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WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 2002

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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NRC/TVA Management Meeting on the Restart of Browns Ferry Unit 1

On June 12, 2002, representatives from NRC Region II and NRC Headquarters met with representatives from TVA regarding the restart of Browns Ferry Unit 1. During the meeting, TVA representatives discussed the history of Unit 2 activities that led to its restart in 1991, following a Commission briefing. Subsequently, TVA planned to restart Units 1 and 3 using the same criteria that were applied to Unit 2. As a result, Unit 3 restarted in 1995, following a Commission briefing; however TVA decided to delay its decision on the restart of Unit 1 based on its analysis of the need for power. Similarly, TVA plans to implement the same programs and criteria on Unit 1 that were applied for Unit 3 restart and to request NRC approval prior to the restart of the unit.

In addition, TVA representatives informed the staff of the licensing actions, relief requests, and generic communications needed for the restart of Unit 1. They also stated that the three Browns Ferry units will be essentially identical in design and licensing basis upon completion of Unit 1 restart activities. They intend to submit a proposed regulatory framework document by December 31, 2002.

Additional meetings will be held in the next several weeks to discuss license renewal, extended power uprate and alternate source term submittals, all of which are substantive licensing actions.

Proposed Bulletin on Interim Inspection Requirements and Supplement to Bulletin 2002-01

The NRR staff plans to issue a new Bulletin to address interim vessel head penetration inspection methods and frequencies while the technical issues related to a long term inspection plan are evaluated. Based on recent plant experience, current inspection programs have not been able to reliably identify and size cracks in welds and nozzles of reactor vessel head penetrations. The proposed bulletin will inform stakeholders that visual inspections for leaks may need to be supplemented by volumetric methods to detect cracks in vessel head penetration nozzles and welds that could lead to reactor vessel head degradation.

Based on NRC staff review of the 60 day responses to Bulletin 2002-01, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Degradation and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity," some licensees have not provided sufficient information. As a result the staff is considering supplementing the Bulletin to request more specific information regarding the extent of boric acid inspection programs. The supplement may request information with respect to the extent of inspections, frequency of inspections, corrective actions in response to identified leakage, and inspection criteria for insulated components.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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USEC, Inc., and Department of Energy Sign Memorandum of Agreement

On June 17, 2002, USEC, Inc. (USEC) and the Department of Energy (DOE) signed a Memorandum of Agreement in which both parties have made long-term commitments that are expected to ensure stability for the domestic uranium enrichment industry. To accomplish this, DOE commits to work with USEC in its development and deployment of an advanced centrifuge uranium enrichment plant by the end of this decade and to support USEC as the executive agent under the Russian highly enriched uranium agreement. USEC commits to deploy the advanced uranium enrichment plant in the 2010-2011 timeframe at either the Paducah, Kentucky, or Portsmouth, Ohio, facility; to operate the Paducah gaseous diffusion plant at a minimum production level of 3.5 million separative work units annually until the new plant is producing; and to maintain certain DOE property that could serve as a site for the advanced plant. USEC also commits to operate a facility at the Portsmouth, Ohio, plant, for 15 months, to clean up a portion of its inventory that is potentially contaminated with technetium. Additional information may be obtained from the USEC internet site: www.usec.com.

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Integrated Safety Analysis On-site Review

During the week of June 10-14, 2002, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards performed an on-site review of the Integrated Safety Analysis (ISA) for the Uranyl Nitrate Storage Building portion of the Blended Low-Enriched Uranium (BLEU) project at Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS). The staff provided several comments and observations on the ISA Summary that NFS submitted with the license amendment application and on the ISA documentation that NFS maintains on-site. NFS and Framatome, partners in the BLEU project, will revise the ISA summary to address our comments and observations and expect to resubmit it in mid-August. Some of the issues addressed during the review included: (1) identification and specifications of Items Relied on for Safety; (2) consequence of externally induced multiple-tank failures; (3) shipper's reliability with respect to material characterization; and (4) use of standard building codes to demonstrate structural adequacy during seismic and other external events. NFS committed to address these issues and others in the revised ISA Summary.

National Mining Association/Nuclear Regulatory Commission Workshop in Denver, Colorado

During June 11-12, 2002, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards attended the annual National Mining Association/Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) workshop in Denver, Colorado. Over 100 individuals from industry, Federal agencies, and State governments participated in the workshop. Topics discussed included institutional controls, alternate concentration limit amendment reviews, 0.05 weight percent source material exemptions, standard review plan updates, standing and impact of informal hearings, and long-term stewardship. The presentations and discussions generally resulted in a productive exchange of information and viewpoints. Feedback received from the participants indicated that the workshop was a positive experience.

In addition to the workshop, NRC staff participated in separate open meetings with several licensees to discuss significant licensing issues. Although these licensee meetings were publicly noticed, no members of the public attended. Also, NRC staff hosted a closed meeting with representatives from several State regulatory agencies and the Environmental Protection Agency to discuss the elimination of duplicative regulatory requirements for in-situ leach facilities. Each of these meetings produced positive results, including the establishment of a "path forward" for addressing the issues raised.

Management and Staff Attend National Academy of Sciences Meeting on Staged Repository Systems

On June 11, 2002, management and staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards attended a meeting of the Committee on Principles and Operational Strategies for Staged Repository Systems. The National Research Council appointed the Committee for the National Academies. The Committee held the meeting to discuss approaches for finishing its report on adaptive staging for developing high-level waste repositories. Representatives from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the State of Nevada, the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Nuclear Energy Institute presented information on the Committee's interim report on adaptive staging and the U.S. high-level waste program. NRC staff shared its views on the interim Committee report on adaptive staging in the context of the national program and 10 CFR Part 63. Part 63 provides for a phased regulatory approach through a stepwise decision-making process. Also, DOE staff and contractors provided an update of DOE's repository design and long-term science plan for Yucca Mountain.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Completion of Joint Containment Model Testing Program

On June 20, 2002, staff from the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) participated in the 35th project meeting of the joint containment model testing program. The principal regulatory uses of the research results are for developing more realistic estimates of containment capacity in support of efforts to risk inform the regulatory process. The NRC and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan jointly sponsored this program that started in 1991 and is currently being completed. This was the last scheduled meeting to be held in the U.S. The containment models were designed and built under the direction of the Nuclear Power Engineering Corporation (NUPEC) of Japan. A 1/10 size model of a steel boiling water reactor containment and a 1/4 size model of a prestressed concrete pressurized water reactor containment were tested to failure in 1996 and 2000, respectively. The models were instrumented and tested to failure under pressure at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Post-test analyses are being completed and the site has been restored. A final program meeting will be held in Japan in October 2002. Given the major Japanese investment in this program and its success, attendance by METI officials and high level NUPEC managers is anticipated.

Research Information Letter Provides Technical Basis for Revisions to Criteria and Models for LOCA Analysis

On June 21, 2002, RES transmitted to NRR Research Information Letter (RIL) No. 0202 providing the technical bases to support revision to the emergency core cooling systems (ECCS) rule. One of the Agency's most important licensing requirements addresses the performance of ECCS that are designed to mitigate loss-of-coolant accidents (LOCAs). Criteria and evaluation models for the analysis of these accidents are given in 10 CFR 50.46 and Appendix K to Part 50. In recent years there has been a desire to revise these criteria and models to accommodate new information and circumstances. The criteria, for example, are currently limited in application to Zircaloy and ZIRLO cladding alloys, yet other zirconium-based fuel cladding alloys have been and are being introduced. Some evaluation models, like the 1971 American Nuclear Society (ANS) decay heat standard, are now known to be unduly conservative, while other thermal-hydraulic models, e.g., those that do not treat the effects of steam bypass during reflood, have been found to be non-conservative. To provide a sound technical basis for considering revisions to 10 CFR 50.46 and Appendix K, RES has evaluated existing information to support the specific rule changes that are being considered. These changes include providing an alternate performance-based criterion that could be used for any zirconium-based cladding alloy instead of the prescriptive 2200°F cladding temperature and 17% cladding oxidation limits. They also include substituting the 1994 ANS decay heat standard for the 1971 standard and substituting the Cathcart-Pawel oxidation correlation for the Baker-Just correlation.

Nuclear Security and Incident Response
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Domestic Threat Response and Incident Management PCC - June 18, 2002

On June 18, 2002, representatives of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response attended the Office of Homeland Security Domestic Threat Response and Incident Management (DTRIM) Policy Coordination Committee (PCC) meeting. Discussion topics included a DTRIM initiative to conduct periodic threat updates, counter-terrorism activities in the national capitol area, planning for the July 4 period and a presentation by the Environmental Protection Agency on the National Response Team and Federal measures to respond to a release of hazardous materials.

Federal Response Subcommittee Meeting

The Division of Incident Response Operations (DIRO) participated in a meeting of the Federal Response Subcommittee (FRS), Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC), on June 20, 2002 at the Federal Emergency Management Agency Headquarters. Attendees included the FRPCC chairman, FRS Co-chairman, and representatives from the FEMA, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and Office of Homeland Security. The meeting focused on the following: Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan (FRERP) revision; Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) white paper; "One Voice" initiative tabletop exercise; and a proposed RDD tabletop exercise. For the "One Voice" initiative, attendees recommended integration of the planned tabletop with a scheduled FY03 multi-agency exercise and that final decision be made by the full FRPCC. Conduct of a near-term RDD tabletop was proposed; however, there was consensus that recent (e.g., Salt Lake City Olympics) and planned (e.g., TOPOFF2) exercises involving RDDs preclude the need for another tabletop at this time. Post-meeting action items included attendee review/comment of the current FRERP draft revision and review/finalization of the RDD white paper.

Materials/Transportation Exercise

The Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) and the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response/Division of Incident Response Operations (DIRO) conducted a materials transportation exercise on June 12, 2002. NRC Headquarters, NRC Region III, a representative of the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, and representatives of the University of Missouri-Columbia (licensee) participated in response to the simulated transportation accident involving spent reactor fuel. NRC participation included full staffing of the Headquarters (HQ) Protective Measures Team, limited staffing of other HQ teams, and a Region III representative. HQ exercise objectives were considered to be successfully accomplished. DIRO and NMSS staff are coordinating development of lessons learned.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-IV-02-033, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, EARTHQUAKE REPORT.

2. PNO-III-02-026, Midwest Engineering, MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE REPORTED STOLEN.
3. PNO-III-02-27, Department of the Army, RECOVERY OF SIGHTING DEVICES CONTAINING TRITIUM (HYDROGEN-3).
4. PNO-III-02-28, Westinghouse-Hematite Uranium Fuel, FIRE AT DECOMMISSIONED WESTINGHOUSE -HEMATITE URANIUM FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY.
5. PNO-III-02-28a, Westinghouse-Hematite Uranium Fuel, FIRE AT SHUTDOWN HEMATITE URANIUM FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY (UPDATE).

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the period of
June 14, 2002 through June 20, 2002:

OI Investigation 2-2000-015 (FOIA/PA-2002-0302)

Nuclear Materials Events Database (FOIA/PA-2002-0303)

Allegation RIV-94-A-0176 (FOIA/PA-2002-304)

Overdue inspections, nationally (FOIA/PA-2002-0305)

Event Reports, radioactive material lost or missing, 2000, 2001, and 2002 to present, in CA
(FOIA/PA-2002-0306)

Technical specification submittal, RC-00-0296 (FOIA/PA-2002-0307)

Radioactive material, missing or stolen, last 5 years, all records (FOIA/PA-2002-0308)

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Chief Financial Officer
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Final FY 2002 Fee Rule

On June 13, 2002, the CFO signed the final FY 2002 fee rule. The final rule reflects the Commission's decisions in the June 7, 2002, SRM. The final rule is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on June 24, 2002, and would have an effective date of August 23, 2002.

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
ALVENS, Duane	STUDENT ENGINEER	RII
BALTAZAR, Alma	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
GALLAGHER, Kenneth	SENIOR LICENSEE FINANCIAL POLICY ADVISOR	NRR
IRVING, Kay	CONSULTANT	OCIO
JONES, Jamil	STUDENT ENGINEER	ADM
PRUETT, Timothy	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	OCIO
RODRIGUEZ CAMBERO, Rafael	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	NMSS
RODRIGUEZ ROLON, Reinaldo	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	RII
SANFILIPPO, Nathan	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	NRR
SCOTT, Jeffrey	SECRETARY (0A)	HR
TOKUHIRO, Akira	SUMMER FACULTY	RES

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

There was continuing media interest in NRC's materials licensing programs, the use of radioactive materials by industry, and the potential threat of "dirty bombs."

There was media interest in the fire at the Hematite, Missouri, fuel fabrication facility, which prompted the declaration of an Alert.

Commissioner Diaz was interviewed by MS-NBC regarding security at the Turkey Point nuclear plant.

There is continuing interest in NRC's program for distributing potassium iodide pills to states requesting them.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
02-074	NRC Amends Licensing, Inspection and Annual Fees Rule
02-075	NRC Orders United States Enrichment Corporation to Enhance Security
Regions:	
III-02-037	NRC Cites Point Beach Nuclear Station for Violation of Low to Moderate Safety Significance
III-02-038	NRC to Meet with Nuclear Management Co. To Discuss Safety Significance Issue at Point Beach Plant
IV-02-029	NRC to Conduct Supplemental Inspection At Cooper Nuclear Station
IV-02-030	NRC Proposes \$3,000 Fine for Avera McKennan Hospital
IV-02-031	NRC to Hold Press Conference in Brownville On Cooper Supplemental Inspection

Office of International Programs
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German Visit

On June 17, 2002, a delegation of officials from the Ministry of Environment and Nuclear Safety, BMU, including the State Secretary and the Director General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection met with senior NRC officials. The purpose of the visit was to discuss issues pertaining to energy policy, nuclear safety and the disposition of waste. During the week, the visitors also attended meetings with the Council on Environmental Quality, DOE, Greenpeace and the Nuclear Control Institute. Topics that were discussed at the NRC included license renewal procedures, the U.S. system of nuclear oversight, safety management indicators, measures against aircraft attacks on nuclear power plants, Yucca Mountain radioactive waste deposition and the selection procedure and administrative decision making process for the final repository. In addition, the visitors were briefed on emergency response and they toured the Operations Center.

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Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-02-0043	3/13/02	Proposed Rule: Geological and Seismological Characteristics for the Siting and Design of Dry Cask Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations and Monitored Retrievable Storage Installations - 10 CFR Part 72
SRM on 02-0043	6/18/02	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 02-0043	6/18/02	(same)
2. COMSECY-02-0022	4/26/02	Response to Letter from American Ecology Regarding Classification of FUSRAP Material at Maywood, New Jersey
SRM on COMSECY-02-0022	5/28/02	(same)
Voting Record on COMSECY-02-0022	5/28/02	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-02-0099	6/3/02	Litigation Report - 2002 - 01

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward J. Markey, dated June 14, 2002, concerns press reports about a possible attack by terrorists to coincide with the July 4 holiday.
2. Letter to Congress (Congressmen Tauzin and Gillmore), dated June 14, 2002, responds to request for records related to the reactor pressure vessel head degradation at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.
3. Letter to Theodore U. Marston, EPRI, dated June 14, 2002, acknowledges receipt of comments regarding SECY-02-0067, "Inspection, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) for Operational Programs (Programmatic ITAAC).
4. Letter to J.D. Woodard, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., dated June 14, 2002, acknowledges receipt of comments regarding SECY-02-0067, "Inspection, Tests,

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Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) for Operational Programs (Programmatic ITAAC)".

5. Letter to Kenneth Hughey, Entergy Nuclear, Inc., dated June 14, 2002, acknowledges receipt of comments regarding SECY-02-0067, "Inspection, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) for Operational Programs (Programmatic ITAAC)".
6. Letter to Eugene S. Grecheck, Dominion Generation, dated June 14, 2002, acknowledges receipt of comments regarding SECY-02-0067, "Inspection, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) for Operational Programs (Programmatic ITAAC)".
7. Letter to Julian Fite, Esq, Cherokee Nation, dated June 14, 2002, concerns decommissioning of the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation facility near Gore, Oklahoma.
8. Letter to Joe F. Colvin, Nuclear Energy Institute, dated June 10, 2002, concerns SECY-02-0067, "Inspection, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) for Operational Programs (Programmatic ITAAC)".

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting Notice
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Advanced Reactor Designs, Notice of Meeting

Region I
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Presentation to Maine Yankee Community Advisory Panel

On June 20, 2002, a Region I inspector made a presentation to the Maine Yankee Community Advisory Panel (CAP) summarizing the quarterly NRC Region I inspection activities at Maine Yankee. The inspector also provided the status of NRC Headquarters licensing activities related to Maine Yankee; discussed coordination of NRC inspection effort of major onsite activities, including the upcoming movement of spent fuel to the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; and removal of the reactor pressure vessel from containment. Approximately 20 CAP members, Maine Yankee staff, media representatives, and members of the public were in attendance.

Haddam Neck Community Decommissioning Advisory Committee

On June 18, 2002, a Region I inspector discussed NRC activities with respect to Haddam Neck decommissioning, and the recently completed quarterly inspection report, before the Haddam Neck Community Decommissioning Advisory Committee (CDAC). The meeting also included a monthly status report by the licensee, a presentation by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection on the State's site remediation standard of 19 millirem for all pathways plus ALARA, and an information update by the Connecticut Law Foundation, regarding the Land Preservation Project for most of the Connecticut Yankee property. The CDAC members and the public also toured the vertical concrete cask (VCC) pad, and observed the placement of rebar cages around the VCC liners. The NRC spokesperson addressed questions regarding confirmatory measurements, observations of movement of soils with the potential for contamination around the site, and inspection plans of the licensee's evaluation of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation.

Region II
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Florida Power and Light Company - St. Lucie Open Regulatory Conference

On June 20, 2002, the Regional Administrator and the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation held a regulatory conference with licensee representatives. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the significance of the potential failure to have an adequate fire suppression system in an Alternative Shutdown Area.

Predecisional Enforcement Conferences with Materials Licensees

On June 17, 2002, Region II held three closed Predecisional Enforcement Conferences with C.T.I. Core Drilling Services, Inc., C.T.I. Consultants, Inc., and with an individual. The purpose of these conferences was to discuss an apparent willful violation involving the licensee's control and unauthorized storage of byproduct material.

Federal Emergency Management Agency - Regional Director, Region IV, Visits Region II Office

On June 18, 2002, the Regional Director, and Deputy Regional Director, of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV office, were in the Region II office to meet with Region II the Senior Managers and the Regional State Liaison Officer. Issues discussed included actions needed by both agencies in response to hurricanes impacting nuclear power reactor facilities in Region II.

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittees

On June 19, 2002, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittees on Plant Operations and on Fire Protection visited the Watts Bar nuclear power reactor facility in Tennessee. On June 20, the Subcommittee members held a meeting with managers and staff in the Region II office. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss and receive feed back from licensee representatives and NRC inspectors and managers on such topics as the status of the reactor oversight program, the performance of the plants in Region II, fire protection issues, and security issues.

United Kingdom Nuclear Installations Inspectorate Visits the Region II Office

On June 21, 2002, the H. M. Chief Inspector, United Kingdom Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, accompanied by an assistant; and a representative from the Office of International Programs, were in the Region II office to meet with the Senior Management on Regional Issues. On June 21, the visitors held a meeting with representatives of INPO at the INPO facility in Marietta, Georgia to discuss topics of mutual interest. Discussions in Region II included the reactor oversight program, Alloy 600 materiel condition issues and strategic workforce planning.

Region IV
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Discussion of Environmental Scoping Process for Fort Calhoun Station

On June 18, 2002, NRC Headquarters representatives held two public meetings at the Days Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska, to discuss the environmental scoping process for the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1, License Renewal Application. The first meeting was held at 1:30 p.m., and the second was held at 7 p.m. the same evening. Headquarters personnel facilitated the meeting and provided presentations on the License Renewal Process. Several prepared statements were presented from the public, including the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Mayors from Fort Calhoun and Blair, and a member of the Nebraska Green Party. Although a number of the presenters were generally in favor of the license renewal effort at Fort Calhoun Station, some of the other presenters indicated they were against it.

Alert Declared at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL)

On June 20, 2002, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) INEEL, declared an Alert (under DOE classification criteria - no NRC emergency declared) at 15:08 MDT due to wild fires on DOE-controlled properties. Located within the INEEL site is the NRC licensed ISFSI containing the Three Mile Island Unit 2 (TMI-2) spent fuel. The TMI-2 ISFSI was not threatened by the fire which was approximately 5-10 miles from the ISFSI. Fire-fighting efforts were underway to extinguish the fires. DOE INEEL notified the state of Idaho, all surrounding communities, and DOE headquarters. Region IV maintained an open communication line with DOE from the initial notification and entered the monitoring phase of the normal mode at 18:57 EDT. Region IV monitored DOE activities until the fire was contained. The licensee exited the Alert declaration at 18:20 MDT. The NRC exited from monitoring at 20:04 EDT.

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 58

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Keeling	06/25/02 2123 RHOB	9:00	TBD	Department of Homeland Security	Reps. Greenwood/Deutsch Oversight and Investigations Energy and Commerce
Keeling	06/25/02 SD-226	10:00	TBD	Department of Homeland Security	Senators Feinstein/Kyl Technology, Terrorism and Government Information Judiciary
Keeling	06/26/02 SD-406	10:00	TBD	Department of Homeland Security	Senators Jeffords/Smith Environment and Public Works
Keeling	06/26/02 SD-106	10:00	TBD	Department of Homeland Security	Senators Leahy/Hatch Judiciary