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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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License Transfers for Duke Energy Corporation Nuclear Plants

On July 10, 2001, the Duke Energy Corporation (DEC) requested NRC's consent to the transfer of Duke Energy Corporation's licensed operating authority for the Oconee, Units 1, 2, and 3, McGuire, Units 1 and 2 and Catawba, Units 1 and 2 Nuclear Stations to a new, affiliated nuclear operating company, Duke Energy Nuclear, LLC ("Duke Nuclear"). Essentially, the licensed owners (DEC) would be unchanged, and would continue to be licensed only to possess (own) the facilities, but Duke Nuclear would become the licensee authorized to possess, use, and operate the units. In addition, DEC has requested transfer of the site-specific license for the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at the Oconee Nuclear Station.

The existing nuclear organizations for the three sites will be transferred to Duke Nuclear such that the current nuclear personnel and existing site organizations will continue to operate the plants under essentially the same terms and conditions contained in the present licenses. Corporate Nuclear Generation organizations will also be transferred to Duke Nuclear and other corporate support functions, but certain offsite services will be reorganized. DEC intends to implement the restructuring no later than December 15, 2001, and requests expedited NRC consent to the transfers.

Turkey Point Public Meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Supplement

On July 17, 2001, the NRC staff held two public meetings in Homestead, Florida, to discuss the draft supplement to the environmental impact statement (DSEIS) related to the license renewal application for Turkey Point. Both sessions were well attended. Comments were heard from representatives of the Radiation and Public Health Project (RPHP); the Florida Department of Public Health (FDPH); Dr. Dade Moeller, Professor Emeritus from the Harvard School of Public Health; Florida Power and Light; local civic and business representatives; and the Sierra Club. Much of the discussion focused on an RPHP report on a correlation between nuclear power plant operation, Strontium-90 levels in children's teeth, and incidents of childhood cancer. RPHP had issued a press release announcing that it would present its study and comments on the DSEIS; three television stations covered the meeting.

NRC Information Notice 2001-12: Hydrogen Fire at Nuclear Power Station, dated July 13, 2001

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is issuing this information notice (IN) to alert addressees to potential hazards associated with hydrogen storage facilities.

Reactor Oversight Process

On July 9, 2001, the Inspection Program Branch (IIPB) staff briefed the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Plant Operations Subcommittee on the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Assessment Process. The briefing topics included the Action Matrix, an overall plant performance summary, and lessons learned to-date.

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The IIPB conducted another of a continuing series of public meetings on July 12, 2001, with industry's working group on Reactor Oversight Process (ROP). The key issues discussed included: (1) status of initiating event cornerstone performance indicator replacements; (2) proposed changes to the monthly operating report; (3) status of physical protection cornerstone initiatives; (4) status of fire protection and ALARA significance determination process changes; (5) credit for voluntary licensee-self assessment in lieu of selected NRC inspections; (6) changes to the NRC ROP Web page; and (7) reviews of frequently asked questions. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2001.

The IIPB conducted another periodic issue-specific public meeting with industry's ROP working group on July 13, 2001 to discuss and review issues associated with Safety System Unavailability (SSU) performance indicators (PIs). The long-term objective of the working group is to develop a common definition for unavailability for use in the ROP, maintenance rule, WANO, PRAs, and other programs. During this meeting the working group made progress in resolving issues surrounding the establishment of a common definition for SSU PIs. For example, the group agreed to work with industry to identify specific safety significant functions of the SSU PIs. The criteria for selecting these functions will be those used in designating high-safety-significant SSCs for the Maintenance Rule. The working group identified several near term resolutions to be implemented by October 2001 in order to support a commencement of a pilot program by January 2002. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2001.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Revision of 10 CFR Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material"

On July 18, 2001, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with the House of Representatives staff to discuss the proposed revision of 10 CFR Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material." Background on the proposed rule was provided to House staff. Part 35 provides for licensing, either directly by NRC or as an Agreement State licensee, of nearly 6000 medical facilities using byproduct material.

Staff Participate in West Valley, New York Regulatory Round Table

On July 17, 2001, an annual Regulatory Round Table, hosted by the Department of Energy-West Valley (DOE-WV), was held at West Valley. Staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Environmental Protection Agency-Region II (EPA), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York State Department of Health attended the round table. DOE-WV and its prime contractor (West Valley Nuclear Services), and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority discussed the accomplishments achieved at the West Valley site over the past year. Discussions by the regulatory agencies focused on the use of the Environmental Impact Statement as the mechanism to identify all applicable regulatory issues, expectations, and requirements. Other discussion topics included: the status of NRC's decommissioning policy statement; applicability of EPA and State cleanup criteria at the site; decontamination of the high-level waste tanks; monitoring and control of the non-Project/non-State-licensed-disposal-area portion of the site; and DOE's approach regarding the development of two environmental impact statements for the Project.

Staff Brief Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste on Status of Igneous-Activity Key Technical Issue

On July 17, 2001, Division of Waste Management staff and contractors working on the key technical issue of igneous activity briefed the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) on the overall status of the issue. Details on the staff's two main technical concerns, interactions of magma with the potential repository and remobilization of volcanic ash were also presented. The purpose of this briefing was to bring ACNW up to date on this issue, after the recent technical exchange on this subject with the Department of Energy (DOE). The status of issue resolution for the igneous-activity key technical issue is considered open, primarily because of the technical concerns associated with the consequences of igneous activity, as stated above. The briefing noted that one of the primary areas of staff concern is that DOE has not yet demonstrated that it will have the information necessary to adequately address this issue in a potential license application. DOE's Yucca Mountain office has indicated that the earliest it would be able to discuss plans for addressing these concerns would be in the October-November time frame.

Three Mile Island-2 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Amendment 3 Issued

On July 12, 2001, the Spent Fuel Project Office issued Amendment 3 to SNM-2508 for the Three Mile Island (TMI)-2 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). Amendment 3 approved several administrative changes, including relocating the TMI-2 ISFSI Safeguards Contingency Plan as a plan independent from that of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory plan. This change will provide an efficiency gain to the Department of Energy in the area of document control. Another change corrected an error in the Technical Specifications, to ensure any neutron dose from the canisters is accounted for, in addition to gamma dose.

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Completion of Zinc-zircaloy Interaction Study

Research has been completed to determine if zinc-zirconium (zn-zr) inter-metallic compounds could form on oxide coated Zircaloy-4 fuel rods exposed to CarboZinc11 under conditions representative of those inside the VSC-24 dry storage casks. This work was performed to address an NMSS concern regarding potential embrittlement of the fuel elements in long term storage. The results of this research are being published as NUREG/CR-6732, "Zinc-Zircaloy Interaction in Dry Storage Casks."

In summary, prototypical cladding and coating materials were used and the cladding was pre-oxidized to form a surface layer comparable to those on irradiated fuel rods at medium burn up. The test temperature was 300C (which envelops the peak cladding temperature of 282C at a realistic cask heat load of 12 kw) and the maximum hold time at temperature was 90 days. No zinc-zircaloy interaction was found in any of the tests. These results differ from those of earlier tests conducted by NIST, under less prototypical and generally more aggressive conditions. The major influence on the test results apparently was the oxide layer on the cladding specimens in the present tests. This oxide appears to be effective in blocking the migration of zinc vapor to the Zircaloy-4 metal substrate. Because an oxide layer is formed on fuel rod cladding from in-reactor service, the cladding would be protected as long as the oxide layer remains intact and adherent to the Zircaloy metal.

The results from this effort have mitigated staff concerns with long-term embrittlement of the fuel due to Zn-Zr interactions and have enhanced regulatory effectiveness and efficiency with respect to licensing actions regarding the VSC-24.

Proposed Revision to PRA Guidance

DG-1110, which is a proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.174, "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis" has been issued for public comment. This guide describes an acceptable method for licensees and NRC staff to use when applying risk information in assessing the nature and impact of proposed licensing basis changes.

A proposed Revision 1 of Chapter 19, "Use of Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decision making: General Guidance," of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," was also issued for public comment as a companion document. Chapter 19 of the Standard Review Plan will be used by the NRC staff for evaluating licensee submittals that use the guidance in Regulatory Guide 1.174 on risk-informed decision making that uses probabilistic risk assessment.

Publication of NUREG–1717, Systematic Radiological Assessment of Exemptions for Source and Byproduct Materials

NUREG–1717, “Systematic Radiological Assessment of Exemptions for Source and Byproduct Materials” has been published as final. The document contains potential radiation doses associated with the current exemptions for byproduct and source material in Title 10, of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR). The study was initiated to assess doses using methods consistent with the current requirements in 10 CFR Part 20 and current information on inventories and uses of the exempt materials. The information contained in this NUREG can be used to review and examine the radiological impact of current exemptions.

Potential radiation doses were estimated for the normal life cycle of a particular product or material, including distribution and transport, intended or expected routine use, and disposal over a 1-year time period. Also presented is an assessment of potential radiological impacts associated with selected products containing byproduct material which currently may only be used under a general license. These products may be candidates for exemption from licensing requirements.

The NUREG has been sent to all the Agreement States, general licensees and known facilities using or manufacturing products or materials containing exempt quantities of radioactive material. The NUREG will be available at <http://www.nrc.gov/>, under “Technical Reports in the NUREG Series” on the “Reference Library” page.

Incident Response Operations
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Summer Exercise

NRC Headquarters and Region II participated with South Carolina State and local organizations and Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station in an emergency exercise on July 18, 2001. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration participated with NRC in the Operations Center, while the Department of Defense sent observers.

The exercise also drew a number of observers from foreign organizations. Commissioner Paloma Sendin led a delegation from the Spanish regulatory authority at Headquarters and the site, Vice Minister Song led a delegation from the Chinese environmental authority and other organizations at Headquarters and the site, and Dr. Togo, President of the Japanese Research Institute JNC, led a brief visit at Headquarters.

The next exercise will be with Vermont Yankee and Region I on September 5, 2001.

Status of NRC's Emergency Telecommunications System

The transition of the 431 agency Emergency Telecommunications System lines from FTS 2000 to the FTS 2001 network has been completed. NRC transition activities were managed by OCIO and IRO. The first Emergency Telecommunications System lines were transitioned on January 5, 2001, and the last lines completed on July 18, 2001. This effort involved coordination between the NRC, MCI WorldCom, and the licensees. All services from FTS 2000 are disconnected or in the disconnect process with a final billing date of August 25, 2001.

As part of COOP planning, IRO recently successfully tested transfer of Incident Response communications functions to the agency's alternate site.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-II-01-022, Ameristeel Inc., MELTED CESIUM SOURCE.
2. PNO-II-01-023, Burlington Industries, Inc. (Hurt Finishing Plant), MISSING GENERAL LICENSED DEVICE.
3. PNO-III-01-022, William Beaumont Hospital, REPORTED MISADMINISTRATION UNDERDOSE.
4. PNO-III-01-023, McDowell and Associates, STOLEN MOISTURE-DENSITY GAUGE.
5. PNO-IV-01-031, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Waterford 3), LARGE HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL RELEASE IN VICINITY OF WATERFORD 3.

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6. PNO-IV-01-032, Nortech Environmental, STOLEN X-RAY FLUORESCENCE DEVICE.
7. PNO-IV-01-033, Caltrans, District 7, LOST OR STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE.
8. PNO-IV-01-034, Bolder Community Hospital, LEAKING IODINE-125 BRACHYTHERAPY SEED.
9. PNO-II-01-022A, Ameristeel, Inc., UPDATE ON MELTED CESIUM SOURCE.

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Office of Administration
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Eric Joseph Epstein: Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-70)

A document that denied a petition for rulemaking submitted by Eric Joseph Epstein (PRM-50-70) was published in the Federal Register on July 18, 2001 (66 FR 37432). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations concerning financial assurance requirements for decommissioning nuclear power reactors to require uniform decommissioning planning and record keeping requirements for all entities who have a proportional interest in nuclear generation stations. The petitioner requests amendments that would guarantee uniform reporting and record keeping concerning financial assurance requirements for decommissioning, modify and strengthen current nuclear decommissioning accounting requirements, and require proportional owners of nuclear generating stations to conduct a review to determine a balanced formula for decommissioning funding that includes not only rate payers and tax payers but shareholders board members of rural electric cooperatives as well. The petition is denied because current regulations adequately address the first two requested actions and the NRC does not have the legal authority to require the third.

Acquisition Training

On July 19, 2001, the Division of Contracts and Property Management conducted a mandatory Acquisition for Certification and Training Program module entitled "Overview" with 43 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.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of
July 13, 2001 through July 19, 2001

OIG 03/2001 investigation related to named individual. (FOIA/PA-2001-0313).

Environmental assessment, NY-Woodlawn, 4200 Herkimer Place, Bronx, Bronx County, New York 10470. (FOIA/PA-2001-0314).

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
MARSHALL, Sharita	STUDENT IT SPECIALIST	ACRS
TURNBOW, Brandy	STUDENT IT SPECIALIST	OCFO
SANABRIA, Yoira	GENERAL ENGINEER(INTERN)	NRR
SUN, Scott	STUDENT IT SPECIALIST	ACRS
WALLS, Gary	REACTOR INSPECTOR	RI
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
None		

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

There was media interest in the so-called "Tooth Fairy" project which links the Turkey Point nuclear power plants to a purported increase in cancer among young children.

There has been media interest in the possibility that some unfinished nuclear power plants may be completed. Dateline NBC is preparing a segment on the TMI accident, to be aired in August.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
01-087	NRC Announces Availability of License Renewal Applications
01-088	NRC Approves Guidance Documents for License Renewal
01-090	NRC to Meet with Proposed Mixed Oxide Fuel Facility Applicant to Discuss NRC Requests For Additional Information
Regions:	
II-01-032	NRC Plans Additional Inspection at Oconee Nuclear Power Plant Due to Multiple Performance Deficiencies
IV-01-039	NRC Monitors Ammonia Leak Near Waterford 3 Nuclear Plant

Office of International Programs
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Spanish Working Group Visit

On July 10, NRR and OIP met with Isabel Mellado, Deputy Director for Nuclear Installations, Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear (CSN), and José Garcia, Licensing Manager for the Ascó-Vandellós Nuclear Power Plant, to discuss Spain's interest in promoting greater efficiency in their regulatory process. The visitors are members of a working group which is reviewing experiences in Finland, Sweden, Germany and the U.S., as well as in Spain. Their study will produce an integrated proposal, with priorities, for submission to the management of CSN in late 2001 or early 2002.

CNSNS (Mexico) Representative Attends PRA Course

Ms. Maria Eugenia Cuecuecha-Juarez, a chemical engineer at the Nuclear Safety and Safeguards Commission in Mexico, attended the System Modeling Techniques for PRA (P-200) course from July 10-13, 2001. This was Ms. Cuecuecha's first visit to the NRC.

Observers of the V.C. Summer Emergency Drill

As a follow up to his visit last year to NRC, Chinese Vice Minister Song, Ruixiang, State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), observed the V.C. Summer full-scale emergency drill from the Executive Team Room. Mr. Song also had observers at the plant and the South Carolina Emergency Operations Center. The Chinese regulatory body is constructing an Emergency Operations Center similar to NRC's center. The drill was also observed by Commissioner Paloma Sendin of the Spanish Consejo de Seguridad (CSN) in the Executive Team Room, and Mr. Juan Carlos Lentijo, Deputy Director for Emergencies, at the Summer Nuclear Power Plant.

Visit of UNVIE Mission Officer

Mr. Kirk Augustine, the new Section Leader of the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna (UNVIE), visited NRC on July 20. Mr. Augustine met with representatives in NMSS, RES, and OIP to discuss interactions with the IAEA and the UNVIE Mission, and the current issues of interest to NRC. Mr. Augustine recently completed a three year assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and before that, served tours in Berlin and with the NATO international staff in Brussels.

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-01-0113	6/22/01	Fatigue of Workers at Nuclear Power Plants
2. SECY-01-0075	4/26/01	Denial of Petition to Amend the Financial Assurance Requirements for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Reactors (PRM-50-70)
3. SRM on SECY-01-0075	6/12/01	(same)
4. Voting Record on SECY-01-0075	6/12/01	(same)
Negative Consent Documents		
Information Papers		
1. SECY-01-0115	6/26/01	Litigation Report - 2001 - 02
2. SECY-01-0112	6/22/01	Nuclear Materials Program: Transmittal of the Final Working Group Report Presenting Options for a National Materials Program
3. SECY-01-0132	7/19/01	Weekly Information Report Week Ending July 13,2001
Memoranda		
1. M010606A/B	7/16/01	Staff Requirements - All Employees Meeting, Tuesday, June 16, 2001
2. M010719A	7/19/01	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session: I. SECY-01-0130 - Power Authority of the State of New York Entergy Companies; Applications to Transfer Licenses for Indian Point 3 and Fitzpatrick Nuclear Plants; Procedural Order Announcing Release of Redacted Version of CLI-01-14 and Addressing Parties' Treatment of Confidential Information in CLI-01-14

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Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Eric Joseph Epstein dated July 13, 2001 concerns denial of a petition for rulemaking requesting that NRC amend its financial assurance requirements for decommissioning nuclear power reactors.

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Region I
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Region I Completes End-of-Cycle Public Assessment Meetings

On July 18, 2001, Region I performed the annual assessment meeting with Millstone Units 2 & 3, which was the last Region I meeting to be completed. Overall, Region I completed 17 annual assessment meetings in a five-week period. The meetings were successful in providing the assessment results for the specific reactor sites and in providing a general explanation of the new reactor oversight program. All meetings involved the use of meeting feedback forms, which generally indicated that observers believed that the objectives of the meeting were met and that they were very satisfied with the NRC staff's participation.

Heritage Minerals, Inc. Monazite Pile Removed

During the week of July 16, 2001, Heritage Minerals, Inc. (HMI), Lakehurst, NJ, completed excavation and removal of the thorium contaminated (monazite sand) tailings pile. The material was loaded into intermodal containers and hauled by truck to Newark, NJ, where it was transferred to railcars for shipment to International Uranium Corporation's White Mesa uranium mill, Blanding, UT, for processing as alternate feed. The monazite pile contained the majority of licensed material at the site.

Concurrent work activities included evaluations of buildings and equipment by the licensee's contractor in preparation for final surveys. Decontamination of equipment and structures will primarily involve cleaning and vacuuming of contaminated sand from surfaces. Final surveys of soil, buildings, and equipment will be performed over the next one-two months, with the intent to release the site for unrestricted use. A final survey report will be submitted for NRC review.

Region II
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South Carolina Electric and Gas Company - V. C. Summer Exercise

On July 18, the Agency participated in the V. C. Summer Emergency Exercise. The participants included a Region II Base Team, Headquarters Executive Team, and a Region II Site Team. Commissioner Dicus participated as the NRC Executive Team Director and the Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Programs participated as the Executive Team Deputy Director.

On July 17-20, the Regional State Liaison Officer participated as a member of the Regional Assistance Committee in the full scale V. C. Summer nuclear exercise, involving officials of the State of South Carolina and the applicable local governments.

V. C. Summer - Annual Assessment

On July 17, the NRC Reactor Oversight Process Annual Assessment meeting for the V. C. Summer nuclear plant was held in Jenkinsville, SC. Following the assessment meeting a separate meeting was held with the State and local governmental officials to discuss the regulatory role of the NRC, the role of the V. C. Summer resident inspectors and the avenues that are available to bring concerns to the NRC.

Duke Energy Corporation - Oconee White Finding/NOV

On July 18, a White finding and NOV letter was issued to Oconee. The finding involved the inability to align the station auxiliary service water (ASW) pump to supply lake water to the steam generators in sufficient time (i.e., within 40 minutes) to mitigate a design basis tornado event. The violation involved a Technical Specification violation for inadequate procedures, and a 10CFR50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, violation for failure to promptly correct a condition adverse to quality. Due to another tornado mitigation related White finding documented in a letter dated 11/9/2000 the mitigation systems cornerstone on Oconee Unit 1 is now a degraded cornerstone.

Tennessee Valley Authority - Watts Bar Annual Assessment

On July 17, the NRC Reactor Oversight Process Annual Assessment meeting for Watts Bar nuclear plant was held in Spring City, TN. Following the assessment meeting a separate meeting was held with the State and local governmental officials to discuss the regulatory role of the NRC, the role of the Watts Bar resident inspectors and the avenues that are available to bring concerns to the NRC.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. - Vogtle Annual Assessment

On July 17, the NRC Reactor Oversight Process Annual Assessment meeting for Vogtle nuclear plant was held in Waynesboro, GA. Following the assessment meeting a separate meeting was held with the State and local governmental officials to discuss the regulatory role

of the NRC, the role of the Vogtle resident inspectors and the avenues that are available to bring concerns to the NRC.

Region II's Federal Women's Program - Annual Bring Your Children To Work Day

On July 19, Region II's Federal Women's Program hosted the Annual "Bring Your Children To Work Day." Approximately 40 children enjoyed food, fun, learning about the NRC and the important role each parent plays in accomplishing its mission.

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Regional Administrator Presents Operator Certificates at the Kewaunee Plant

On Tuesday, July 10, the Regional Administrator presented certificates to five recently licensed reactor operators and four recently licensed senior reactor operators at the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant in Wisconsin. The operators were administered the NRC licensing examination at the Kewaunee plant in December 2000 and May 2001. Their licenses were issued in February and June 2001.

Monticello Annual Assessment Meeting

Staff members met with Nuclear Management Company officials on Monday, July 16, to discuss the Monticello Nuclear Power Plant's latest performance results. The meeting was held in Monticello, Minnesota.

Quad Cities Annual Assessment Meeting

Staff members, including the Deputy Regional Administrator, met with Exelon Corporation officials Thursday, July 19, to discuss the Quad Cities Nuclear Station's latest performance results. The meeting was held at the plant in Cordova, Illinois.

Regional Administrator Presents Operator Certificates at the D.C. Cook Plant

On Friday, July 20, the Regional Administrator presented certificates to six recently licensed reactor operators and 11 recently licensed senior reactor operators at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant in Michigan. The operators were administered the NRC licensing examination at the Cook plant in May. Their licenses were issued in June.

Region IV
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Public Meeting for the Callaway Nuclear Station to Present End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment Results

On July 19, 2001, the Director, Division of Reactor Projects along with other members of the NRC staff held a public meeting with the Vice President - Nuclear, Callaway Nuclear Generating Station and other members of his staff. The meeting was held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri, to discuss the results of the End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment completed on May 8, 2001. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting, including members of the public and media.

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