabrication Facility

On May 30, 2001, NRC staff completed a special inspection at the Westinghouse Fuel Fabrication Facility near Columbia, South Carolina. NRC conducted the special inspection after a May 21, 2001, event at the facility involving a loss of credited criticality safety controls (i.e., loss of double contingency), involving two valves on one of the production lines at the facility. The loss was associated with the malfunction of a Programmable Logic Controller that controlled the two valves. Additional barriers existed to prevent a criticality from occurring in

this case, but the licensee had not taken credit for these barriers as part of its safety case (i.e., the licensee did not commit in its license or Integrated Safety Analysis to maintain these other barriers available and reliable). On May 23, 2001, Westinghouse provided NRC with an update about potential generic design deficiencies that could affect other safety systems at the plant. The inspection team observed that the licensee has probed its own program and identified several deficiencies in design review and management measures to ensure the availability and reliability of controls relied on for safety, and has taken interim measures to ensure the safety of operations. The licensee's root-cause analysis is in progress and should be completed within a couple of weeks. The staff will document the inspection findings and consider whether any of the observed deficiencies warrant potential enforcement action. In addition, the staff will also consider whether these observed deficiencies represent a generic issue.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 1, 2001

NRC and EPRI Signed Revised Fire Risk Addendum to the MOU on Cooperative Nuclear Safety Research

On May 18, 2001, Mr. Ashok C. Thadani, Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), met with Mr. Theodore U. Marston, Vice President & Chief Nuclear Officer, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), to sign a revised addendum to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NRC and EPRI on Cooperative Nuclear Safety Research. This addendum describes the objectives, scope, and program elements for the cooperative research between RES and EPRI in the area of nuclear power plant fire risk assessment, and it replaces the previous agreement that was signed in October 1998. The NRC and EPRI both conduct research associated with nuclear technology. Although the goals of the NRC and EPRI research programs differ in many respects, the basic data and technical information obtained through joint research can be useful to each organization in appropriate cases. Accordingly, to conserve resources and to avoid duplication, it is in the best interest of both parties to cooperate and share information and costs related to such research, whenever cooperation and cost sharing can be done in a mutually beneficial fashion.

Discussions included potential future cooperative research topics and ways to improve efforts. The future research topics discussed included BWR and PWR materials issues, steam generator tube integrity, cable aging, high burnup fuel, safety analysis tools, risk-informed regulation, and advanced reactor designs. There was general agreement to further enhance cooperation, where appropriate between the two organizations.

Completion of IPEEE Plant Reviews

On May 25, 2001, RES transmitted the 69th and final plant-specific IPEEE Staff Evaluation Report (SER) to NRR for transmittal to the licensee, River Bend. This completes a major milestone in the RES Operating Plan, to complete the review of IPEEE submittals and issue plant-specific SERs to NRR by May 2001. As discussed in the highlight for the week ending April 20, 2001, Draft NUREG-1742, “Perspectives Gained From the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Program,” was published in April 2001. The closing date for comments on this draft report is July 31, 2001. After receipt of public comments, the staff plans to issue the final IPEEE insights report in October 2001.

Proposed Revision of Regulatory Guide on Funding Decommissioning

RES has issued DG-1106, which is a proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.159, “Assuring the Availability of Funds for Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors.” This guide is being revised to provide guidance to applicants and licensees of nuclear power, research, and test reactors concerning methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with requirements in the amended rules regarding the amount of funds for decommissioning. The guide also provides guidance on the content and form of the financial assurance mechanisms in those amended rules.

Incident Response Operations
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 1, 2001

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-I-01-015, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, BRACHYTHERAPY SOURCE RIBBON CONTAINING NINE IRIDIUM-192 SEEDS TOTALING 7.71 MILLICURIES REPORTED MISSING.

2. PNO-II-01-016A, S&ME, RECOVERED PORTABLE GAUGE.

3. PNO-III-01-017, Bowser-Morner, Inc., STOLEN MOISTURE-DENSITY GAUGE.

Office of Administration
Items of Interest
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Acquisition Training

On May 31, 2001, the Division of Contracts and Property Management conducted an Acquisition for Project Managers module entitled "Source Evaluation Panel (SEP) Procedures." This module focuses on the duties and responsibilities of SEP members including effective evaluation of proposals, determination of the competitive range, and contractor selection.

Natural Resources Defense Council; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-30-63)

A document that denies a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council was published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2001 (66 FR 29243). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require that an individual report illegal payments to regulators if the individual has knowledge or evidence of the illegal payments and that an individual who failed to make such a report not be issued a license or allowed to retain a license. The petition is denied because the petitioner has neither identified a statutory requirement for issuing a regulation of this nature nor a need for the regulation because the NRC already has the authority to take the requested actions. The NRC also believes that the imposition of these types of actions should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Decommissioning Trust Provisions (Part 50)

A proposed rule that would amend the regulations relating to decommissioning trust provisions for nuclear power plants was published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2001 (66 FR 292440). The proposed rule would require that decommissioning trust agreements be in a form acceptable to the NRC to increase assurance that adequate funds will be available for decommissioning. The comment period for this action closes August 13, 2001.

Material Control and Accounting Amendments (Parts 51, 61, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 150)

A proposed rule that would amend the NRC's material control and accounting regulations was published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2001 (66 FR 29251). The requirements concerning the frequency and timing for submitting Material Balance Reports and Inventory Balance Reports would be revised, the categorical exclusion for approving safeguards plans would be amended to include the approval of amendments to safeguards plans, and the MC&A requirements for Category II facilities would be revised to make them more risk informed. The comment period for this action closes August 13, 2001.

Licensing Procedures for the Receipt of High-Level Radioactive Waste at a Geologic Repository: Licensing Support Network, Design Standards for Participating Websites (Part 2)

A final rule that amends the rules of practice applicable to the use of the Licensing Support Network for the licensing proceeding on the disposal of high-level radioactive waste at a geologic repository was published in the Federal Register on May 31, 2001 (66 FR 29453). The final rule establishes a basic data structure and transfer standards that participant websites

must use to make documentary material available. The final rule becomes effective July 2, 2001.

Michael Stein; Withdrawal of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-2-12)

A document announcing the withdrawal of a petition for rulemaking submitted by Michael Stein, PRM-2-12, was published in the Federal Register on June 1, 2001 (66 FR 29741). The petitioner requests that NRC amend its deliberate misconduct and employee protection regulations to ensure that all individuals are afforded the right to respond to an NRC determination that the individual has violated these regulations. The petition has been withdrawn at the petitioner's request.

Chief Information Officer
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 1, 2001

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of May 25, 2001 through May 31, 2001:

OIG transcript of July 16, 1998 by named individual. (FOIA/PA-2001-0270)

Violations by named institutions of higher education, 1/1/98 to present, related to the handling of nuclear materials. (FOIA/PA-2001-0271)

ADAMS (Agencywide Documents Access & Management Systems) project and system reports externally prepared and received by the NRC since March 2001. (FOIA/PA-2001-0272)

Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
CORTES, Ramon	STUDENT ENGINEER	RII
DAVENPORT, Crystal	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	RIV
FONG, Tony	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIII
GOLDFEIZ, Eliezer	RELIABILITY & RISK ENGINEER	RES
GROTH, Katrina	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
HORACE, Eddie	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIV
LEWIS, Doris	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
LY, Valerie	STUDENT CLERK	ADM
MACON, William	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
McCONNEL, Matthew	GENERAL ENGINEER	NRR
OBLER, Topaz	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
OVERLAND, Dean	RELIABLILTIY & RISK ENGINEER	RES
PARK, Albert	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
RINI, Brett	STUDENT SCIENTIST	NRR
SHPAK, Anna	STUDENT IT SPECIALIST	OCIO
TOMERO, Leonor	STUDENT LAW CLERK	OGC
YARSKY, Peter	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
Retirements		
KANTOR, Falk	SR. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST	NRR
KILDEE, Brian	SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR NRC ACQUISITIONS	OGC
GIRARD, Edward	SENIOR REACTOR INSPECTOR	RII
ROTHMAN, Robert	SR. GEOPHYSICIST	NRR
SCHOCK, Annette	SECRETARY(OA)	RIII
ZURFLUEH, Ernst	GEOPHYSICIST	RES
Departures		

GOODWIN, Judith	SECRETARY	ACRS
GREEN, Brenda	DEBT COLLECTION SPECIALIST	OCFO
ZUBER, Novak	CONSULTANT	ACRS

Office of Public Affairs
Items of Interest
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Media Interest

Chairman Meserve was interviewed on May 30, 2000, by John Filaka of the Wall Street Journal about license renewal.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
01-065	NRC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Material Control and Accounting Regulations
01-066	NRC Seeks Comments on Proposed Agenda for Annual Nuclear Safety Research Conference in October
01-067	NRC Issues Annual Assessments for All Nuclear Plants
Regions:	
II-01-011	NRC Staff to Hold Public Meeting with FP&L June 8 to Discuss Initial Plant License Renewal Inspection at Turkey Point
III-01-02	NRC to Meet with Nuclear Management Company to Discuss Safety Performance at the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant
IV-01-022	NRC to Meet with NPPD to Discuss Safety Performance at Cooper Nuclear Station
IV-01-023	NRC to Meet with South Texas Project to Discuss Safety Performance at STP Nuclear Power Plant
IV-01-024	NRC to Meet with Wolf Creek to Discuss Safety Performance at Nuclear Power Plant

Office of International Programs
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Visit of UK Chief Inspector, Laurence Williams, to NRC

Laurence Williams, Chief Inspector of the UK Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, visited the NRC and two US nuclear plants from May 18-23, 2001. Mr. Williams was accompanied by his technical assistant Ms. Kulvinder McDonald. On May 18, Mr. Williams met with Commissioners, the EDO, and NRR and NMSS officials to discuss a wide range of topics including the just-announced Bush Administration Energy Plan; NRC's license renewal process; deregulation of the nuclear industry; environmental issues, including waste disposal, transportation, and Kyoto Protocol considerations; standards for fuel cycle facilities and radioactive waste; and cooperation on licensing of new reactor designs, including the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor, fuel cycle facilities, and decommissioning. Mr. Williams visited the Surry plant site hosted by Region II Administrator, Luis Reyes, and the North Anna plant site hosted by NRR Deputy Director, Jon Johnson. Mr. Williams concluded his visit on May 23 with a series of discussions with NRR and RES.

Office of the Secretary
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Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-01-0026	5/29/01	Alternatives for Rulemaking: Domestic Licensing of Uranium and Thorium Recovery Facilities
Commission Voting Record on 01-0026	5/29/01	(same)
2. SECY-01-0067	4/20/01	Report on Support to the American Nuclear Society for the Development of Standard on Probabilistic Risk Assessment for Low Power and Shutdown
SRM on 01-0067	5/30/01	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0067	5/30/01	(same)
3. SECY-01-0071	4/25/01	Expanded NRC Participation in the Use of the International Nuclear Event Scale
4. SRM on 01-0071	5/31/01	(same)
5. Commission Voting Record on 01-0071	5/31/01	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-01-0095	5/30/01	SECY-01-0095 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending May 25, 2001

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressmen W.J. “Billy” Tauzin, James C. Greenwood, and Joe Barton, dated May 25, 2001, concerns NRC’s ability to respond to a significant increase in licensing activities at operating nuclear power reactors, as well as potential future licensing activities.

2. Letter to Raymond J. Wymer, dated May 26, 2001, offers a reappointment to a four-year term on the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. 10 CFR Part 2, Docket No. PRM-2-12, Michael Stein, Withdrawal of Petition for Rulemaking.

2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal; Notice of Meeting.

Region I
Items of Interest
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End-of-Cycle Assessment Letters for Region I Plants

Region I issued the End-of-Cycle Assessment Letters for the Region I plants. Annual meetings with the various licensees regarding these assessment letters will be occurring over the next 1-1/2 months. Those Region I plants not in the Licensee Response Column of the Action Matrix include: Calvert Cliffs, Fitzpatrick and Susquehanna in the Regulatory Response Column; Millstone Unit 2 in the Degraded Cornerstone Column; and Indian Point 2 in the Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone Column.

NRC Activities at Safety Light Corporation

On May 31, 2001, NRC conducted a safety inspection and site tour of the Safety Light Corporation (SLC) facility in Bloomsburg, PA. The SLC site is a Site Decommissioning Management Program site that has large volumes of contaminated soil, as well as contamination of equipment, buildings and groundwater. The purpose of the site tour was to walk down the facility to aid in the review of the licensee's Decommissioning Cost Estimate, and to inspect the condition of radioactive waste drums and boxes that are stored outside. In addition to the RI Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety and a RI Senior Health Physicist, representatives from NMSS and NMSS contractors participated in the site tour. Two representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection also accompanied the NRC staff.

Region II
Items of Interest
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Situational Leadership Course

On May 30, 2001, a Situational Leadership Course was presented by a speaker of Resolution Dynamics, Inc., to Regional managers and supervisors.

BWX Technologies - Management Meeting

On May 31, 2001, the Fuel Facilities Branch Chief, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety attended a management meeting at BWX Technologies (BWXT) in Lynchburg, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss BWXT performance from April 9, 2000 to March 10, 2001.

Technical Training Seminar on ASME Code Committees

On May 31, 2001, the Division of Reactor Safety conducted a Technical Training Seminar on ASME Code Committees and Non Destructive Examination.

Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) Working Group Meeting

On May 31, 2001, regional staff from each Regional office and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation met in Region II to discuss proposed changes to the PI&R inspection procedure.

Division of Reactor Safety - Operator Licensing Counterpart Meeting

On May 31, 2001, a one-day counterpart meeting was held in the Region as a make up for the examiners conference which was canceled due to weather in March. The Director, Division of Inspection Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and members of his OLB staff discussed recent Operator Licensing topics with the Regional staff. A healthy dialogue was established on several topics which included, the new Supplement to NUREG-1021, operating test content, and metrics for budgeting exam resources.

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. - Uninterruptable Power Supply Update

Additional temporary power generation capability has been installed at the site and is being used to provide a more reliable source of power for safety and safeguards systems. The uninterruptable power supply system vendor is on site to identify the reason for the recent unreliability. On May 31, during testing of a portion of the system that has not been used for many years, a short circuit in the system occurred that resulted in system failure and loss of power to certain safety and safeguards equipment.

Region III
Items of Interest
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Region III Staff Meets with Exelon on Dresden Recirculation System Problems

On May 31, 2001, Region III staff members met with Exelon officials in the regional office to discuss motor generator set problems which have occurred in the Dresden plant's recirculation system.

Region IV
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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) Management Changes

WCNOC announced on May 30, 2001, that Clay Warren, the Vice President Operations Support, was leaving Wolf Creek to join the Utilities Service Alliance. Mr. Warren's position is being eliminated and the organizations which reported to him are being divided among the other officers. Mr. Britt McKinney will change titles from Vice President Operations and Plant Manager to Vice President Operations. Ms. Donna Jacobs, the manager of Integrated Plant Scheduling, will be the new Plant Manager, reporting to Mr. McKinney. Mr. Brad Norton, the manager of Design Engineering, will assume a new position of Director of Engineering, reporting to Mr. Rick Muench, whose title will change from Vice President Engineering and Information Services to Vice President Technical Services.

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