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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 Material Safety and Safeguards
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Westinghouse-Hematite Public Meeting

On January 6, 2005, staff members from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) and Region III, and representatives from the Missouri State Department of Natural Resources and Jefferson County Health Department attended a Westinghouse-sponsored public meeting. Westinghouse presented information on alternatives and planned actions associated with: (1) removal of an on-site pile of contaminated soil; and (2) demolition and off-site disposal of the contaminated buildings on site. The licensee was seeking feedback from members of the public on these two activities. The meeting was well-attended by the members of the community near the site and the Joachim Watershed Community Advisory Group.

Quarterly Management Meeting with Louisiana Energy Services

On January 12, 2005, NMSS staff met with management representatives from Louisiana Energy Services (LES) to discuss issues related to the uranium enrichment facility proposed to be located in Eunice, New Mexico. Issues discussed included the status of the licensing review and environmental impact statement preparation, and open technical issues. LES management committed to being responsive to the open technical issues.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 14, 2005

Meeting at Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Non-Destructive Examination (NDE) Center

On January 11, 2005, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) staff met with representatives of the EPRI NDE Center to identify opportunities to coordinate research efforts. The EPRI staff gave a tour of the NDE Center's facilities and extensive collection of test mock-ups, and presented an overview of EPRI's research programs on non-destructive examination of reactor components. The EPRI steering committee of member utilities recently authorized a significant increase in funding for research to improve the reliability and speed of in-service inspections. The RES staff described the program for the inspection of nickel alloy components (PINC), an international cooperative research group being formed to assess NDE techniques for detecting primary water stress corrosion cracking in components made of Alloy 600 and related materials. Pointing to a number of common interests and goals, EPRI restated their commitment to participate in the PINC program.

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Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests Received During the Period of
January 7, through January 13, 2005:

Transportation of low level nuclear waste, contact information of contract holders	FOIA/PA-2005-0096
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, design criteria and regulations including deviations from existing regulations, all records	FOIA/PA-2005-0097
Material License Tracking System (MLTS), active and retired facilities	FOIA/PA-2005-0098
Civil and administrative violations for which a monetary penalty was assessed, CY 2004	FOIA/PA-2005-0099
ICI Glidden Research Center, 16651 W. Sprague Road, Strongsville, OH 44163, Cuyahoga County, MLTS #106333341, all records on site	FOIA/PA-2005-0100
Georgia Nuclear Aircraft Lab, license, inspections reports and inventory, waste material, all records	FOIA/PA-2005-0101

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrival		
Neil Nguyen	Student IT Trainee (Co-Op)	OCIO
Departures		
Scott A. Gordon	Environmental Engineer (NSPDP)	NMSS
Jay Thompson	Health Physicist	NMSS

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

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

NRC statements on pump safety and special inspection at Hope Creek.

Security of nuclear power plants.

The Early Site Permit process and the potential for new reactors.

Other OPA Items:

OPA arranged for and assisted in the interview by the Public Broadcasting System of the Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response.

OPA assisted at a public meeting regarding safety issues at Hope Creek.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
05-007	NRC Increases Security Requirements for Portable Gauges Containing Radioactive Materials (1/11)
05-008	NRC to Hold Public Meeting Jan. 19 on Environmental Impacts of Proposed North Anna Early Site Permit (1/11)
05-009	NRC Extends Opportunity to Request Use of New Standard for Addressing Existing Fire Protection Issues (1/12)
05-010	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Schedules Hearings on Proposed Uranium Enrichment Plant in New Mexico (1/14)
Regions:	
I-05-002	NRC Releases Two Letters Regarding Hope Creek Nuclear Plant; Letters Discuss Pump Review and Special Inspection Results (1/10)
I-05-003	New NRC Senior Resident Inspector Assigned to Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant (1/11)
I-05-004	NRC Hearing Process on Pa. Irradiator Concludes (1/11)
II-05-001	NRC Staff Seeks Input on Environmental Review for USEC's Proposed Ohio Centrifuge Plant (1/10)

II-05-002	NRC Seeks Public Input on Brunswick Nuclear Plant Environmental Issues for License Renewal (1/14)
III-05-002	NRC Revokes License of a Missouri Company and Prohibits its Owner from Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activity (1/10)
III-05-003	NRC Begins In-Depth, Three-Part Inspection at Perry Nuclear Plant (1/10)
IV-05-001	NRC Staff to Meet with STP Nuclear Operating Co. to Discuss Adoption of New Regulatory Initiative (1/13)
IV-05-002	NRC Staff to Meet with Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to Discuss Results of Engineering Team Inspection (1/14)

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Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-04-0194	10/22/04	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-40-28) - Donald A. Barbour, Philotechnics
SRM on SECY-04-0194	12/02/04	(SAME)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-04-0194	12/02/04	(SAME)
2. SECY-04-0233	12/22/04	Proposed Rulemaking—Post-Fire Operator Manual Actions (RIN 3150 AH-54)
3. SECY-04-0236	12/23/04	Southern Nuclear Operating Company's Proposal to Establish a Common Emergency Operating Facility at its Corporate Headquarters
Information Papers		
1. SECY-04-0235	12/28/04	Litigation Report - 2004 - 05
2. SECY-05-0007	01/10/05	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending December 31, 2004

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to A. C. Tollison, Jr., INPO, dated January 6, 2005, concerns final version of the INPO's "Principles for a Strong Nuclear Safety Culture."
2. Letter to Sen. Biden, Sen. Carper, and Rep. Castle, dated January 7, 2005, concerns activities related to an October 10, 2004 steam pipe break at Hope Creek.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Safety Light Corporation, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania Site (Materials License Suspension), Docket Nos. 30-5980-EA and 30-5982-EA, ASLBP No. 05-835-01-EA.
2. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, In the Matter of Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (National Enrichment Facility), Docket No. 70-3103-ML, ASLBP No. 04-826-01-ML,

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January 7, 2005, Memorandum and Order (Notice of Hearing and of Opportunity to Make Oral or Written Limited Appearance Statements).

3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal, notice of meeting (02/09/05).
4. Policy statement: revision; [NUREG-1600] - NRC Enforcement Policy; Extension of Enforcement Discretion of Interim Policy.
5. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (01/27-28/05).

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Region I
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Public meeting on Hope Creek Special Inspection and Technical Issues

On January 12, 2005, the NRC staff from Region I, with support from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) staff, held a public meeting in Swedesboro, NJ to discuss NRC's findings related to the Hope Creek special inspection and other technical issues. The Region I staff discussed the results of the special inspection of the steam leak that occurred on October 10, 2004. The NRR staff presented the NRC's findings on the "B" reactor recirculation (RR) pump issue. For the "B" RR pump, after a careful and thorough review, the NRC staff concluded that the Hope Creek plant can operate safely with the existing pump until the next refueling outage. The staff's conclusion was based upon commitments agreed to by the licensee and documented in a confirmatory action letter dated January 11, 2005 that rigorous and continuous monitoring be maintained for critical pump parameters, including vibration levels, so that prompt actions can be taken by plant operators should there be abnormal pump indications.

The evening public meeting was attended by approximately 150 people including representatives from several Congressional offices, the State of New Jersey, and the State of Delaware. Also attending were several public interest groups and local citizens. The public meeting was covered by several local media reporters and television crews.

Region II
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NRC National Response Plan (NRP) and Security Initiatives Outreach Meeting

On January 12-13, 2005, Region II and the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) sponsored the NRC National Response Plan (NRP) and Security Initiatives Outreach Meeting in Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to present an overview of the NRP and discuss how the plan will impact other response plans/procedures, and present security initiatives. Attendees included representatives of Region II licensees (power plants and fuel facilities); State/local agencies; Federal agencies; and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations.

Southeast Nuclear Plant Managers' Meeting

On January 14, 2005, the Regional Administrator participated in the Southeast Nuclear Plant Managers' Meeting in Florida.

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, <u>NO. 2</u>					
OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Madden	01/19/05 SD-366	2:30pm	Samuel W. Bodman	Confirmation for Secretary of Energy	Senators Domenici/Bingaman Energy and Natural Resources

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