INFORMATION REPORT

July 2, 2009 SECY-09-0099

For: The Commissioners

From: Vonna L. Ordaz
Assistant for Operations
Office of the Executive Director for Operations

Subject: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 2009

Contents	Enclosure
Nuclear Reactor Regulation	A
New Reactors	B*
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards	C
Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs	D*
Nuclear Regulatory Research	E*
Nuclear Security and Incident Response	F*
Administration	G
Information Services	H
Chief Financial Officer	I*
Human Resources	J
Small Business and Civil Rights	K*
Enforcement	L*
Public Affairs	M
International Programs	N*
Secretary	O
Region I	P*
Region II	P*
Region III	P*
Region IV	P*
Executive Director for Operations	Q*
Congressional Affairs	R

*No input this week.

/RA Mindy S. Landau Acting For/

Vonna L. Ordaz
Assistant for Operations, OEDO

Contact:
V. Medina, OEDO

July 2, 2009 SECY-09-0099

For: The Commissioners

From: Vonna L. Ordaz, Assistant for Operations, Office of the EDO

Subject: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 2009

Contents	Enclosure
Nuclear Reactor Regulation	A
New Reactors	B*
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards	C
Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs	D*
Nuclear Regulatory Research	E*
Nuclear Security and Incident Response	F*
Administration	G
Information Services	H
Chief Financial Officer	I*
Human Resources	J
Small Business and Civil Rights	K*
Enforcement	L*
Public Affairs	M
International Programs	N*
Secretary	O
Region I	P*
Region II	P*
Region III	P*
Region IV	P*
Executive Director for Operations	Q*
Congressional Affairs	R

*No input this week.

/RA Mindy S. Landau Acting For/

Vonna L. Ordaz
Assistant for Operations, OEDO

Contact:
V. Medina, OEDO

DISTRIBUTION:
EDO R/F
AO R/F

Document Name: G:\AO\WIR\2009\Week0630.doc

OEDO	AO/OEDO	
VMedina	VLOrdaz	**ML091830207**
07/01/09	07/02/09	

WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 2009

The Weekly Information Report is compiled by the Office of the EDO and includes highlights of Headquarters and Regional Office activities.
Contact: Veronika Medina, OEDO by E-mail: Veronika.Medina@nrc.gov.

Use **GO TO** (Ctrl+Home) to advance to the page number for a specific Office.
PgDn and **PgUp** can also be used to advance through the text.

OFFICE	Page	OFFICE	Page
NRR	2	OE	*
NRO	*	OPA	17
NMSS	4	OIP	*
FSME	6	SECY	19
RES	*	Region I	20
NSIR	10	Region II	21
ADM	11	Region III	22
OIS	12	Region IV	23
CFO	*	EDO	*
HR	16	OCA	24
SBCR	*		

*No input this week

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 26, 2009

2nd International Workshop on Inspection of Cast Austenitic Stainless Steel (CASS)

On June 15-16, 2009, staff participated in the 2nd International Workshop on Future Directions for the Inspection of CASS Piping. The workshop opened with the staff providing brief overviews of the regulatory issues and Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research programs related to the examination of CASS. Although there were several presentations, of particular interest were the presentations on the status of international programs related to the examination of CASS, as well as updates on industry funded work being done at Structural Integrity Associates on flaw evaluation analysis and NRC funded work at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory on inspection technique development. Following the presentations, the group's discussions focused on defining a path forward to resolve this difficult issue, in particular defining critical flaw size and demonstrating inspection capability. This work will be coordinated with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Section XI, Task Group on CASS.

Nuclear Procurement Issues Committee (NUPIC) Meeting

From June 15-18, 2009, NRC staff members participated in the NUPIC vendor meeting in St Louis, Missouri. Over 350 participants attended. The NRR staff made presentations related to allegations (ML091610489) and issues with counterfeit, fraudulent and suspect parts (ML091610502). Part of the meeting was devoted to NRC conducting a workshop on counterfeit, fraudulent and suspect parts. The staff responded to numerous questions during and after the presentations.

Board of Nuclear Codes and Standards (BNCS) Meeting

On June 16-17, 2009, staff participated in the second joint meeting of the BNCS and the Board of Pressure Technology Codes and Standards (BPTCS) that was held to discuss policy and strategic issues of mutual interest. The joint meetings are an outgrowth of the recent realignment of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Committee. The BNCS is responsible for nuclear pressure retaining equipment and the BPTCS is responsible for non-nuclear pressurized components. The staff reported to the board on a number of regulatory issues, including the status of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 50.55a rulemaking; the status of issuance of draft Revision 4 to Regulatory Guide 1.28, Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Design and Construction); the proposed regulatory information summary on leak-before-break of weld overlay piping; regulatory perspectives on an American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standard on temporary loads during shutdown conditions; and the recent meetings with the Electric Power Research Institute and the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group on materials initiatives. The staff also addressed several questions that relate to our regulatory interface with the ASME, including timing of future 10 CFR 50.55a updates.

General Cable – Meeting and Tour

On June 15-19, 2009, Division of Risk Assessment (DRA) management and staff visited Progress Energy, the licensee for the Shearon Harris National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805 pilot plant, in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Duke Energy, the licensee for the Oconee NFPA 805 pilot plant, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The purpose of the visit was to discuss fire probabilistic risk assessment questions arising from the review of the NFPA 805 license amendment requests and site regulatory audits in preparation for possible requests for additional information.

On June 16 and 18, 2009, NRC staff held meetings with General Cable in Willimantic, Connecticut. The staff received training regarding the manufacturing and testing of cables utilized in the nuclear industry.

From June 16-18, 2009, DRA management and staff visited Progress Energy, the licensee for the Shearon Harris NFPA 805 pilot plant, in Raleigh, North Carolina. The purpose of the visit was to discuss draft requests for additional information arising from the review of the Shearon Harris NFPA 805 license amendment request.

Staff Completes Notice of Availability for Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler 425

On June 23, 2009, the staff completed a notice of availability for TSTF Traveler 425, Revision 3, "Relocate Surveillance Frequencies to Licensee Control-Risk Informed Technical Specification Task Force Initiative 5." TSTF 425 is expected to be published in the *Federal Register* before the end of June. TSTF-425, Rev. 3 allows licensees to relocate most time-based surveillance frequencies to a licensee-controlled program, the Surveillance Frequency Control Program (SFCP). The SFCP is established through a TS administrative control programmatic requirement which requires licensees to follow Nuclear Energy Institute 04–10, "Risk-Informed Technical Specification Initiative 5B, Risk-Informed Method for Control of Surveillance Frequencies." The SFCP does not include surveillance frequencies that are event driven, controlled by an existing program, or are condition-based. TSTF-425, Rev 3 addresses all four operating reactor vendor types.

Human Performance Root Cause Training (HPRCT)

On June 24, 2009, staff from the Division of Inspection and Regional Support (DIRS) and the Office of Enforcement (OE) presented topics related to safety culture at the HPRCT conference in Florida. The DIRS staff discussed how oversight of safety culture is implemented in the Reactor Oversight Process, and the OE staff discussed the draft safety culture policy statement that was submitted to the Commission for approval to publish in the *Federal Register* for comment.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 26, 2009

Meeting with Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Subcontractors

On June 24, 2009, staff met with Douglas Cooper, President and General Manager, USA-Repository Services (USA-RS), and Eric Knox, Operations Manager, URS Corporation. The meeting was at the request of USA-RS. The purpose of the meeting was a meet and greet and a means for USA-RS to provide information concerning their organizational structure and their integration with other subcontractors that support DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. The NRC's regulatory licensing practices and protocols were discussed and explained. No technical or regulatory matter directly related to DOE's Repository license application was discussed and no regulatory decisions were requested or made.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 26, 2009

Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material; Updates and Clarifications; Proposed Rule (10 CFR Part 110) (RIN 3150-AI16, NRC-2008-0567)

On June 23, 2009, the NRC published a proposed rule (74 FR 29614) in the *Federal Register* that would amend its regulations to provide updates, clarifications, and corrections to reflect enhancements to the NRC's domestic regulatory framework, particularly the establishment of the National Source Tracking System, and align NRC regulations with the practices of other countries. The comment period for this action closes September 8, 2009.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 26, 2009

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) "FastPack" Services

On June 16, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division (IRSD) were visited by representatives of the NARA to discuss services provided through NARA's Federal Records Center (FRC). IRSD is interested in using NARA's "FastPack" services for "shelf-to-shelf" transfer of paper records. NARA will complete the paperwork, organize, lift, and transport the records eligible for off-site storage. FastPack will save the agency money on office space, personnel, and shipping costs by expediting the transfer of over 500 boxes of records to more cost-effective space at the FRC. In addition to this service, IRSD is also interested in having NARA conduct an assessment of its overall processes associated with the transfer of records, to see where the agency can save in time and efficiencies.

Federal Information and Records Managers (FIRM) Council Meeting Held in Washington, DC

On June 23, 2009, IRSD staff attended a meeting of the FIRM Council in Washington, DC. The FIRM Council is dedicated to supporting the efficient and cost-effective management of records and information across the Federal Government. This quarterly meeting focused on "Reaching Increased Effectiveness through Multi-Disciplinary Partnership – An Exploration of Common Interest/Benefits within Your Agency." Presentations included managing data and information as national assets, risk assessment and management, and records and information management in the age of electronic discovery.

Catholic University Students Visit NRC Technical Information Center

On June 24, 2009, 24 members of the Institute on Federal Library Resources at Catholic University visited the NRC Public Document Room and Technical Library. IRSD staff presented information on the services provided by each team to their respective audiences as well as the contribution to the agency's Knowledge Management initiative. This was the first time that the NRC has participated in this Institute and the organizers said that this was one of the best presentations that the students had had during the Institute.

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Council Meeting

On June 25, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended a meeting of the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Council. The meeting began with an overview by the CUI Task Force (TF) established by the President on May 27, 2009. The TF met with the CUI Council to review the CUI strawmen to discuss issues including whether the CUI Framework should cover all sensitive unclassified information or remain only terrorist-related information, and how to measure progress if the CUI Framework is implemented.

The CUI Council Chairman stated that a one-size-fits-all solution would not be the answer regarding the life cycle of CUI. The underlying principle is that the CUI should be decontrolled as soon as it no longer needs safeguarding or dissemination controls. The Chairman envisions allowing agencies to make this determination, although there have been discussions with his

staff about the feasibility of automatic decontrol of certain types of CUI within 10 to 15 years, and automatic decontrol when the date of an event has passed that created a need for the information to be controlled. It was stated that decontrol does not equate to automatic release to the public and that the ultimate life cycle is determined by agency retention and disposition schedules.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of June 19, 2009, through June 25, 2009:

FOIA case log for calendar year 2008	FOIA/PA-2009-0202
NRC Field Policy Manual, NUREG/BR-0075	FOIA/PA-2009-0203
NUREG/BR-0188, Distribution List Descriptions for NRC Reports and Documents	FOIA/PA-2009-0204
Response to FOIA/PA-2009-0197, "Ammunition purchased in 2008 and cost; number of agents carrying firearms in 2008"	FOIA/PA-2009-0205
Nuclear license for named individual, 1986	FOIA/PA-2009-0206
St. Albans Naval Hospital, St Albans Veterans Administration Hospital, St. Albans Vet Adm Extended Care Center, Jamaica, New York - all records relating to facility including 1964 radiation leak	FOIA/PA-2009-0207
Government Printing Office (GPO) Purchase Card Holder list including organizational code, address, and phone numbers.	FOIA/PA-2009-0208
Any and all documentation regarding radioactive wastes buried on the Vermont Yankee site.	FOIA/PA-2009-0209
Allegations, transcripts, witness statements, reports, and/or any and all records associated with Office of Investigations (OI) Case # 4-2009-033.	FOIA/PA-2009-0210
OI Case 4-2007-049, Exhibit 38, Page 2 of 3, narrative, Line 12, Page 11978 of the Callaway Plant Shift Supervisor Daily Log	FOIA/PA-2009-0211

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 26, 2009

Arrivals		
Pruett, Timothy	Information Technology Specialist	OIS
Sargeant, William	Student Management Assistant	HR
Departures		
Jacobson, John	Metallurgical Engineer	RIII

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 26, 2009

OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following

Problems with the Veteran Administration's prostate cancer treatments.

NRC letters regarding potential gap in reactor decommissioning funds.

Vermont Yankee nuclear plant, in Vernon, Vermont, power outage related to repairs.

South Texas Project hearing for two new reactors.

Regulatory conference to be held July 1, regarding a security-related inspection at the Susquehanna nuclear plant near Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Workshops planed for safe disposal of depleted uranium.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-114	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet July 8-10 in Rockville , Maryland (6/22)
09-115	NRC to Hold Public Workshops in Maryland and Utah on Safe Disposal of Depleted Uranium and other Unique Waste Streams (6/24)
09-116	NRC Meeting July 8 in Rockville, Maryland to Discuss Potential Application for Medical Isotope Production (6/25)
09-117	NRC Issues Final environmental Impact Statement for Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (6/26)
Regions:	
III-09-020	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Nuclear Power Plant Issues and 2008 Performance of Duane Arnold Nuclear Power Plant (6/22)
IV-09-024	NRC Conducting Special Inspection at Callaway Nuclear Plant (6/22)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 26, 2009

Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM-SECY-09-0051	06/23/09	Evaluation of Radiological Consequence Models and Codes
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0051	06/23/09	(same)
2. SECY-09-0086	06/10/09	Final Rule: Expansion of the National Source Tracking System (RIN 3150-A129)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0094	06/24/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending June 12, 2009
Memoranda		
1. M090625A	06/25/09	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-09-0063 – Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (License Amendment for the North Trend Expansion Area), Staff and Applicant Appeals of LBP-08-6 and LBP-09-1, Granting Hearing and Admitting Contentions; II. SECY-09-0084 – Southern Nuclear Operating Co. (Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4), LBP-09-3 (Ruling on Standing and Contention Admissibility)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Rep. Edward J. Markey and Rep. John J. Hall, dated June 17, 2009, responds to letter expressing concern about a leak in buried piping at Indian Point Unit 2.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, U.S. Department of Energy, High Level Waste Repository, Construction Authorization Application.

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 26, 2009

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 15					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Decker	06/25/09 2362-B RHOB	9:00	House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Representatives Visclosky / Frelinghuysen)	Markup of Draft Fiscal 2010 Appropriations for Programs Under its Jurisdiction	• N/A