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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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Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2

On December 21, 2001, the NRC staff issued an Order approving the transfer of the facility operating licenses from TXU Electric Company to TXU Generation Company LP. The license transfers were requested by the licensee, by application dated June 19, 2001, to comply with a Texas law requiring the separation of electric utility assets associated with generation, distribution, and sales. The actual transfer took place on January 1, 2002.

Grand Gulf Nuclear Station

On December 20, 2001, the NRC issued an exemption to specific requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 50, Appendix E, Sections IV.F.2.b and c., for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1. This action was in response to the licensee's request for a one-time exemption from the requirement to conduct a full-participation exercise of the offsite emergency plan every two years. The licensee requested rescheduling the biennial full-participation exercise, originally planned for September 17, 2001, because of the impact of the national emergency on September 11, 2001.

The exemption provides temporary relief. The licensee committed to conduct the exercise during the next calendar year (currently scheduled for March 2002), and has not requested any permanent changes in future biennial exercise scheduling. Accordingly, the licensee is expected to conduct another full-participation exercise of onsite and offsite emergency plans in 2003.

South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

On December 20, 2001, an Order was issued authorizing the transfer of Reliant Energy Incorporated's (formerly known as Houston Lighting and Power Company) interest in the Facility Operating Licenses for South Texas Project Electric Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 (STPEGS) to CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a new parent holding company for Reliant. The Order also authorized the transfer of Reliant's interest in STPEGS to Texas Genco LP, which will be wholly-owned by CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Items of Interest
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Exemption Issued for Three Mile Island-2 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

On December 27, 2001, the Spent Fuel Project Office issued an exemption to the Department of Energy (DOE) for the Three Mile Island-2 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation. DOE had requested an extension of time in which to perform the 2001 Emergency Preparedness onsite exercise, which had been scheduled for September 12, 2001, and was postponed due to the events of September 11, 2001. DOE plans to conduct the exercise in the second quarter of 2002.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
Items of Interest
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Four Draft Regulatory Guides Issued on ASME Code Cases

The Office of Nuclear Research (RES) has issued four draft regulatory guides that list or discuss the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Cases that are acceptable to the NRC staff. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1089, "Operation and Maintenance Code Case Acceptability, ASME OM Code," is a draft of a new guide on the operation and maintenance code cases that are acceptable to the NRC staff. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1090, "Design, Fabrication, and Materials Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section III," is a proposed Revision 32 of the combination of Regulatory Guides 1.84 and 1.85. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1091, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1," is a proposed Revision 13 of Regulatory Guide 1.147. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1112, "ASME Code Cases Not Approved for Use," is to become a new regulatory guide that is being developed for the convenience of the NRC's licensees, applicants, and stakeholders.

Incident Response Operations
Items of Interest
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Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-I-01-038, PSEG Nuclear LLC (Salem Unit 2), REACTOR TRIP AND SAFETY INJECTION.

2. PNO-IV-02-001, Source Production and Equipment Company, HIGH RADIATION LEVELS DETECTED ON IMPORTED PACKAGE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL.

Chief Information Officer
Items of Interest
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of December 28, 2001 through January 3, 2002:

Civil and administrative violations for which a monetary penalty was assessed, calendar year 2000. (FOIA/PA-2002-0070)

Drawings for Standardized NUHOMS Horizontal Modular Storage System for Irradiated Nuclear Fuel. (FOIA/PA-2002-0071)

Hematite Nuclear Facility, Hematite, MO, regulatory documents for 1957 through 1972. (FOIA/PA-2002-0072)

ACRS files, records regarding Saxton experimental reactor for 1957 - 1973 time frame, and Oyster Creek power plant for 1963 - 1980 time frame. (FOIA/PA-2002-0073)

Site assessment, NY-Harlem, 2330 Frederick Douglas Blvd., New York, NY. (FOIA/PA-2002-0074)

Daily plant status reports, 9/10/01 to present (1/2/02). (FOIA/PA-2002-0075)

FOIA request log, January 2001 through April 2001. (FOIA/PA-2002-0076)

Allegation NRR-96-A-0130, all documents. (FOIA/PA-2002-0077)

Task Interface Agreements for Millstone and Susquehanna referenced in Braidwood inspection report 01-11. (FOIA/PA-2002-0078)

Intermediate Milestone 1402-771-120, report. (FOIA/PA-2002-0079)

Office of Human Resources
Items of Interest
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Retirements		
BELKE, William	SENIOR ONSITE LICENSING REPRESENTATIVE	NMSS
COMBS, Frederick	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	OSTP
CONRAD, Herbert	SENIOR MATERIALS ENGINEER	NRR
DIXON, William	TRANSPORTATION AIDE	ADM
EARNEST, Alonzo	SENIOR PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTOR	RIV
GIBBS, Ronald	SENIOR REACTOR INSPECTOR	RII
GOODWIN, Edward	SENIOR REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
HACKNEY, Charles	STATE LIAISON OFFICER	RIV
HAUBER, Ronald	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	OIP
HUBBARD, George	SECTION CHIEF	NRR
JONES, Ralph	REACTOR TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR	HR
KALKMAN, James	SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	RIII
KING, Thomas	DIRECTOR	RES
MORRIS, Elaine	TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS SPECIALIST	OCIO
NELSON, Donald	REACTOR TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR	HR
SCALETTI, Dino	SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
SERPAN, Charles	SENIOR LEVEL ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTOR	OIP
SISSON, Margo	TEAM LEADER	OEDO
WICHMAN, Keith	SECTION CHIEF	NRR
WILLIAMS, Julian	SENIOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	RI
WILLIAMS, Rubylee	SECRETARY (OA)	OCFO
Departures		
ALLOWAY-MUELLER, Pamela	PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	RIII
KENNEDY, Brandon	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIV

MARTIN, David	OFFICE ASSISTANT	RIII
SAENGRAYIB, Charles	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIII
TINDELL, Brian	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIV

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

There was media interest in NRC's release of a final environmental impact statement for the proposed Private Fuels Storage nuclear waste facility in Utah.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
01-137	NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste To Meet January 8 - 9 in Rockville, Maryland
01-138	NRC Announces Availability of License Renewal Application for St. Lucie Units 1 and 2
02-001	NRC Deploys New Website That Provides Live Broadcasts
02-002	NRC Publishes Final Environmental Impact Statement on Proposed Spent Fuel Storage Facility
02-003	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Re-elects Chairman, Vice Chairman and Member-at-large
Regions:	
I-02-001	Haddam Neck, Yankee Rowe Decommissioning Work To Be Discussed
IV 01-054	NRC Cites Energy Northwest For Safety Violation At Columbia Generating Station

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-01-0162	12/31/01	Staff Plans for Proceeding with the Risk-Informed Alternative to the Standards for Combustible Gas Control Systems in Light-Water-Cooled Power Reactors in 10 CFR 50.44
Commission Voting Record on 01-0162	12/31/01	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-01-0227	12/21/01	SECY-01-0227 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 14, 2001
2. SECY-01-0231	12/31/01	SECY-01-0231 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 21, 2001
3. SECY-01-0226	12/18/01	Further Streamlining of the Rulemaking Process for 10 CFR Part 72 Certificate of Compliance Rulemakings
4. SECY-02-0001	01/02/02	SECY-02-0001 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 28,2001

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of Maine, dated December 20, 2001, concerns the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station in Wiscasset, Maine.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. International Uranium (USA) Corporation; Docket No. 40-8681-MLA-11; Designation of Presiding Officer.

Region I
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Special Inspection at Saint Barnabas Medical Center

On January 2, 2002, a special inspection was conducted at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ. The purpose of the inspection was to review a possible recordable event involving a reported 19% underdose delivered during a gynecological treatment with a Nucletron High Dose Rate Remote Afterloader using Iridium 192. The results of the inspection are under review.