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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
Items of Interest
Week Ending April 23, 2004

Media Interest

OPA responded to significant media inquiries on the following:

The discovery that two fragments of a spent fuel rod were missing at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant.

The potential for patients who receive radioisotopes during treatment to trigger radiation detection devices that are increasingly used to guard against radiological terrorism (Wall Street Journal article).

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA staff assisted at public meetings regarding Browns Ferry, Sequoyah, Byron and Point Beach nuclear plants, as well as meetings on the Nuclear Fuel Services and Honeywell fuel cycle facilities.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
04-043	NRC Renews License for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2, for an Additional 20 Years (4/19)
04-044	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Pilot Program for Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (4/20)
04-045	NRC Names Directors of Communications and Office of Public Affairs (4/21)
04-046	NRC to Hold Public Meeting May 19 on Draft Generic Letter on Containment Sump Issue (4/22)
04-047	NRC Renews License for Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1, for an Additional 20 Years (4/23)
Regions:	
I-04-021	NRC Proposes \$3,000 Fine Against W.Va. Firm for Failing to Maintain Control of Nuclear Gauge (4/21)
I-04-022	NRC to Discuss Annual Performance Assessment of Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants (4/21)
I-04-023	NRC to Conduct a Special Inspection at Vermont Yankee to Look Into Potentially Missing Spent Fuel Segments (4/22)
II-04-033	NRC Approves Restart of Final Stage in Uranium Hexafluoride Process at Honeywell Plant in Illinois (4/17)
II-04-034	NRC to Hold Predecisional Enforcement Conference to Discuss Apparent Violation at Browns Ferry (4/19)
II-04-035	NRC to Meet with Duke Energy Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Catawba Nuclear Power Plant (4/19)
III-04-025	NRC to Meet with Exelon Generation Company to Discuss Performance of Quad Cities Nuclear Plant (4/22)

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III-04-026	NRC Issues Letter on Performance Improvement Plans for Point Beach Nuclear Power Station (4/23)
IV-04-019	NRC to Meet with Nebraska Public Power District to Discuss Recent Inspection at Cooper Nuclear Station (4/20)