

HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT

WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 1989

Safeguards Bilateral Meeting

On Friday, July 7, 1989 an International Safeguards Branch staff member participated on the United States team in a safeguards bilateral meeting with French representatives. The U.S. team included representatives from the Department of State, Department of Energy and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Topics of discussion included the current status of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards in both countries; long-term guidelines for IAEA INFCIRC-66 safeguards; safeguards for nuclear waste, spent fuel conditioning plants, and reprocessing plants; IAEA inspector designation procedures; cooperation in safeguards-related research and development activities; and the IAEA 1988 Safeguards Implementation Report.

Neutron Products Public Meeting

A public meeting was held in Barnesville, Maryland on July 12, 1989 to provide area citizens with a status report on progress made by Neutron Products, Inc. in complying with the State of Maryland's safety requirements. Most of the Neutron Products facility has been shut down since March, 1989. The meeting was arranged by Maryland Delegate Gene W. Counihan. The State of Maryland was represented by Lawrence Ward, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Environment, and Roland Fletcher, Administrator of the State's Center for Radiological Health. Jack Rasnihoff represented Neutron Products.

NUREG-1150 Peer Review Group

On July 10-12, 1989, the NUREG-1150 Peer Review Group held its first meeting. The committee was briefed by NRC staff on the background objectives and results of the second draft of the report. Contractor staff then made presentations on the methods used for the second draft report. General discussions on the report and future plans for the peer review were then held. The next meeting will be held September 13-14, 1989, in Albuquerque, NM.

Civil Penalty to be Paid

The Air Force, by letter dated June 30, 1989, responded to the June 8, 1989 Order Imposing Civil Penalties in the Wright Patterson case stated that they are paying the civil penalty in the amount of \$102,500. However, the Air Force presented new information to show that an overexposure did not occur. The staff is evaluating the information and, if satisfied that the overexposure did not occur, will adjust the civil penalty by \$2,500. (EA 88-87)

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