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WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING JUNE 15, 2001

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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Interaction with Industry on CRDM Cracking

On June 7, 2001, members of the NRC staff and representatives from the EPRI Materials Reliability Program (MRP), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), various licensees, and members of the public participated in a public meeting held at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) offices in Rockville, Maryland. Based on the staff's review of the MRP-44, Part 2 report, the staff requested the meeting with the above parties in order to discuss the staff's questions on the report and to discuss potential NRC generic communications on this issue. The staff provided a list of supplemental questions to the MRP and NEI prior to the meeting by electronic mail, in order to facilitate and focus the discussion at this meeting. These questions were made publicly available prior to the meeting in ADAMS and were posted on the NRC web site for this issue ("Generic Activities on PWR Alloy-600 Weld Cracking," at http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/ALLOY-600/index.html).

The MRP provided responses to several of the staff's questions in the areas of leakage detection, the time-temperature histogram used to rank the domestic PWRs, circumferential crack growth, loose parts, and risk assessment. The MRP's meeting slides were posted on the NRC's Alloy 600 web site following the meeting. The staff asked several questions regarding the information presented on the MRP's handout, and based on the information provided during the meeting, the staff had additional questions for the MRP. The additional questions will be formally provided to NEI and the MRP by separate letter. The staff discussed where the CRDM issue is in the regulatory process and the potential for generic communications to follow. The staff is continuing to interact closely with the MRP on this issue.

D. C. Cook, Units 1 and 2

Oversight

On June 7, 2001, NRC notified D. C. Cook that the agency's Manual Chapter (MC) 0350 oversight panel, monitoring the plant's restart and performance improvement activities, was being terminated. Both units were shutdown in September 1997 as a result of an NRC inspection which found safety systems which did not meet their design and licensing basis. Additional equipment and design problems were discovered by the utility and the NRC staff, leading to the extended outage.

In April 1998, the NRC established the MC 0350 restart panel to oversee the units' outage activities and preparations for restart of the two units. The panel held frequent public meetings with the licensee to discuss the units' readiness for restart. Unit 2 restarted in June of 2000; Unit 1 restarted in December 2000.

In notifying the utility of the termination of the MC 0350 oversight, the NRC noted that the plant staff has established an effective long-range improvement program, is sufficiently implementing the corrective action program, has demonstrated safe plant operation and overall improving

performance, and has established an effective program to update and maintain the plant's design basis.

Containment Structural Issues

On June 11, 2001, NRR and Region III staff members met with the licensee to discuss the resolution of containment structural issues at D. C. Cook, Units 1 and 2. The licensee described the corrective action being taken and the schedule for final resolution of all issues.

The licensee stated that the evaluation phase of the project has been completed and calculations have confirmed that the existing containment structures are operable with the margins described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report. Plant modifications or license amendments to change the existing licensing basis will not be necessary.

The licensee will complete the project during the next Unit 2 refueling outage, at which time the licensee will take as-built measurements of the Unit 2 containment to assure that all calculations are bounding. This completes the NRR review of the containment structural issues at D. C. Cook, Units 1 and 2.

Exelon Generation Company

Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) informed the NRC staff that it moved its Central Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) for the MidWest Regional Operating Group from its previous location in Downers Grove, IL, to Warrenville, IL, a distance of approximately 7 miles. The central EOF is co-located with the corporate offices which were also moved. The Central EOF serves Braidwood, Units 1 and 2; Byron, Units 1 and 2; Dresden, Units 1, 2, and 3; LaSalle, Units 1 and 2; Quad Cities, Units 1 and 2; and Zion, Units 1 and 2.

The Commission approved the formation of the Central EOF and its previous location in the staff requirements memorandum (SRM) dated January 29, 1999, for SECY-98-274. Since the Exelon Central EOF was previously approved by the Commission and the distances from the plant sites to the new EOF are essentially the same as before, the staff has concluded that Commission approval of the move is not required.

The licensee determined that the move does not decrease the effectiveness of the emergency plans and, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q), will submit a report to the NRC within 30 days of the move. The licensee indicated that the Central EOF move was coordinated with the appropriate State and local officials. With the relocation of the Central EOF, the distance to each of the five operating sites are slightly less than before, ranging from 30 miles (Dresden) to 109 miles (Quad Cities), and a slight increase (5 miles) to the Zion site. The licensee has stated that the relocation of the EOF will not change the EOF communication and electronic capabilities. The licensee will continue to satisfy the 60-minute EOF staffing time and other conditions under which the central EOF was previously approved.

The NRC staff will perform a review of the 10 CFR 50.54(q) evaluation to confirm that the move has not decreased the effectiveness of the emergency plans. As part of this review, the staff will complete a walk-down of the new facility to confirm its capabilities and overall readiness.

NRC Information Notice 2001-09: Main Feedwater System Degradation in Safety-Related ASME Code Class 2 Piping Inside the Containment of a Pressurized Water Reactor dated June 11, 2001

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued this information notice to alert addressees to the discovery of main feedwater system wall thinning to below allowable limits in turbine building components and in risk-important, safety-related portions of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Class 2 piping inside the reactor containment building at the Callaway Plant.

Staff Issues Turkey Point License Renewal Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement For Public Comment

On Tuesday, June 12, 2001, the staff issued the draft of Supplement 5 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 5, Regarding Turkey Point Units 3 and 4," for public comment. This supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) includes the staff's preliminary analysis that considers and weighs the environmental effects of the proposed action, the environmental impacts of alternatives to the proposed action, and mitigative measures available for reducing or avoiding adverse impacts. It also includes the staff's preliminary conclusion that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Turkey Point are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. A 45-day public comment period was published on June 18, 2001, with the Notice of Filing of the draft SEIS with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The public comment period was published as ending August 6, 2001. A notice extending the public comment period by an additional 30 days should be issued shortly. The staff has scheduled public meetings on July 17, 2000, in Homestead, Florida, to present its analyses and to accept public comments on the draft SEIS.

Risk-informed Technical Specifications

On June 14, 2001, the staff published the Federal Register notice of opportunity to comment on a model safety evaluation to modify technical specification requirements to allow unintentionally missed surveillance to be treated as an emergent condition and rescheduled through the licensee's 10 CFR 50.65(a)(4) configuration risk management program. This modification allows the flexibility to consider the plant conditions and other planned activities so that the risk of performing the missed surveillance can be managed. The Federal Register notice (66FR32400) is the first step in offering the proposed generic change for plant license amendment through the consolidated line item improvement process or "CLIIP." As the first offering of an initiative for adoption through CLIIP, this represents a major milestone in the joint NRC/industry project to risk inform technical specifications.

ACRS Meeting

On June 4 and 5, 2001, the ACRS conducted a workshop on the regulatory challenges for future nuclear plants. The NRR Future Licensing Organization staff participated in the workshop and made a presentation to the Committee regarding NRR's current and planned activities to support future licensing including Future Licensing and Inspection Readiness Assessment (FLIRA), early site permits, construction program re-activation, regulatory

infrastructure issues, and the AP1000 pre-application review. The Office of Research advanced reactors group made a presentation regarding current and future activities related to the pre-application reviews for the PBMR, GT-MHR, and IRIS designs. NRC staff also participated in panel discussions during the workshop. Other workshop participants included Commissioner Diaz, and representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute, Exelon, PBMR Pty., Westinghouse, General Electric, General Atomics, MIT, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Department of Energy, and interested members of the public.

AP1000 Pre Application Review

On June 6, 2001, Westinghouse Electric Company representatives met with the NRC staff to discuss the status of the AP1000 pre-application review (PAR). The meeting focused on the AP600 analysis codes to scope the performance of the larger AP1000 design. The following key agreements were reached:

1. Westinghouse will make available their QC documentation for key in-house analysis codes for NRC assessment and audit.

2. Westinghouse and NRC staff will conduct joint case study code reviews in key plant performance areas.

3. NRC agreed to confirm the assessment plan by the end of July and issue initial RAIs by late June.

Future Licensing Web Site

The Future Licensing Activities web site has been posted on the NRC's public Internet site. The site can be accessed at http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/FLO/index.htm, or via the "Reactors" home page.

Content includes a summary of current activities, meeting notices, and links to relevant regulations. Upgrades in the near future will add document references, additional meetings and summaries, and editorial changes.

NRC/NEI Public Meeting on the Industry's Personnel Access Data System (PADS)

On June 12, 2001, members of the Reactor Safeguards Section, Office of Enforcement, Personnel Security, and the Safeguards Section in NMSS had an informative meeting with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) at NRC headquarters to discuss the industry's Personnel Access Data System (PADS). PADS is a standardized industry approach for in-processing of nuclear plant workers through a computer-based national personnel data system, which includes information on access authorization and fitness for duty. The NRC staff met with representatives of NEI to better understand PADS relative to the staff's (1) rulemaking efforts in fitness for duty, and (2) review of industry's proposed guidance on access authorization.

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National Academy of Sciences Meeting

On June 12-15, 2001, the National Academy of Sciences, under contract to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to study alternatives for control of solid materials, held a public meeting to gather information: (a) on technical support documents; (b) from representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the European Commission, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development/Nuclear Energy Agency; and (c) from other stakeholder groups. A meeting agenda, including a listing of the invited speakers and their organizations, is contained on the Academy's website at www.nas.edu.

Observation of the Audit of the Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management

On June 5-7, 2001, Division of Waste Management (DWM) staff observed the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) audit of activities regarding DOE's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Safety, Health and Security's (EM-5's) implementation of the High-Level Waste Quality Assurance (QA) Program. This audit was conducted at the EM-5 facility in Germantown, Maryland. The scope of the audit was to evaluate the implementation of the OCRWM QA Program for EM-5 activities controlling the processing of high-level waste at various sites such as the Savannah River Operations Office Defense Waste Processing Facility and the Hanford Office of River Protection. The OCRWM audit team identified two potential deficiencies in the areas of organization and corrective action. DWM staff believes that the audits of EM-5 were well-planned, thorough, and adequately evaluated the implementation of the OCRWM QA Program at the various high-level waste processing sites. In general, the observers agreed with the OCRWM audit team's conclusions, findings, and recommendations presented at the audit exit.

Request for Additional Information on the Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility Environmental Report

On June 8, 2001, the Division of Waste Management, with support from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, completed its review of the Environmental Report submitted by Duke Cogema Stone & Webster (DCS) in support of the application for a proposed mixed-oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication facility (FFF) to be located at the Savannah River Site, and transmitted its request for additional information (RAI) to DCS. Information requested from DCS is needed for the completion of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) being prepared in support of the MOX FFF licensing review. To meet the current schedule, which calls for completion of the DEIS by September 30, 2001, DCS is expected to provide its responses to the RAI by mid-July.

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Releases Petitioned Public Health Assessment for Molycorp, Washington, Pennsylvania

On June 8, 2001, Division of Waste Management staff received a copy of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR's) public health assessment for Molycorp, Inc.,

Washington, Pennsylvania, (Molycorp) dated April 30, 2001. This facility is included in the Site Decommissioning Management Plan. ATSDR had been petitioned by a community member to evaluate the potential public health impact of thorium contamination at Molycorp. It concluded that the radiation levels detected at on- and off-site locations associated with Molycorp are not likely to cause adverse health effects. Staff had previously reviewed and commented on the draft ATSDR report and attended a public meeting hosted by ATSDR to discuss the draft report with the public. ATSDR is part of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

HI-STORM 100 Loading Issues at the Hatch Nuclear Power Plant

On June 10, 2001, the Hatch Nuclear Power Plant experienced problems closing the vent and drain valves following helium backfill of a loaded HI-STORM 100 spent fuel storage canister. The vent and drain valves, located in the canister lid, must be closed to allow subsequent welding of the vent and drain port closures. The canister remains in a helium-filled condition in the Hatch facility while corrective actions and repairs are being evaluated. The event was reported by Hatch in a 10 CFR 72.75 notification and the loaded canister will not be moved to the independent spent fuel storage facility until these issues are resolved.

Meeting Regarding License Renewal for GE-Morris Spent Fuel Storage Facility

On June 6-7, 2001, Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) staff and their contractors traveled to Morris, Illinois, to meet with General Electric Nuclear Energy, to discuss the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review of the 10 CFR Part 72 license renewal application for the GE-Morris spent fuel storage facility, and to tour the site. The GE-Morris staff described the licensing and operational history of the site, including recent facility improvements supporting the renewal application. SFPO staff described its current review philosophy for Part 72 license renewal, with focus on the evaluation and management of aging effects on important structures, systems, and components. The GE-Morris facility is currently at greater than 99 percent capacity, with 3,217 light-water reactor spent fuel assemblies in wet (pool) storage. No spent fuel has been received at the facility since 1989.

Director's Decision Regarding 10 CFR 76.45 Petition from Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy International Union Requesting Reconsideration of Paducah Certificate Amendment to Increase Enrichment Capability

On April 17, 2001, in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 76.45, a petition was submitted from Mr. Dan Guttman, Counsel to Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy International Union Local 5-689, challenging the March 19, 2001, amendment to the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Certificate, which provided the authority to increase the enrichment assay capability of the plant. The petitioners requested the staff to reconsider the amendment to address the requirements of Section 193(f) of the Atomic Energy Act, and perform a review to determine if the grant of the amendment is inimical to the maintenance of a reliable and economical domestic source of enrichment services.

On June 14, 2001, the Director denied the petition on the grounds of lack of standing of the petitioners. The Director also concluded that in making determinations required by Section 193(f)(2)(B), it should focus on the issue of entities, principally foreign entities, gaining control

and undermining U.S. domestic enrichment capabilities, which would be inimical to the interest of the U.S., and that this review need only be conducted at the time of a proposed certification of a new owner or other transfer of control meeting the threshold of 10 CFR 76.65. Such a review is not required and is not appropriate for an enrichment assay upgrade amendment to the Paducah certificate.

Proposed Rule Signed by EDO

On June 15, 2001, the Executive Director for Operations approved a proposed rule that amends 10 CFR Part 72.214," List of approved spent fuel storage casks" revising the Transnuclear West, Inc., Standardized NUHOMS -24P and -52B cask system listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks." This amendment would allow the holders of power reactor operating licenses to use the -61BT dry storage canister (DSC) to store spent fuel, adds additional fuel parameters supporting the use of the -61BT DSC under a general license, and makes administrative changes to the conditions in the certificate of compliance.

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Public Meeting on PBMR Pre-Application Review

On June 12-13, the NRC staff held a public meeting with Exelon Generation Company, NEI, DOE, and interested stakeholders to discuss selected topics related to the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) pre-application review. The meeting was the second in a series of planned monthly meetings between the staff and Exelon and DOE on the PBMR review. The purpose of these meetings is for the staff to receive information from Exelon on selected topics within the scope of the pre-application review and for Exelon to obtain feedback from the staff on the information provided. To enable the staff to conduct a formal review, Exelon is expected to formally submit the information discussed in these meetings as part of its application.

The June meeting discussion topics included (1) additional presentations by Exelon and staff feedback on Exelon's proposed risk-informed approach to PBMR licensing, (2) preliminary staff comments on Exelon's previously submitted "white paper" proposals involving regulations on finances, operator staffing, and the fuel cycle that could bear on a potential PBMR licensee, (3) preliminary staff comments on Exelon's previously submitted proposals related to PBMR Part 52 applications and licensing plan, (4) initial presentations by Exelon, and (5) staff questions on the design, technology, operating experience, manufacturing, performance, and testing experience of the proposed PBMR pebble fuel. Stakeholder comments were also received during the meeting.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for July 17-18, August 14-15, and September 19-20, 2001, at which these topics and new topics within the scope of the pre-application review will be discussed.

High-Burnup Fuel Rods Arrived at Argonne National Laboratory

High-burnup fuel rods from the H. B. Robinson plant have arrived at Argonne National Laboratory for testing in an NRC research program that is being conducted in cooperation with EPRI and DOE. These PWR rods will join high-burnup BWR rods that arrived at the laboratory last year from the Limerick plant. The Robinson rods have burnups around 72 GWd/t (away from ends) and oxide thicknesses as high as 110 microns, making them ideal for investigating high-burnup effects.

Two aspects will be addressed by the Robinson rods in the near term. One is the role of oxidation from normal operation (i.e., corrosion) in the embrittlement of cladding during a LOCA high-temperature transient. Currently, NRC requires that this oxide thickness be added to the oxidation that is expected during a LOCA transient for purposes of comparing the thickness with the limit set in 10 CFR 50.46. The other is the effect of burnup on cladding failure under dry storage conditions. In addition to addressing these two issues in the near term, the program at ANL will explore the effects of burnup on fuel behavior under LOCA conditions, and the program will measure mechanical properties for a wide range of applications.

Incident Response Operations
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NOTE: In the Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 8, 2001 the entry on "One Voice" Initiative Committee Meeting may have caused some confusion. The entry below replaces it.

"One Voice" Initiative Committee Meeting **Modified**

The goal of the One Voice Initiative is to enhance communication and coordination among the member agencies of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee so that the Federal Government speaks in a consistent manner following radiological events or emergencies. The second One Voice Subcommittee meeting was held at the NRC on June 5, 2000, with participation from NRC, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of State (DOS), and the Department of Energy. During this meeting, the subcommittee determined that EPA and DOS will find an appropriate location for a Joint Information Center (JIC), where information will be exchanged during a foreign nuclear event. Additionally, the subcommittee will analyze the guidance in the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan and determine if the guidance present is adequate or if additional guidance is needed. Ultimately, the subcommittee plans to hold a table top exercise at the JIC to exercise and test the guidance. The next subcommittee meeting will be held in July at the JIC.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-I-01-016, Ion Beam Applications, Inc. Rockaway, New Jersey, SOURCE RACK IN A PANORAMIC WET-SOURCE-STORAGE IRRADIATOR STUCK IN UNSHIELDED POSITION.

2. PNO-IV-01-023, R. D. Plant Contracting, MISSING PORTABLE GAUGE.

Office of Administration
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Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2001 (Parts 150, 170, and 171)

A final rule that amends the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to the Commission's applicants and licensees was published in the Federal Register on June 14, 2001 (66 FR 32452). The final rule is intended to ensure NRC compliance with the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended. The Act mandates that the NRC recover approximately 98 percent of its budget authority in Fiscal Year 2001, less amounts appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund and the General Fund. The amount to be recovered for FY 2001 is approximately $453.3 million. The final rule becomes effective June 14, 2001.

Acquisition Training

The Division of Contracts and Property Management conducted three Acquisition for Certification and Training Program modules, one on June 11, one on June 12, and one on June 14, 2001, which are mandatory for certain staff members.

–On June 11, 2001, conducted module entitled "Overview" with 69 attendees. This all-day module serves as the primer for other workshops in the acquisition training program. The workshop familiarizes participants with the entire NRC acquisition process including Federal Acquisition Regulation applicability, commercial contracts, and DOE laboratory interagency agreements.

–On June 12, 2001, conducted module entitled "Organizational Conflicts of Interest" with 59 attendees. This half-day module includes a discussion of what constitutes a conflict of interest (COI) and how the Agency regulations treat COI. Lectures also include the process for identifying and resolving COI situations for contract awards to both the private sector and DOE Laboratory agreements. Class participants work in groups to analyze situations to determine if COI exists and, if so, how to resolve the COI.

–On June 14, 2001, conducted module entitled "Preparing Statements of Work (SOW)" with 41 attendees. This module provides project managers with practical exercises in developing succinct and complete SOWs that ensure contractors and DOE laboratories fully understand project scope, achieve work objectives, and deliver useful products in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of June 8, 2001 through June 14, 2001:

R.M. Wester & Associates, Inc., 215 Indacom Drive, MO 63376, all records since 1997. (FOIA/PA-2001-0279)

Site assessment, Inframetrics, Inc., 16 Esquire Rd., North Billerica, MA 01862. (FOIA/PA-2001-0280)

Robert L. Thompson Hospital at Carswell Air Force Base, by-product materials license #42-23539-01AF under permit #42-30128-1AFP. (FOIA/PA-2001-0281)

Site assessment, 95 Beekman Ave., Sleepy Hollow, Westchester County, New York. (FOIA/PA-2001-0282)

Robert L. Thompson Hospital at Carswell Air Force Base in TX, physicist report contained in the by-product material license application #42-23539-01AF. (FOIA/PA-2001-0283)

Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), all agency MOU's and memorializing documents, and related agency MOU procedural documents. (FOIA/PA-2001-0284)

Vacancy announcement #0144006, Personnel Security Specialist (Intern). (FOIA/PA-2001-0285)

Materials licensees listing for state of California. (FOIA/PA-2001-0286)

Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
BARILLAS, Martha	REACTOR INSPECTOR	RI
BRIGGS, Christine	SECRETARY (OA)	HR/SPAC
CASTANEDO, Michelle	REACTOR ENGINEER	RIII
DOHENY, Holly	STUDENT CLERK	RI
ELLEGOOD, John	REACTOR ENGINEER	RIII
FLOWERS, Diane	SECRETARY (OA)	RIII
GONSOULIN, Brian	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	RIV
JAXHEIMER, Frederick	REACTOR INSPECTOR	RI
ROSEN, Stephen	ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER	ACRS
SIURANO, Osiurano	HEALTH PHYSICIST	STP
STARKEY, Doug*	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
TAYLOR, Robert	GENERAL ENGINEER	NRR
TAYLOR, Ryan	STUDENT ENGINEER	RII
Departures		
BRADSHAW, Mary Beth	PERSONNEL SECURITY SPECIALIST	ADM
LAWRENCE, Edward	REACTOR INSPECTOR	RI
McCALL, Shirley	SECRETARY (OA)	ADM
SUTTORA, Linda	PROJECT MANAGER	NMSS
SWATZELL, Rick	FUEL FACILITY INSPECTOR	RII

* TRANSFERRING FROM REGION II

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

There was media interest in a minor contamination event at the LaSalle nuclear power plant.

There was media coverage of the Indian Point-2 end-of-cycle meeting at the site attended by EDO William Travers.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
01-071	NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste to Meet in Rockville, Maryland, on June 19 - 21
01-072	NRC to Hold Public Meetings on Discrimination Task Group Draft Report Recommendations
Regions:	
I-01-030	NRC to Meet with Entergy Nuclear Northeast to Discuss Performance at Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant
I-01-031	NRC to Meet with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to Discuss Performance at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Power Plants
I-01-032	NRC SR. Resident Inspector at Peach Bottom Receives Meritorious Service Award For Inspector Excellence
I-01-033	NRC Assigns New Senior Resident Inspector to Salem Nuclear Plant
I-01-034	NRC to Meet with Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation to Discuss Performance at R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
I-01-035	NRC to Meet with Amergen Energy Company to Discuss Performance at Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant
II-01-014	NRC Staff Seeks Input on Draft Turkey Point Environmental Impact Statement; Meetings Scheduled for July 17
III-01-024	NRC to Meet with Detroit Edison Company to Discuss Safety Performance at the Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Station
IV-01-028	Clyde C. Osterholtz Named NRC Senior Resident Inspector at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

IV-01-030	NRC to Meet with Entergy to Discuss Safety Performance at Waterford 3 Nuclear Power Plant
IV-01-031	NRC to Meet with OPPD to Discuss Safety Performance at Fort Calhoun Station
IV-01-032	NRC to Meet with Energy Northwest to Discuss Safety Performance at Columbia Generating Station
IV-01-033	NRC to Meet with Entergy to Discuss Safety Performance at River Bend

Office of International Programs
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Visit of Prof. Roger Clarke, UK National Radiation Protection Board

Prof. Roger Clarke, Head of the U.K. National Radiation Protection Board and Chairman of the International Commission on Radiation Protection (ICRP), visited NRC on June 12 for discussions with Commissioners, EDO and senior program office officials. Prof. Clarke spoke of the need to bring a rational, international basis to the regulation of radiation exposures, and to gain agreement on corresponding numerical values for implementation. He discussed his chairing of a meeting this summer at the IAEA concerning the issues of clearance, exemption and exclusion. He acknowledged NRC's concerns over adopting the ICRP-60 recommendations for radiation protection while noting the value of international consensus.

Taniguchi New Deputy Director General for Nuclear Safety at the IAEA

During the closed, administrative session at end of the June 2001 IAEA Board of Governors meeting in Vienna, Mr. Tomohiro Taniguchi of Japan was accepted by the Member States' Governors as the next Deputy Director General of the Nuclear Safety Department. Mr. Taniguchi replaces Zygmund Domaratzki of Canada who completes his five-year term this summer. Mr. Taniguchi, who is currently Vice President of NUPEC in Japan, will assume his post in late summer or early fall 2001. He will visit NRC on June 21 during a visit to the U.S., to meet Commissioners, the EDO and senior program office officials.

Meeting with Ian Downing , UK Department of Trade and Industry

On June 12, Janice Dunn Lee, Director of International Programs, and staff met with Ian Downing, Director of the U.K. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and Patricia Norton, also of the DTI staff. Mr. Downing, current chairman of the Nuclear Safety Account under the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), was seeking the views of NRC and other U.S. agencies regarding Russia's interest in license renewal and life extension of Soviet-designed power reactors. Western aid to Russia for the safety-upgrading of its reactors has previously been predicated upon early shutdown.

German Visitor from the Company for Reactor Safety (GRS)

Mr. Dieter Muller-Ecker, Staff Engineer, GRS, attended the RES sponsored Cooperative Programs for Probabilistic Risk Analysis (COOPRA) meeting during the week of June 4. Mr. Muller-Ecker met with members of the RES staff to exchange information on unresolved generic safety issues.

Office of the Secretary
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 15, 2001

Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-01-0091	5/21/01	Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, Renewal of Full-Power Operating License
SRM on 01-0091	6/12/01	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0091	6/12/01	(same)
2. SECY-01-0101	6/4/01	Proposed Rule Changes to 10 CFR 73.55: Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities at Nuclear Power Reactors Against Radiological Sabotage; 10 CFR Part 72: Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste; and 10 CFR 50.54(p): Conditions of Licenses
3. SECY-01-0088	5/17/01	Deferral of Regulatory Oversight of Area 10 (The Sandpile) of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant to the U.S. EPA, and Request to Remove Site From Site Decommissioning Management Plan List When Remaining Remediations Under NRC's Oversight are Completed
SRM on 01-0088	6/13/01	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0088	6/13/01	(same)
4. COMSECY-01-0015	5/17/01	Continuation of Sending Paper Copies of a Selected Set of Documents to the Public Document Room
SRM on 01-0015	6/13/01	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0015	6/13/01	(same)

Negative Consent Documents		
1. SECY-01-0084	5/9/01	Rulemaking Plan: Financial Assurance Amendments for Materials Licensees
SRM on 01-0084	6/6/01	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-01-0102	6/7/01	SECY-01-0102 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 1, 2001
2. SECY-01-0092	5/21/01	Self-Assessment of ACRS and ACNW Performance
3. SECY-01-0094	5/25/01	Staff Review of Request for Exemptions and an Associated Amendment Related to Physical Security Plans for an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) Under a General License
Memoranda		
1. M010614A	6/14/01	Staff Requirements: Affirmation Session: I. SECY-01-0086-Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation) Docket No. 72-22; Review of LBP-01-03; II. COMSECY-01-0017-Order Referring Petitions to Intervene in MOX Proceeding to Licensing Board

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress dated June 7, 2001, provides the April report on the status of NRC's licensing and regulatory duties.

2. Letter to Ralph E. Beedle, Nuclear Energy Institute, dated June 6, 2001, concerns the Safeguards Performance Assessment pilot program.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal; Cancellation.

The NRC Historian moderated a panel on "How the History of Science and Technology Changed My Life: A Roundtable Exploring Intersections between International Relations, Science, and Technology," at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations at American University.

Region I
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 15, 2001

Annual Assessment Meetings

Region I conducted annual assessment meetings at three sites: Peach Bottom on June 12, Indian Point 2 on June 13, and Seabrook on June 14. The responsible Branch Chiefs chaired the meetings at Peach Bottom and Seabrook, which included presentations to the operating licensees and interaction with the public, media, and elected officials after the meetings. Five elected representatives attended the Seabrook meeting.

Consistent with its status as a multiple degraded cornerstone plant, Executive Director for Operations Bill Travers and Region I Administrator Hub Miller chaired the meeting at Indian Point 2. During this meeting, the NRC's assessment of Consolidated Edison Company's performance operating Indian Point 2 over the past year was presented, and ConEd management responded by discussing their performance improvement plan. The evening meeting lasted approximately three hours. After the formal presentation, the NRC responded to questions from the public, media, and elected officials. Meetings are scheduled at all plants over the next few weeks.

Management Meeting with Maine Radiation Control Program Director

On June 12, 2001, the Regional State Agreements Officer and a representative from the Office of State and Tribal Programs met with the Program Director and his staff to discuss the status of Maine's Agreement State program. This was the second periodic meeting held to discuss the Maine program since the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review in 1998. In addition to the discussion regarding the status of the Maine program, programmatic information was shared between the agencies, and preliminary planning for the fall 2002 IMPEP review was addressed.

Region II
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 15, 2001

Deputy Regional Administrator on International Travel in Prague, Czechoslovakia Republic

During the period of June 1-16, the Deputy Regional Administrator was on international travel in Prague, Czechoslovakia Republic, to participate in the International Regulatory Review Team (IRRT) mission to the Czechoslovakia Republic.

Engineering Managers' Forum

On June 11, the Director, Division of Reactor Safety attended the Engineering Managers Forum at the Sheraton Colonial Hotel in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

Institute of Nuclear Power Operations 2001 Plant Manager's Workshop

On June 13, the Regional Administrator attended the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations 2001 Plant Manager's Workshop in Atlanta, Georgia.

Southern Nuclear Company - Hatch Nuclear Station Safety System Design Inspection (SSDI) Team Inspection Exit Meeting

On June 14-15, the Director, Division of Reactor Safety attended the Hatch Nuclear Station SSDI team inspection exit meeting at the site in Baxley, Georgia.

Region III
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 15, 2001

Commissioner Diaz Visits Ohio Plant

Commissioner Diaz on Tuesday, June 12, visited the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Perry, Ohio. The Deputy Regional Administrator accompanied the Commissioner on the site visit.

Southeast Missouri State University Predecisional Enforcement Conference

On Tuesday, June 12, the staff conducted a Predecisional Enforcement Conference with representatives of Southeast Missouri State University to discuss possible regulatory violations at the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, campus. The possible violations include an americium-241 overexposure, possession of an unauthorized radioactive material, failure to conduct adequate surveys, and the loss of a strontium-9 source.

Region IV
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 15, 2001

Meeting with Entergy Operations, Inc. re: Arkansas Nuclear One, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, River Bend Station, Waterford 3

On June 13, the Regional Administrator, the NRR Director of the Division of Licensing Project Management, and other NRC staff members met with senior officials of Entergy Operations, Inc. in Jackson, Mississippi, to discuss the performance of the nuclear plants operated by Entergy in Region IV. This meeting was open to public observation.

End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting with Diablo Canyon

On June 14, 2001, the Director, Division of Reactor Projects, Region IV, and other NRC participants discussed the results of the end-of-cycle assessment of Diablo Canyon Power Plant performance with the Station Director for the Diablo Canyon Plant. This meeting was held in San Luis Obispo, California, and was open to public observation.

End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting with Grand Gulf

On June 14, 2001, the Chief, Projects Branch-A conducted a public meeting at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station to discuss the results of the end-of-cycle assessment with the Vice President, Operations.

End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting with San Onofre

On June 11, 2001, the Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Projects, Region IV, and other NRC participants discussed the results of the end-of-cycle assessment of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station performance with the Vice President of Engineering and Technical Services, Southern California Edison. This meeting was held at the San Onofre site near San Clemente, California, and was open to public observation.

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 20					
OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Portner	06/19/01 2362 RHOB TENTATIVE	TBA	Markup	FY02 Energy and Water Development Appropriations	Reps. Callahan/Visclosky Energy and Water Development Appropriations
Gerke	06/19/01 SD-106	9:00	FERC, Entergy, CA Independent System Operator	Electricity Price Caps, National Energy Plan in S. 597	Senators Bingaman/Murkowski Energy and Natural Resources
Gerke	06/20/01 210 CHOB	10:00	TBA	Economic & Budgetary Implications of Natl Energy Policy	Reps. Nussle/Spratt Budget
Gerke	06/21/01 2318 RHOB	10:00	Secretary Abraham	National Energy Policy Development Group's Report	Reps. Boehlert/Hall Science
Gerke	06/21/01 2154 RHOB	10:30	TBA	Government Paperwork Elimination Act	Reps. Burton/Waxman Government Reform
Gerke	06/21/01 SD-342	2:30	Kay James	Confirmation as OPM Director	Senators Lieberman/Thompson Governmental Affairs