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Date	Contact	Organization	Phone	E-mail	Query	Resolved
2/2 4:10	Rich Trout	Hobbs News Sun	505-391-5438		Re: LES order issued last Friday.	Arranged conf. call w/Tim Johnson. Questions focused on hearing procedures and efforts to open the licensing process to the public. Order mandates 30m sked for final agency decision to be made, including technical review and hearing proceedings. Will provide oppty for people to petition for a hearing and specifies what the petition has to cover. And gives a 60-day period for them to petition.
2/3 11:55	Susanna Strangmeier	Natural Gas Week	713-222-2749		Re: Vermont Yankee uprate request, Cory Holden letter of 12/15/03 requesting additional info.	Led her to Uprate page on Web site, helped her find the letter on ADAMS. On 2/4, arranged interview w/Mohammed Shuaibi of NRR regarding the uprate process, Review Standard 001 of 12/02, and the ACRS' involvement in the uprate review process. She was interested in whether VY was one of the largest uprates (yes in %, no in MW), and in answering charges that NRC was "turning its back" on safety in its new review standards. M.S. emphasized that the Review Standard is not regulation, that all uprates are different because of the NPPs' licensing standards, and that safety concerns are the very reason we do the reviews. She said she had no further questions.
2/4 4:15	Jenny Creighton	KGTV in San Diego, aff of ABC and CNN			SONGS fish kill, 13,590 pounds of sardines discovered in intake channels.	Directed her to the event report on the Web site.

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2/5 11:15	Joe Cantlupe	Copley News Service	202-737-7687	joe.cantlupe@copleydc.com	<p>Follow-up to earlier story on med. patients setting off rad. detectors. Could someone who's just had an X-ray trigger an alarm?</p> <p>Paper ran a lengthy correction to the earlier piece.</p>	<p>Told him probably not, as an X-ray does not implant or inject an isotope. Emailed Donna-Beth Howe and Roberto Torres asking for confirmation. I also advised Joe that his earlier story was slightly incorrect about NRC "urging" patients to carry a dr's letter, that we "advise" drs to give patients their biz card w/phone number in case something happens. Roberto Torres sent me this answer:</p> <p>"An X-ray machine produces radiation in an electronic manner (in other words, machine can be turned on and off, thus producing radiation in an on and off manner. This is contrary to a radioisotope that emits radiation all the time until the radiation decays away). An X-ray machine emits radiation typically for a couple of seconds, the radiation travels through the patient, and an image is recorded in a template (X-ray film). A patient who undergoes an X-ray procedure is not radioactive after the procedure and therefore will not trigger a radiation alarm."</p>
2/10 4:45	Dan Homer	Platts			Threat level to yellow?	Yes, NRC sent an advisory to licensees today advising them they may ratchet down.
2/25 12:30	Carolyn Lorie	Brattleboro Reformer	802-254-2311 x273		VY uprate: Is VT the only state with an OK over such things, and can NRC overturn a NO decision?	Per Rich Ennis, no and no. Other states have similar requirements, and VY needs the state's OK to make certain physical improvements that are needed for the uprate; w/o that OK, they cannot implement an uprate. I also chastized her mildly for her story in today's editions, quoting Paul Blanch as saying the NRC is the worst regulatory agency in the US.

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3/19 3:45	Jeff Beattie	Energy Daily	202-662-9739		Western Governors' letter to Diaz re: WIPP shipments	Yes, we received it, yes we will reply.
3/23	Meredith Thompson	Pa. Public Radio			How many plants have had their licenses renewed?	Directed her to license renewal page on the web site.
3/24	Rick Michael	Nuclear News magazine			Diablo Canyon ISFSI license and the SLMFP lawsuit.	I explained that the timing was unrelated and went into the background of the legal contentions. I explained that the activists wanted NRC to consider the effects of a potential terrorist attack in an EIS, but NRC did not feel that was the appropriate mechanism to discuss terrorism. I stressed that he should avoid the common media oversimplification that says NRC refuses to consider terrorism in issuing the license. I noted that Diablo is already under NRC security orders as an NPP and can expect to fall under security orders already issued to ISFSIs well before fuel-loading begins. I also said that during the license review process we had discussions with PG&E about changes they can make in their security program to account for the impending changes in the plant layout as the ISFSI is constructed.
3/29	Carolyn Lorie	Brattleboro Reformer	802-254-2311 x273		How many requests for a hearing does NRC receive each year? How many granted?	Per Whetstone of ASLB, the board received 12 referrals (granted requests) in each of 2002 and 2003. Left msg for Emile Julian in SECY for more information.
3/30	Sherman Jackson	NY1 News	212-379-3365	assignmenteditors@ny1news.com or felloysabat@yahoo.com	The Radlac case. Needed background and perspective, info on 2/20 PRB hearing.	Emailed him transcript of 2/20 hearing. He asked to be informed of decision once it is issued in mid-April.

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4/29 3 pm	Carolyn Lorie				NRC and how it responds to public input.	<p>She specifically asked about how we intended to respond to public input from the March 31 meeting - I demurred on that and suggested she talk to someone who was there. She said she had been talking to Neil Sheehan about it.</p> <p>I explained public comment in proposed and final rules, the importance of responding to members of Congress and other public officials, and the feedback forms we sometimes use at public meetings.</p> <p>Interestingly, she quoted Lochbaum to me as saying the NRC has improved dramatically over the last 4-5 years in its responsiveness to the public. I emphasized that the agency in general, and this Commission and Chairman in particular, are very serious about improving communications, both external and internal. I pointed to the creation of the Director of Communications position and the hiring of Bill Outlaw as evidence of that commitment.</p>
5/6	Steven Langel	Inside EPA	703-416-8518		NRC comment on GAO report on DOE's QA for YMP	I said we essentially agreed w/GAO's conclusions and warning that poor QA on DOE's application could lead to licensing delays. I pointed him to our 4/13 press release and report, which he did not know of.
5/6 3:40	Steve Dolley	McGraw Hill	202-383-2166		Export license issued 4/30 to NNSA to send HEU to Canada for isotope production. Why was license transferred from Transnuclear to NNSA?	
5/6 4 pm	Jenny Weil				Nevada petition on Fernald	We're considering it.