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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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Nuclear Procurement Issues Committee (NUPIC) Vendor Meeting

On June 8-10, 2004, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) staff attended the 13th Annual NUPIC Vendor meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The staff conducted a presentation on several topics including, NRC participation on NUPIC audits, future NUPIC/NRC interaction, NRC participation on American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) nuclear quality assurance (NQA) committees, and staff efforts to assess options for adopting other international quality assurance standards, as described in SECY 03-0117, "Approaches for Adopting More Widely Accepted International Quality Standards." Approximately 140 vendor and 50 utility representatives, including several international utilities, attended the meeting.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2004-09: Status on Deferral of Active Regulation of Ground-Water Protection at *In Situ* Leach Uranium Extraction Facilities

NRC issued the subject RIS dated June 7, 2004, which supersedes RIS 2004-02 in its entirety, to inform interested parties of: (1) NRC's plans for the deferral of active regulation of ground-water protection at *in situ* leach uranium extraction facilities; and (2) the comments received in response to RIS 2004-02. No specific action nor written response is required to this RIS. A notice of availability will be published in the Federal Register. In a related action, the staff has scheduled meetings with the State of Nebraska for the week of June 28, 2004, to begin comparison of the State's ground-water protection program to the NRC's program. Similar meetings with the State of Wyoming are tentatively planned for late this summer.

5th Annual Meeting of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence

Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety (HLWRS) staff attended the fifth annual meeting of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC), sponsored by the Radioactive Waste Management Committee of the Nuclear Energy Agency. The meeting took place during June 1-3, 2004, in Paris, France. Of particular note at this meeting were three topical sessions: (1) "Decision Making Processes at the Strategic Choice Stage - How Different Stakeholders Are Involved, and Which Values Are Taken into Account"; (2) "Media Relations"; and (3) "Addressing Issues Raised by Stakeholders - Impacts on Process, Content, and Behavior in Waste Organizations." As part of the third topical session, the staff presented a paper entitled, "Building Confidence in Nuclear Waste Regulation - How NRC is Adapting in Response to Stakeholder Concerns."

Annual Meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Task Force of the Council of State Governments

On June 2-3, 2004, Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) staff presented a status of SFPO activities to the annual meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Task Force of the Council of State Governments. The presentation covered the (1) SFPO licensing of storage facilities; (2) the recent rulemaking on 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging And Transportation of Radioactive Material"; (3) the Package Performance Study (PPS); (4) the two active National Academy of Sciences studies on spent fuel storage and high-level waste transportation; and (5) Private Fuel Storage. Several offices in the Department of Energy and Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration also made presentations. The State Government representatives expressed appreciation for the NRC presentation and had many questions on the PPS and the availability of future NRC work on security (such as the storage and transportation Vulnerability Studies).

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Research Monthly Seminar

On June 10, 2004, RES staff presented a seminar on the AP1000 design and its safety features to NRC staff as a part of monthly seminars on critical research projects and other topics of interest in RES. This seminar provided an overview of the AP1000 design and its safety features, with particular emphasis on thermal-hydraulic and severe accident analysis issues addressed during the Design Certification effort, and how experimental and analytical work performed by the RES helped to resolve those issues.

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Nuclear Security and Incident Response
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Indian Point - Emergency Preparedness Exercise

On June 8, 2004, the NRC, along with Department of Homeland Security, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and State/local entities, participated in a full-participation, FEMA-evaluated emergency preparedness exercise at Indian Point. The NRC headquarters response team was lead by the Chairman and the on-site response team was lead by Regional Administrator of Region I.

Preliminary Notifications

PNO-II-04-004, Global Nuclear Fuels - Americas, LLC - TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT INVOLVING SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLIES.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests Received During the Period of
June 4 through June 10, 2004:

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, all e-mail communications between Entergy Corp., Entergy Northwest, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, etc. & named resident inspectors, 3-20-04 to 6-09-04	FOIA/PA-2004-0265
Vermont Yankee, all e-mail communications from Entergy Corp., Entergy Northwest, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, to certain NRC offices, 8-01-02 to 6-09-04	FOIA/PA-2004-0267

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
Michael Alderman	Student Management (Summer)	OCFO
Jesse Arildsen	Sr. Program Manager	NSIR
Zvi A. Band	Student IT Specialist (Summer)	RES
Oleg Bukharin	Security Specialist	NSIR
David Bradfield	Security Specialist	NSIR
Richard Chang	Student Engineer (Summer)	NMSS
Alan Dahbur	Reactor Inspector	R-III
Alix M. Dvorak	Summer Management Analyst (Summer)	RES
Clarissa L. Evans-Brown	IT Specialist (INFOSEC)	NSIR
Alexander Garmoe	Reactor Engineer (NSPDP)	R-III
Amanda Hollander	Student Administrative Intern	OIG
David Holley	Sr. Program Analyst	OCIO
Alex S. Karlin	Administrative Judge (Legal)	ASLBP
John B. King	Summer Faculty	RES
Steven A. Laur	Reliability & Risk Analyst	NRR
James Lieberman	Consultant	NMSS
William Lovell	Chief, Planning Team	OCFO
Amanda M. Nerret	Student Clerk (Summer)	NSIR
Frank Pavlechko	Emergency Response Coordinator	NSIR
Roger Rihm	Management Analyst	NSIR
Gregory Roach	Reactor Engineer	R-III
Jeffrey E. Seifried	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	NMSS
Meghan Ann Slattery	Student Clerk (Summer)	NSIR
Richard Smith	Reactor Engineer	R-III
Joel S. Wiebe	Reactor Inspector	R-I
Departures		
Karen Y. Thompson	Criminal Investigator	OIG

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

The Office of Public Affairs (OPA) handled significant media inquiries on the following:

The biennial emergency preparedness drill at the Indian Point nuclear plant in New York, which included a terrorist scenario.

The corrosion problem discovered in 2002 at the Davis-Besse power plant in Ohio.

Other Public Affairs Items:

Both headquarters and regional OPA staff participated in emergency drills for the Indian Point and River Bend plants.

OPA staff assisted NRR and Region IV staff at a public meeting for the Diablo Canyon plant in California to discuss safety issues at the plant.

<u>Press Releases</u>	
Headquarters:	
04-069	NRC to Hold Public Meeting June 23 in Piketon, Ohio, to Discuss Licensing Process for Proposed Uranium Enrichment Facility (6/7)
04-070	NRC Establishes Additional Requirements for Electronic Submission of Documents on Yucca Mountain (6/10)
04-071	NRC Board to Hold Prehearing Conference June 21-23 in Rockville, Md., on Early Site Permit Applications (6/10)
04-072	NRC Staff Approves Transfer of Operating License for Kewaunee (6/10)
Regions:	
I-04-032	NRC to Discuss Performance, Work Environment Assessments of Hope Creek and Salem Nuclear Power Plants (6/9)
III-04-037	NRC to Hold Public Meeting June 15 on Proposed License Renewal of Point Beach Nuclear Plant (6/8)

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMSECY-04-0026	05/19/2004	Public Meeting to Communicate Security Matters - Revised Agenda
SRM-COMSECY-04-0026	06/07/2004	(same)
Commission Voting Record-COMSECY-04-0026	06/07/2004	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-04-0094	06/07/2004	SECY-04-0094 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending May 28, 2004
Memoranda		
1. M040609A	06/09/2004	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session: I. SECY-04-0090 - Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation) Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI
2. M040602A	06/10/2004	Staff Requirements - Briefing on EEO Program

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Sen. Jeffords, Sen. Leahy, and Rep. Sanders, dated June 8, 2004, concerns the accountability for two irradiated spent fuel rods presumed missing from the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station.
2. Letter to Andrew Spano, Scott Vanderhoef, Robert Bondi, and Edward Diana, New York County Executives, dated June 4, 2004, provides information on the safety of nuclear power plants.
3. Letter to Rep. Thomas Davis and Sen. Susan M. Collins, dated June 3, 2004, provides statement of actions taken and plans in response to recommendations made by GAO, "Information Technology Management: Governmentwide Strategic Planning, Performance Measurement, and Investment Management Can be Further Improved" (GAO-04-49).
4. Letter to Matthew K. Silva, Environmental Evaluation Group, dated June 3, 2004, responds to request for recommendation of decision to remove the packaging requirement for double containment for the shipment of certain forms of plutonium.

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Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena, notice of meeting (06/22-23/04).
2. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (06/22/04).
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Future Plant Designs, notice of meeting (06/24/04).
4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Future Plant Designs, notice of meeting (06/25/04).
5. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, notice of 151st meeting (06/22-24/04).
6. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 CFR Part 50, RIN 3150-AG48, "Voluntary Fire Protection Requirements for Light Water Reactors Adoption of NFPA 805 as a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Alternative," Final Rule.
7. "NRC Enforcement Policy - NUREG-1600," Policy statement: revision.

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Region I/II Combined Plant Managers' Meeting

On June 11, 2004, the Deputy Regional Administrator attended the Region I/II Combined Plant Managers' Meeting in Rochester, NY.

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Region IV
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Town Hall Meeting in San Luis Obispo, CA

On June 9, 2004, Region IV and NRR staff conducted a town hall meeting in San Luis Obispo, California to discuss issues regarding the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. The staff presented the results of NRC inspections following the December 22, 2003, San Simeon earthquake, which was the subject of a previous public meeting conducted by the staff on February 4, 2004. The staff addressed specific questions on the structural design of the facility to withstand the largest postulated earthquake and the seismic faulting in the vicinity of the plant. The staff also addressed questions regarding plant security, the proposed onsite independent spent fuel storage installation, and other topics related to the safety performance of the plant. Over 100 people, including members of the public and representatives from interest groups attended the meeting.

River Bend - Emergency Exercise

On June 9, 2004, Region IV, led by the Regional Administrator, participated in the biennial graded emergency exercise for the River Bend Station. The State of Louisiana and local authorities also participated in the exercise.

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 62

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Keeling	TBA 2141 RHOB	TBA	Markup	H.R. 2934, increase criminal penalties related to terrorist murders, including crimes involving nuclear sabotage	Reps. Sensenbrenner/Conyers Judiciary
Combs	TBA 2154 RHOB	TBA	TBA	Federal Information Technology R&D	Reps. Burton/Watson Human Rights and Wellness Government Reform
Portner	06/16/04 2359 RHOB	10:00 a.m.	Markup	FY 2005 Energy and Water Development Appropriations	Reps. Young/Obey Appropriations
Portner	Week of 06/14/04 Capitol (Tentative)	TBA	Markup	FY 2005 Dept. of Homeland Security Appropriations	Senators Stevens/Byrd Appropriations

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