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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 (NMSS)
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Forum on Stakeholder Confidence Workshop in Spain

On November 21-23, 2005, NRC staff presided at a workshop and site visit organized by the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC) in L'Hospitalet de l'Infant, Spain. FSC is a working party to the Radioactive Waste Management Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency. The workshop was organized in cooperation with an association of municipalities in which Spain's nuclear power plants are located and the Spanish Agency for Radioactive Waste Management, Empresa Nacional de Residuos Radiactivos. The Spanish Nuclear Regulatory Agency Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear (CSN), also supported the workshop. FSC members met with local, regional, and national stakeholders; received overview presentations on the institutional and legal framework in Spain; learned about the history of stakeholder involvement in Spanish nuclear projects; and visited the decommissioned plant at Vandellós-I.

During the workshop, the Hungarian delegate announced that the Hungarian Parliament by a vote of 349 to 4 approved a resolution to establish a repository for low and intermediate-level waste. He also announced Hungary's willingness to host FSC's 2006 workshop in Budapest.

Spanish Nuclear Regulatory Agency Briefed on NRC Decommissioning Activities

On November 29, 2005, NRC staff briefed a delegation from CSN on NRC's decommissioning activities. The delegation subsequently traveled to the San Onofre site and toured the decommissioning facility.

Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
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Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) Involving Force-on-Force (FOF) Evaluation Criteria

On November 7, 2005, the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR), issued a decision on a Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) involving Force-on-Force (FOF) evaluation criteria (DPO-2005-001). On January 6, 2005, an NRC employee submitted a DPO that focused on the adequacy of NRC's assessment of licensee performance during the conduct of FOF exercises; specifically, whether there is too much focus on success or failure in protecting critical equipment (target sets) at the detriment of identifying licensee performance weaknesses and areas for improvement. On October 4, 2005, an Ad Hoc Review Panel provided the results of its independent review to the Director, NSIR. The panel concluded that certain aspects proposed by the submitter have merit and, if applied, would allow the NRC to more reliably assess the capability of a protective force to execute an effective defensive strategy. The panel further concluded that a revised FOF program that retains the goal of protecting target sets and applies the performance assessment tools and techniques proposed by the submitter is viable, comports with the principles of the NRC Reactor Oversight Process, and would be more effective in both assessing and improving licensee performance. Based on a review of the panel's report and additional comments by the DPO submitter, the Director, NSIR agreed with the panel's conclusions and recommendations.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-IV-05-017, ProTechnics Division of Core Laboratories - FOLLOWUP ON LOST OR MISSING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL.
2. PNO-IV-05-017A, ProTechnics Division of Core Laboratories - FOLLOWUP ON LOST OR MISSING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL - UPDATE.
3. PNO-IV-05-018, Iris NDT - RADIOGRAPHER'S DOSE EXCEEDS REGULATORY LIMITS.
4. PNO-RIII-05-016, Braidwood 1 & 2 Exelon Generation Co. - POTENTIAL OFF-SITE MIGRATION OF TRITIUM CONTAMINATION.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Confirmation of Effective Date (AH77- Part 72) for a Direct Final Rule

On November 29, 2005, the NRC published a document in the Federal Register (70 FR 71381) confirming the effective date of December 5, 2005, for a direct final rule that adds Amendment 8 to the Certificate of Compliance (CoC) Number 1004. The amendment revises the Standardized NUHOMS® System Listing by adding a new spent fuel storage and transfer system and modifying two dry shielded canister designs.

Contract Award

On November 28, 2005, a General Service Administration delivery order was awarded to Falcon Express Transportation, Inc., entitled "Messenger/Courier Services." The period of performance is December 1, 2005 through November 30, 2006, with two one-year options. The cost of the delivery order is \$129,703.00.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act Requests Received During the Period of November 25 through December 1, 2005:

Fansteel, Inc., Muskogee, OK, docket 40-7580, license no. SMB-911, "Technical Report Remediation Assessment," (4901240039) portions of report, draft versions, drawings	FOIA/PA-2006-0043
License no. 12-15023, no. 4-37-90, name of license hold and date of issuance	FOIA/PA-2006-0044

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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BUSH, KISHA A.	STAFF ACCOUNTANT	CFO
CHERNY, FRANK C.	TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	RES
GRAY, PATRICIA ANN	CIVIL RIGHTS SPECIALIST	SBCR
LEWIS, PAUL M.	HUMAN FACTORS ANALYST	RES
ROSANO, RICHARD P.	NUCLEAR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NSIR

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
SRM-SECY-05-0200	11/28/05	Efforts by Western Nuclear, Inc., to Acquire Off-Site Properties in Conjunction with Decommissioning its Uranium Recovery Site and the need for Institutional Controls
Voting Record for SECY-05-0200	11/28/05	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-05-0215	11/22/05	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending November 11, 2005
2. SECY-05-0217	11/28/05	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending November 18, 2005

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress, dated November 22, 2005, provides the October 2005 monthly report on the status of its licensing and other regulatory activities.
2. Letter to Senator Orrin Hatch, dated November 22, 2005, responds to letter regarding NRC's obligation under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as it relates to the proposed Private Fuel Storage license.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. State of Minnesota: NRC Draft Staff Assessment of a Proposed Agreement Between the NRC and the State of Minnesota.
2. Proposed rule: 10 CFR Parts 1, 2, 13 and 110, 3150-RIN AH74, Use of Electronic Submissions in Agency Hearings.

Region I (RI)
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Millstone Unit 3

On December 1, 2005, Millstone Unit 3 received indications of increased reactor coolant system (RCS) leakage and entered the associated technical specification (TS) and abnormal operating procedure for unidentified leakage. The licensee estimated leakage to be 5 - 7 gpm, determined that the source of the leakage could be identified, and exited the TS limiting condition for operation. During the power reduction to support containment entry, the turbine was manually tripped due to high vibrations which resulted in an automatic trip of the reactor on low-low level in one steam generator. Upon entering containment, the operators identified the source of the leak and isolated it. Resident inspectors observed Millstone's response to the leak and reactor trip and are following up on the licensee's corrective actions and restart plans.

Region II (RII)
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Region II's Inspector Counterpart Meeting

On November 29-December 1, 2005, the Region II Inspector's Counterpart meeting was held in the Regional Office. On November 29, the Deputy Executive Director for Information Services and Administration met with Region II staff and discussed Agency issues and priorities. The inspection staff were provided briefings and training by management and staff from the offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Enforcement, and Nuclear Security and Incident Response.

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Region III (RIII)
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Public Exit Meeting for Palisades License Renewal Inspection

On December 1, 2005, members of the Region III staff met with Nuclear Management Company officials in South Haven, Michigan, to discuss the preliminary inspection findings on the scoping, screening, and aging management programs for the Palisades Nuclear Power plant. These programs are needed to support the Palisades license renewal application. The inspection concluded that the programs are sufficient for extended operation and that Region III did not observe any inspection-related impediments to renewing the operating license. The meeting was open to the public and included for public questions and comments.

Meeting with Department of Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor

On December 1, 2005, the Region III Office of Investigations Field Office Director and Plant Support Branch Chief met with the Department of Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor for the Northern Illinois District. This was an introductory meeting to discuss items of mutual interest such as commercial reactor plant security, DHS comprehensive reviews, and NRC incident response.