

## Dean, Bill

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**From:** Dean, Bill  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:26 PM  
**To:** Lew, David  
**Cc:** Wilson, Peter  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION: Notification, NRC Distinguished & Meritorious Awards Recipients. (R1)

Sounds good. Pete, please make sure I get opportunity to personally congratulate cyndy.  
Bill Dean  
Regional Administrator  
Region I, USNRC  
Sent from NRC BlackBerry

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**From:** Lew, David  
**To:** Picon-Colon, Reinaldo; Dean, Bill  
**Cc:** Baker, Pamela; Walker, Tracy; Lorson, Raymond; Collins, Daniel; Miller, Chris; Roberts, Darrell; Clifford, James; Weerakkody, Sunil; Wilson, Peter; Royal, Judith; Holody, Daniel  
**Sent:** Thu Mar 17 14:45:39 2011  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Notification, NRC Distinguished & Meritorious Awards Recipients. (R1)

Rey, Region I has informed its Meritorious Award Recipients, as well as those nominees who were not selected. Dave

Bill, We plan to send an email to Region I staff regarding the Region I Meritorious Awardees. Dave

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**From:** Dean, Bill  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 5:26 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Peter; Weerakkody, Sunil; Clifford, James; Roberts, Darrell; Lew, David  
**Cc:** Baker, Pamela; Walker, Tracy; Lorson, Raymond; Collins, Daniel; Miller, Chris  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Notification, NRC Distinguished & Meritorious Awards Recipients. (R1)  
**Importance:** High

Great news for us. Would like for there to be a coordinated effort to notify these individuals by me personally, on Wednesday along with the Div. Dir. Obviously a call to Gordon, but to get with Cyndy in-person. We will have to work on communications to the others that we nominated but did not get selected this time.

*Bill*

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**From:** Picon-Colon, Reinaldo  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 5:17 PM  
**To:** Dean, Bill  
**Cc:** Cohen, Miriam; Tracy, Glenn; Shay, Jason; Virgilio, Martin  
**Subject:** ACTION: Notification, NRC Distinguished & Meritorious Awards Recipients. (R1)  
**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon Mr. Dean!

The Commission has approved this year's Distinguished & Meritorious awards recipients.

**STEP 1:**

Notify your award recipients immediately. Their names are:

- **Bixler, Cyndy** - Meritorious Service Award
- **Hunegs, Gordon** - Meritorious Service Award

**STEP 2:**

Reply to me by e-mail as soon as you have been able to notify them.

Once I receive your confirmation, I will then contact them to coordinate the follow-up process regarding photography, travel arrangements for family, etc. Usually, this process takes a significant amount of time, and it is required in order to prepare the Certificates, Special Lapel Pins, and brochures. So, I need to begin this process immediately.

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, June 14, 2011**, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center

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| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Pre-Ceremony Reception.<br>(This is for awardees, their guests, Commissioners, and Office Directors) |
| 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | 34 <sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony<br>(This is for all employees)                               |
| 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm | Post Ceremony Reception<br>(This is for all employees)   |

Thank you in advance for your quick response.

Reinaldo "Rey" Picón-Colón  
*Project Manager & Coordinator of the Annual Awards Ceremony (June 14, 2011)*  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)  
Office of Human Resources (HR)  
Program Management, Policy Development  
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*"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."*  
--Albert Einstein

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**From:** [Givvines, Mary](#)  
**To:** [Grobe, Jack](#); [Boger, Bruce](#); [Leeds, Eric](#)  
**Subject:** Hong Le assisting in Commissioner Svinicki's office  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:28:35 PM

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I believe I told Jack but may have not shared with Bruce and Eric. I received a call from Jeff Sharkey prior to the RIC requesting the possibility of having Hong rotate to the commission office to support the budget review process for approximately 8 weeks. Hong is willing and I think this would be a great opportunity. She feels this is a good time and her staff is up to speed.

Mary

*Mary Givvines*

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Owen, Lucy

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**From:** HSToday [noreply@newsletters.hstoday.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:32 PM  
**To:** Collins, Elmo  
**Subject:** 2011 Bicoastal Counter-Terrorism Summit

2011  
**Bicoastal Counter-Terrorism  
Summit**

San Diego State University  
28 March-1 April 2011

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Thank you for your interest in the Bicoastal Counter-Terrorism Summit. Please click on the above image for more information regarding this year's Summit. We appreciate you and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

*Respectfully,  
Brad Barker  
President*



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From: Giitter, Joseph  
To: Khanna, Meena; Leeds, Eric  
Cc: Manoly, Kamal; Wilson, George; Chokshi, Nilesh; Hiland, Patrick; Skeen, David; Meighan, Sean; Nguyen, Quynh; Mahoney, Michael  
Subject: RE: Highlights of GI-199 and Communications Plan  
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:35:35 PM

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Eric- We'll factor this into the Q/As we're preparing for you.

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**From:** Khanna, Meena  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:25 PM  
**To:** Leeds, Eric  
**Cc:** Manoly, Kamal; Wilson, George; Chokshi, Nilesh; Hiland, Patrick; Skeen, David; Giitter, Joseph; Meighan, Sean; Nguyen, Quynh  
**Subject:** Highlights of GI-199 and Communications Plan

Eric,

As requested, here are some highlights regarding GI-199, which includes the timeline for the issuance of the generic letter. Also attached to the email is the GI-199 Communication Plan.

Pls. contact either George or myself if you need any further information. Thanks.

**GENERIC ISSUE 199, "IMPLICATIONS OF UPDATED PROBABILISTIC SEISMIC HAZARD ESTIMATES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN UNITED STATES ON EXISTING PLANTS"**

Objective of GI-199

The objective of the GI-199 Safety/Risk Assessment was to perform a conservative, screening-level assessment to evaluate if further investigations of seismic safety for operating reactors in the central and eastern U.S. (CEUS) are warranted consistent with NRC directives.

- The results of the GI-199 safety risk assessment should not be interpreted as definitive estimates of plant-specific seismic risk.
- The nature of the information used (both seismic hazard data and plant-level fragility information) make these estimates useful only as a screening tool. The NRC does not rank plants by seismic risk.

Key Messages from the GI-199 Communications Plan (slightly revised) are:

- (1) In August 2010, the Safety/Risk Assessment for GI-199 was completed. That assessment found that operating nuclear power plants are safe: Plants have adequate safety margin for seismic issues. The NRC's Safety/Risk Assessment confirmed that overall seismic risk estimates remain small and that adequate protection is maintained.
- (2) Though still small, some seismic hazard estimates have increased: Updates to seismic data and models indicate increased seismic hazard estimates for some operating nuclear power plant sites in the Central and Eastern United States.
- (3) Assessment of GI-199 will continue: Plants are safe (see key message 1), but the NRC has separate criteria for evaluating whether plant improvements may be

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imposed. The NRC's Safety/Risk Assessment used readily available information and found that for about one-quarter of the currently operating plants, the estimated core damage frequency change is large enough to warrant further attention. Action may include obtaining additional, updated information and developing methods to determine if plant improvements to reduce seismic risk are warranted.

Note: GI-199 Communication Plan is available in ADAMs: ML081850477.

#### Status of Operating Plants and Need of Additional Actions due to Japanese Event:

- Currently operating nuclear plants in the United States remain safe, with no need for immediate action.
- This determination is based on NRC staff reviews of updated seismic hazard information and the conclusions of the Generic Issue 199 Screening Panel.
- Existing plants were designed with considerable margin to be able to withstand the ground motions from the "deterministic" or "scenario earthquake" that accounted for the largest earthquake expected in the area around the plant.
- During the mid-to late-1990s, the NRC staff reassessed the margin beyond the design basis as part of the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) program.
- The results of the GI-199 assessment demonstrate that the probability of exceeding the design basis ground motion may have increased at some sites, but only by a relatively small amount. In addition, the Safety/Risk Assessment stage results indicate that the probabilities of seismic core damage are lower than the guidelines for taking immediate action.
- In summary, US plants are designed for appropriate earthquake levels and are safe. As addressed above, the NRC is conducting a program called Generic Issue 199, which is reviewing the adequacy of the earthquake design of US NPPs in central and eastern North America based on the latest data and analysis techniques. The NRC will look closely at all aspects of the response of the plants in Japan to the earthquake and tsunami to determine if any actions need to be taken in US plants and if any changes are necessary to NRC regulations.

#### Timeline for Preparation and Issuance of GI-199 Generic Letter:

- The NRC is working on developing a Generic Letter (GL) to request information of all affected plants (96 plants that are east of the Rockies).
- The GL is planned to be issued in draft form within the next 2 months to stimulate discussions with industry in a public meeting.
- Process will be followed, i.e., Committee to Review Generic Requirements, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting and then GL will be issued as a draft for formal public comments (60 days), followed by a second meeting with ACRS.
- We expect to issue the GL by the end of this calendar year, as the new consensus seismic hazard estimates become available. (This effort is being coordinated with US NRC, DOE, EPRI, and USGS).
- The information from licensees will likely require 3 to 6 months to complete. Staff's review will commence after receiving licensees' responses. Based on staff's review, a determination can be made regarding cost beneficial backfits where it can be justified.

**From:** [Ibarra, Jose](#)  
**To:** [Dion, Jeanne](#)  
**Cc:** [Ott, William](#); [Xing, Jing](#); [Peters, Sean](#); [Coyne, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** Yuccan Mountain Information Request  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:36:29 PM

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Jeanne,

Here is the information from DRA on the Yucca Mountain request:

The Human Factors Reliability Branch (HFRB) worked in a support capacity on Yucca Mountain HLWR. This support was in the human reliability area. This effort was all technical and not seen to be the type of documents that OGC wants. HFRB can provide those technical documents in a matter of a few days.

The Environmental Transport Branch (ETB) has staff who were selected to support the licensing board in review of contentions raised in the Yucca Mountain hearing process. None of this activity was in support of the Commission's review of the ASLB decision concerning DOE's withdrawal of the application or the NRC staff's development of Volume III of the SER. Therefore ETB has no materials that fall within the scope of this information request.

Let me know if you need any more information. Thanks. Jose

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**From:** Flory, Shirley  
**To:** Rini, Brett; Armstrong, Kenneth; Ibarra, Jose; Rivera-Lugo, Richard; Case, Michael; Coe, Doug; Coyne, Kevin; Gibson, Kathy; Richards, Stuart; Sangimino, Donna-Marie; Scott, Michael; Sheron, Brian; Uhle, Jennifer; Valentin, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: Drop-In Meetings with the OEDO  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:37:18 PM  
**Attachments:** Drop-In Meeting SCHEDULE.doc

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**From:** Taylor, Renee  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:32 PM  
**To:** Andersen, James; Ash, Darren; Borchardt, Bill; Brockington, Tamyra; Buckley, Patricia; Casby, Marcia; Cianci, Sandra; Collins, Elmo; Curran, Bridget; Damiano, Debra; Dean, Bill; Demoss, Gary; EDO\_ETAs; Flory, Shirley; Garland, Stephanie; Gonzalez, Hipolito; Greene, LaTosha; Haney, Catherine; Holahan, Gary; Johnson, Michael; Leeds, Eric; Lockhart, Denise; Lougheed, Patricia; Mamish, Nader; Matakas, Gina; Mayberry, Theresa; McCrary, Cheryl; McCree, Victor; Miles, Patricia; Miller, Charles; Muesle, Mary; Nina Barnett; Owen, Lucy; Reyes, Luis; Ross, Robin; Salus, Amy; Satorius, Mark; Schwarz, Sherry; Sprogeris, Patricia; Tannenbaum, Anita; Taylor, Renee; Uhle, Jennifer; Virgilio, Martin; Walker, Dwight; Weber, Michael; Wiggins, Jim  
**Subject:** Drop-In Meetings with the OEDO

Please reference the updated drop-in list and note your calendars accordingly.

Thank you,  
Renee

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## DROP-IN MEETING SCHEDULE

Updated: 3/17/11

### **NMSS**

03/18/11

1:00 pm

*Eastern Idaho Community Leaders*

Jared Fuhriman – Mayor, Idaho Falls

Lane Algood – Executive Director, Partnership for Science and Technology

Linda Martin – CEO, Grow Idaho Falls

Tim Solomon – Ex Director and CEO, Regional Development Alliance and Community Reuse Organization

Rob Chiles – Executive Director, Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce

(Doug Taylor – 202-475-2218; [doug.taylor@inl.gov](mailto:doug.taylor@inl.gov))

Subject: Licensing of AREVA's Eagle Rock Enrichment facility in Eastern Idaho.

### **FSME/OE**

05/03/11

4:00 pm

*Health Physics Society*

Edward Maher – HPS President

Kathryn Pryor – President-Elect of HPS

Brett Burk – HPS Administrator

Richard Vetter – HPS Government Liaison

(Richard Vetter – 507-281-3917; [rvetter@mayo.edu](mailto:rvetter@mayo.edu))

Subject: Introduce Kathryn Pryor, low level waste disposal issues, safety culture policy statement

### **NRR/NSIR**

05/09/11

4:00 pm

*Progress Energy*

William Johnson – Chairman, President and CEO

Jeffery J. Lyash – Executive Vice President – Energy Supply

James Scarola – Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer

(Donna Alexander – 919-546-5357; [donna.alexander@pgnmail.com](mailto:donna.alexander@pgnmail.com))

Subject: Organization and Leadership, CR3 Repair Status, NFPA 805 Status, RNP, BNP and HNP Performance, learnings from Fukushima.

**Note: All meetings are scheduled with the Office of the Executive Director for Operations, held in conference room O-17B4, meeting duration time 30 minutes unless otherwise noted.**



**From:** [Hiland, Patrick](#)  
**To:** [Gray, Kathy](#); [Dudes, Laura](#); [Skeen, David](#); [Uhle, Jennifer](#); [Brown, Frederick](#); [Ruland, William](#)  
**Cc:** [Holian, Brian](#); [Thorp, John](#); [Thomas, Eric](#); [Cunningham, Liza](#); [Flory, Shirley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation is requested for RST Director Schedule - 3/18-3/25  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:48:18 PM

I'm good as indicated.

**From:** Gray, Kathy  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:30 PM  
**To:** Dudes, Laura; Skeen, David; Uhle, Jennifer; Brown, Frederick; Ruland, William  
**Cc:** Holian, Brian; Hiland, Patrick; Thorp, John; Thomas, Eric; Cunningham, Liza; Flory, Shirley; Gray, Kathy  
**Subject:** Confirmation is requested for RST Director Schedule - 3/18-3/25  
**Importance:** High

Please confirm that you are able to provide coverage in the Ops Center, as the RST Director, as follows:

### March 18 – March 25, 2011

Shift	3/18 (Fri)	3/19 (Sat)	3/20 (Sun)	3/21 (Mon)	3/22 (Tues)	3/23 (Wed)	3/24 (Thur)	3/25 (Fri)
7am– 3pm	(Laura Dudes)	Laura Dudes	Laura Dudes	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Pat Hiland
3pm– 11pm	(Bill Ruland)	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Bill Ruland	Bill Ruland	Bill Ruland
11pm– 7am	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Brian Holian	Brian Holian	Brian Holian	Brian Holian

Pat Hiland and Brian Holian – already confirmed - no response needed.

Thanks very much.

*Kathy A. Gray*  
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**From:** [Nicholson, Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Danoff, Karen](#)  
**Cc:** [Kanney, Joseph](#); [Arlt, Hans](#); [Raione, Richard](#); [Tiruneh, Nebiyu](#); [Giacinto, Joseph](#); [McBride, Mark](#); [Barnhurst, Daniel](#); [Klementowicz, Stephen](#); [Salomon, Stephen](#); [Garry, Steven](#); [Conatser, Richard](#); [Beissel, Dennis](#); [Imboden, Andy](#); [Shepherd, James](#); [O'Sullivan, Kevin](#); [MacDougall, Robert](#); [Phillip, Jacob](#); [Cady, Ralph](#); [Schaffer, Steven](#); [Noggle, James](#); [Nimitz, Ronald](#); [Shannon, Michael](#); [Kuzo, George](#); [Nielsen, Adam](#); [Sun, Casper](#); [Cassidy, John](#); [Case, Michael](#); [Casto, Chuck](#); [Jones, Cynthia](#); [Ahn, Hosung](#); [Widmayer, Derek](#); [Esh, David](#); [Michalak, Paul](#); [Bowman, Gregory](#); [Lund, Louise](#); [Powers, George](#); [Ott, William](#); [Reed, Wendy](#); [Reed, Phil](#); [Emch, Richard](#); [Mitman, Jeffrey](#); [Shoop, Undine](#); [Carpenter, Robert](#); [Boyce, Tom \(RES\)](#); [Jervy, Richard](#)  
**Subject:** Availability of ANSI/ANS-2.17-2011 in the NRC Technical Library's electronic reading room  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:51:53 PM

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Karen:

Thanks so much for obtaining the ANS standard for the library. As per your instructions, I was able to locate and view ANSI/ANS-2.17-2010 at:

[http://specs4.ihserc.com/DocViewFrame.aspx?  
sess=243390762&prod=SPECS4&docid=KJZHVDAAAAAAAAAA](http://specs4.ihserc.com/DocViewFrame.aspx?sess=243390762&prod=SPECS4&docid=KJZHVDAAAAAAAAAA)

Please notify the NRC technical staff as to its availability.

Thanks ..... Tom

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**From:** Danoff, Karen  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:54 AM  
**To:** Nicholson, Thomas  
**Subject:** your request for ANS/ANSI 2.17-2011 for Technical Library

Tom,

You had visited the Technical Library on January 12<sup>th</sup> and recommended for purchase ANS/ANSI 2.17-2011. At that time, this code was not yet published.

I'm sorry for the delay in responding to your request. I just looked in our IHS database, and located ANS/ANSI 2.17-2010 in full-text. Is this the code you were asking about us purchasing?

To view ANS/ANSI 2.17-2010 in the IHS database, do the following:

- From <http://www.internal.nrc.gov/TICS/library/standards/ihs.html> , click on the "Search IHS Standards Expert" at the top.
- This should take you into the product at <https://login.ihserc.com/login/erc?> .
- Click on the link for IHS Standards Expert
- Enter ANS 2.17\* in the Document Number search box (upper-left side of page).
- Click Search at the bottom.
- The 2010 code should have been retrieved. Click on the View icon to see the code.

If you have any questions on searching on this database, please contact the Technical Library reference desk at 301-415-6239, or send an e-mail to [library\\_resource@nrc.gov](mailto:library_resource@nrc.gov).

If we do purchase a paper copy of this code, it would only be available in the codes and

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standards reference collection per our collection development policy for codes and standards. The paper copy would be non-circulating, as there is a copy for download in IHS.

Please let me know if you want me to submit a paper copy of this code as a recommendation for purchase.

Thanks,  
Karen

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**Zabel, Joseph**

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**From:** Dempsey, Heather  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:56 PM  
**To:** Zabel, Joseph  
**Subject:** EOM\_February2011 (anders gilbertson).docx  
**Attachments:** EOM\_February2011 (anders gilbertson).docx

Please tech edit when you have a minute.

Thanks!

## **Employee of the Month – February 2011**

Anders Gilbertson was selected as the Employee of the Month for February 2011 in recognition of his outstanding contribution in supporting the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) review of the Individual Plant Examination (IPE) of Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA's) Watts Bar Unit 2. Anders provided a substantial amount of effort to complete the request that posed many challenges with minimal to no guidance and in a short time frame. His combination of diligence, efficiency, and pro-active attitude have contributed greatly to the office.

**Beasley, Benjamin**

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**From:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:57 PM  
**To:** Ake, Jon  
**Subject:** John and I are now going to work on a draft press release to send to OPA

Can we send it to you for comment?

**From:** [NRC Daily Notes](#)  
**To:** [EDO GroupAccount](#)  
**Cc:** [Pena, Alex](#)  
**Subject:** New NRC Daily Notes for March 17, 2011  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:00:29 PM

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### Daily Notes for March 17, 2011

FSME

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(UPDATE) On March 17, FSME & Region I staff participated in a call with Massachusetts State and Local Government officials and the U.S. Army. On the call, the MA Department of Public Health said it would initiate radiological surveys at 3 non-contiguous areas in Springfield, MA that have been identified by the Army as areas that potentially contain depleted uranium. The surveys are being conducted by six two-inspector teams, supported by local hazardous materials units. Local officials will be present while the surveys are conducted. Depending on what is found, surveys could continue through the weekend. On March 16, a MA Press Release noted that State and Federal officials were working jointly to determine whether or not DU from the Davy Crockett weapons system used in the 1960's is present at the Armory and related areas in Springfield.

NRR

~~(OUO-SII)~~

On Friday March 11, the staff informed the Commission that it intended to issue a renewed license to the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS) on March 16. In light of recent international events, the staff delayed the issuance of the VYNPS renewed license to better prepare communication messages for internal and external stakeholders. The staff plans to issue the VYNPS renewed license on March 21.

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~~(OUO-SII)~~

On March 21, OIG is scheduled to conduct an exit conference regarding its Audit of NRC's Implementation of HSPD-12, Phase 2.

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~~(OUO-SII)~~

The EDO plans to sign this week the direct, final rule amending NRC regulations by revising the NAC International, Inc., MAGNASTOR System on the list of approved spent fuel storage casks. This amendment will allow holders of reactor operating licenses to load spent fuel into a cask meeting the revised conditions. Amendment No. 2 to the MAGNASTOR System Certificate of Compliance (CoC) will include changes to allow the addition of various boron-10 areal densities for use with PWR and BWR baskets in Tech Spec (TS) 4.1.1; correction of the code reference in Table 2.1-2 of the Final Safety Analysis Report, table entitled "ASME Code Alternatives for MAGNASTOR components;" change of transportable storage canister surface contamination limits for loose contamination in TS 5.5.4; and other changes in Appendices A and B of the TS to incorporate minor editorial corrections.

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~~(OUO-SII)~~

On March 18, Congressman Bobby L. Rush will be visiting the Dresden Nuclear Power Station. He plans on touring the site, meeting with the resident inspectors, and holding a press conference during his planned two hour visit.

~~(OUO-SII)~~

On March 18, Iowa State Representative Anesa Kajtazovic, will visit the Duane Arnold Energy Center for a plant tour and meeting with licensee management. No interaction with the resident inspection staff is currently planned.

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**From:** [Garland, Stephanie](#)  
**To:** [Brown, Milton](#); [Baum, Robin](#); [Greene, Kathryn](#); [Huth, Virginia](#)  
**Cc:** [Ash, Darren](#); [Virgilio, Martin](#); [Weber, Michael](#); [Muessle, Mary](#); [Landau, Mindy](#); [Stewart, Sharon](#); [Gusack, Barbara](#); [Sanchez, Alba](#); [Rough, Richard](#); [Cianci, Sandra](#); [Seltzer, Rickie](#); [Hasan, Nasreen](#); [Hudson, Sharon](#); [Jimenez, Patricia](#); [Ronewicz, Lynn](#); [Ganpat, Emily](#); [Schumann, Stacy](#); [Raynor, Kathleen](#)  
**Subject:** NO POC meeting this Friday, March 18  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:04:15 PM

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No POC meeting this Friday

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**From:** [Howe, Allen](#)  
**To:** [Ruland, William](#); [Collins, Timothy](#)  
**Cc:** [Bahadur, Sher](#)  
**Subject:** Help with Commission brief  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:05:26 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Bill – need someone who can work with Chris Gratton/John Boska on one line talking points for Bill Borchardt. Topic areas are SAMGs and Mark 1 containment improvements.

Thanks - Allen

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From: Shari\_Cohen  
To: Miller, Shane  
Cc: Goble, Jack  
Subject: I am willing to hear if Jack wants to cancel this - no word yet so let's keep playing it by ear. Thanks!  
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:07:25 PM  
Attachments: image001.png

Meeting: KM Meeting - Meeting

Meeting | Insert | Format Text | SecureZIP

Cancel Meeting | Calendar | Appointment | Scheduling Tracking Assistant | Add or Remove Message to Attendees | Meeting Attendees | Workspace | Responses | Address Book | Show As | Busy | Reminder: 5 minutes | Repeat | Time Zones | Category | High Importance | Low Importance | Private | Spring | Floating

2 attendees accepted, 0 tentatively accepted, 1 declined.

To: Miller, Shane; Khanna, Meena; McGinty, Tim; Peltier, David; Goble, Jack; Dennis, Sabed; Cohen, Shari

Subject: KM Meeting

Location: [Room]

Start time: Fri 3/11/2011 3:30 PM  All day event

End time: Fri 3/11/2011 2:30 PM

POP to follow as per I Miller (x 7184)  
Meeting scheduled by Shan Cohen on March 11, 2011 at 3:24 (x1270)  
Notes from NRR Knowledge Management (KM) Working Group (WG) Meeting  
February 25, 2011

Attendees:  
Meena Khanna  
Bob Denning  
Albert Wong  
Ilyne Miller

An NRR KM WG meeting was held to discuss proposed members to serve on the KM Task Group (TG). To date, the following names have been submitted for consideration: Evan Davidson, Russ Haskell, Ron Schmitt, and Billy Jessup. The working group would like to include a representative from the CPA and perhaps an administrative assistant. The WG agreed that 6 members would be appropriate to serve on the TG. In addition, it was discussed that WG wanted to focus on inviting staff members that have a passion or interest with regards to KM.

In addition, the WG discussed the draft action plan for the KM Task Group with regards to implementing an effective KM program in NRR. The KM WG agreed to narrow the scope of work for the TG to the Branch Specific Training Plans, with the goal of improving and standardizing the plans. It was agreed that by strengthening the Branch Specific Training Plans, which constitute the treasury of corporate knowledge, NRR will continue to sustain and maintain institutional capacity.

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The NRC required Mark I's to add a hardened vent around 1990, when it was discovered (probably from NUREG 1150) that the containment was likely to fail (up to 90% likely) as a result of some core melt accidents. The fix was intended to allow for a gradual release of overpressure to maintain the containment integrity as much as possible. I don't know if the Japanese plants added the hardened wetwell vent but with GE/Hitachi right there, I'm sure they are well aware of it.



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The most common boiling water reactor (BWR) plant design in the United States is the BWR-4/MK I primary containment system. These plants employ secondary containments (Exhibit 1) consisting of a reactor building and refueling bay that completely surround the primary containment. Detailed severe accident analyses of MK I containment designs generally indicate that the conditional probability of primary containment failure is quite high in the unlikely event that core debris escapes the reactor vessel.

Should the primary containment pressure boundary fail, the secondary containment becomes the final barrier between the plant's fission product inventory and the environment. Traditional BWR risk studies have, however, de-emphasized the ability of the secondary containment to act as an effective fission product trap. During the past four years, the ORNL BWSAT Program has developed a series of increasingly sophisticated BWR secondary containment models. These models have been applied in a variety of studies to evaluate the severe accident mitigation capability of BWR secondary containments.

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containment integrity. The fundamental design characteristics of the Browns Ferry secondary containment are first discussed, followed by a brief description of potential MK I severe accident containment failure modes. A 26-cell MELCOR Browns Ferry secondary containment model is described and the predicted thermodynamic response of the secondary containment to a variety of postulated primary containment failure modes is presented. The effects of primary containment failure location, timing, and ultimate hole size on secondary containment response is investigated, and the potential impact of hydrogen deflagrations on secondary containment integrity is explored.

## 2. BWR SECONDARY CONTAINMENT DESIGN

Domestic BWRs of the MK I primary containment design employ a secondary containment which is comprised of a multi-floored reactor building and a refueling bay which completely surround and enclose the primary containment. Multi-unit plants employ separate reactor buildings for each unit but may utilize a common refueling bay to service all units. Exhibit 1 is a cross sectional view of the Browns Ferry Unit 1 reactor building and refueling bay (shared with Units 2 and 3). The Browns Ferry reactor building is a massive (1.4 million ft<sup>3</sup> or 40000 m<sup>3</sup>), five floored structure with reinforced external concrete walls. The thickness of the walls varies from 6 ft (1.8 m) in the reactor building basement to 2.5 ft (0.76 m) at the junction of the refueling bay siding and the reactor building wall.

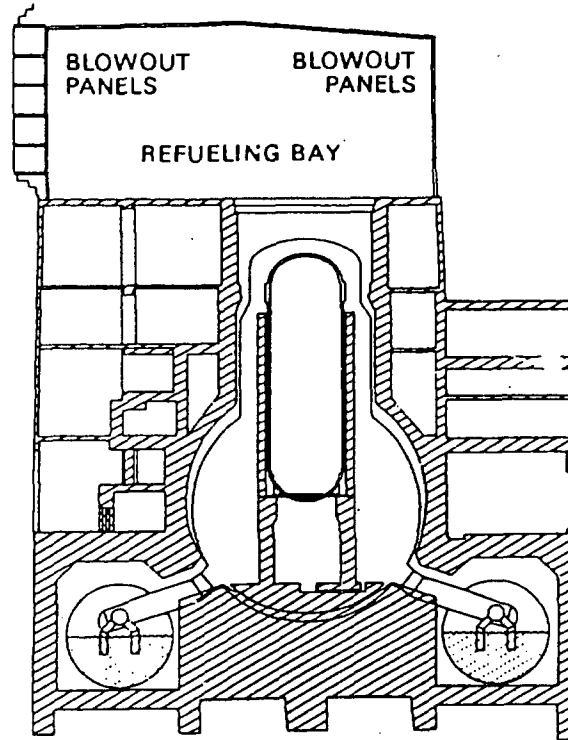
Secondary containment above the reactor building is provided by a 2.75 million ft<sup>3</sup> (77700 m<sup>3</sup>) refueling bay which is constructed of corrugated sheet metal walls that contain large blowout panels to provide protection from the effects of tornados and steam line breaks. Not shown in Exhibit 1 are details such as stairways, elevator shafts, and internal blowout panels which provide communication pathways between the various floors of the reactor building and between the reactor building and the turbine building.

The Browns Ferry Final Safety Analysis Report<sup>1</sup> indicates that the above grade exterior walls of the reactor building are designed for pressures up to 250 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (11970 Pa) without structural failure. The tornado design basis is a pressure decrease of 3 psi (20684 Pa) at a rate of 0.6 psi (4137 Pa) per second. The refueling bay siding is designed to withstand internal pressure in excess of 57.6 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (2758 Pa) without structural failure. Pressures in excess of 50 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (2394 Pa) will, however, be relieved by blowout panels in the siding.

## 3. MK I SEVERE ACCIDENT FAILURE MECHANISMS

The design basis accident for existing MK I primary containments is the large break loss of coolant accident in which one of the main re-

# REACTOR BUILDING AND REFUELING BAY PROVIDE BWR SECONDARY CONTAINMENT



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Exhibit 1

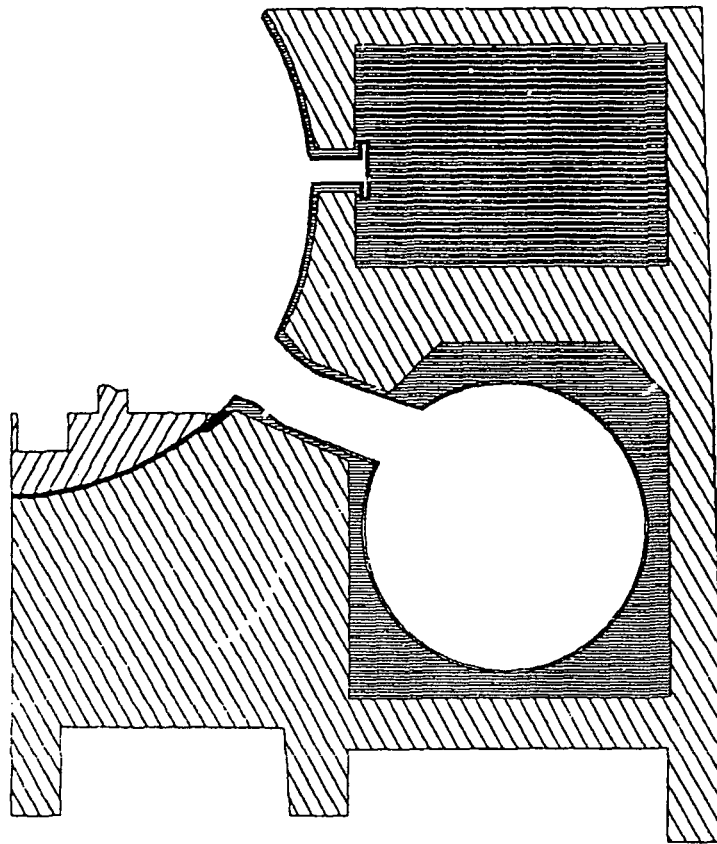
circulation pipes is assumed to circumferentially rupture. The purpose of the primary containment is to limit the release of fission products from this accident to levels which will not exceed the limits of 10 CFR 100. This goal is accomplished by designing the containment to withstand the predicted transient pressure and temperature loads induced by the blowdown of steam and hydrogen (produced by cladding oxidation) from the reactor vessel. The design pressure and temperature of the Browns Ferry primary containment are 56 psig (487 kPa) and 281°F (411 K). The primary containment is inerted with nitrogen during reactor operation.

Recent ORNL calculations for an unmitigated short-term station blackout severe accident sequence at Browns Ferry<sup>2</sup> indicate that temperatures as high as 2700°F (1750 K) may be generated in the primary containment if the majority of the core was to be relocated onto the drywell floor. Maximum primary containment pressures for this case appear to be limited primarily by the containment's maximum pressure capability. A recent Chicago Bridge and Iron Company study<sup>3</sup> of the ultimate pressure capability of Peach Bottom's primary containment produced a maximum pressure capability estimate (assuming median gasket resiliency) of 140 psia (965 kPa), with failure predicted to occur via leakage past the drywell head flange assembly. Since the design of the drywell head flange assembly is plant specific, the Peach Bottom results cannot be applied a priori to other plants. It must be noted, of course, that the continued pressure increase associated with the evolution of noncondensable gases from an unmitigated core/concrete reaction would eventually result in over-pressure failure of the primary containment unless precluded by some other failure mechanism.

A second potential mechanism for MK I primary containment failure in an unmitigated severe accident is drywell liner (shell) ablation due to direct attack by molten corium. The ability of molten metals to erode steel structures is well documented.<sup>4</sup> While significant uncertainties surround the behavior of core/concrete reactions and corium spreading in a MK I containment configuration,<sup>2</sup> preliminary analyses indicate failure of the MK I drywell liner is quite likely if core debris does contact the inner liner surface<sup>5</sup>.

Should the liner fail near the drywell floor elevation, the most probable sites for blowdown entry into the secondary containment are the reactor building basement torus room and the second floor of the reactor building (Exhibit 2). The transport path for the blowdown is the gap between the drywell shell and the surrounding reactor building concrete, and the annular gaps surrounding the drywell vent pipes and penetrations. These gaps provide a 145 ft<sup>2</sup> (13.5 m<sup>2</sup>) flow path into the torus room and a 135 ft<sup>2</sup> (12.6 m<sup>2</sup>) flow path into the second floor of the reactor building. Since elevated drywell pressures and temperatures result in swelling of the drywell liner and a reduction in the gap between the liner and the reactor building concrete (Exhibit 3), it appears that the effective flow path area for drywell blowdown would be limited by the actual size of the drywell shell rupture or the available space between the liner and the surrounding concrete. Significant

DRYWELL SHELL MELT-THROUGH WOULD  
RESULT IN BLOWDOWN TO TORUS ROOM  
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Exhibit 2

### DRYWELL LINER EXPANSION WILL RESULT IN LOCALIZED BLOWDOWN TO SECONDARY CONTAINMENT

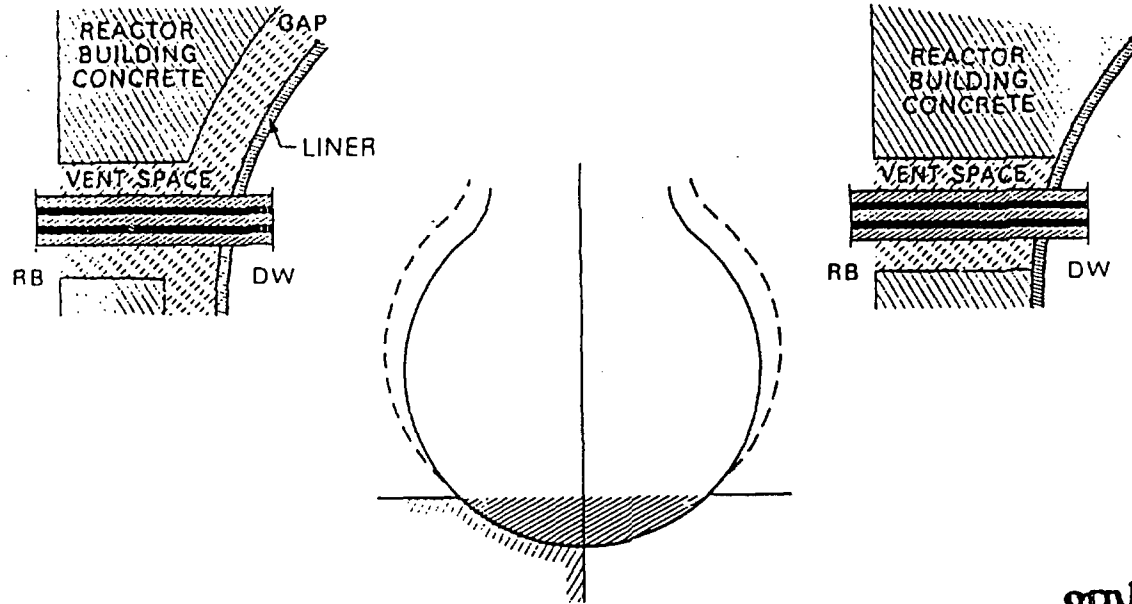


Exhibit 3

uncertainty therefore surrounds both the ultimate hole size and the ablation time associated with opening of the hole for this drywell failure mechanism.

Given the uncertainties surrounding the dynamics of MK I primary containment failure, it appears prudent to investigate the impact of a range of failure mode assumptions on secondary containment hydrogen deflagration phenomena and building survivability. Such an investigation is possible only via detailed computer simulations of secondary containment behavior. During the past two years ORNL has developed an extremely detailed computer model of the Browns Ferry Unit 1 secondary containment. That model is described in the following section.

#### 4. DESCRIPTION OF ORNL 26 CELL BROWNS FERRY SECONDARY CONTAINMENT MODEL

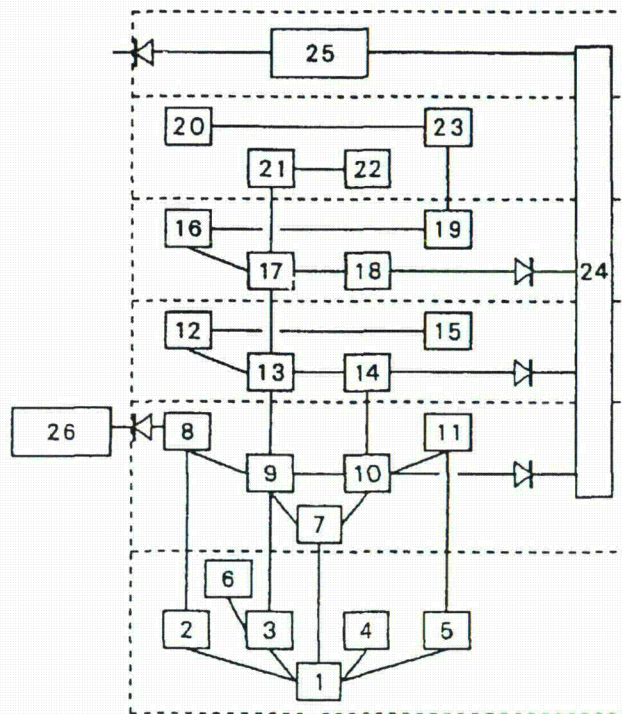
Exhibit 4 is a schematic representation of the ORNL MELCOR<sup>6</sup> Browns Ferry secondary containment model utilized in this study. The model employs 26 computation cells (control volumes) and 51 flow paths to represent the Browns Ferry reactor building, refueling bay, the turbine building, and the interconnections between these compartments and the outside environment. The outside environment is represented by a single control volume yielding a total of 27 computational cells. The overall model topology is dictated by the actual reactor building architecture (Exhibit 5). Each distinct room in the reactor building is represented by a separate cell, while stairwells and open doorways are characterized as flow paths. The floors, ceilings, walls, and steel structures within the reactor building, refueling bay, and turbine building are represented by 126 distinct structures. Table 1 presents a summary of the physical characteristics of each of the 26 cells. The model structure and the parameters employed in the model are based on a detailed review of drawings and on measurements made at the plant by ORNL personnel.

The basement of the reactor building (Exhibit 5) is modeled with six cells representing the torus room, the four corner rooms, and the HPCI pump room (Cell 6). The 565 ft elevation of the reactor building (immediately above the basement) is simulated with five cells representing the north, west, south, and east quadrants of the building and the drywell personnel access room. Each floor of the reactor building above the 565 ft elevation (i.e., elevations 593, 621, and 639 ft) is modeled by four cells representing the north, west, south, and east quadrants of that floor. Additionally, the large refueling cask hatchway which provides the vent path from the blowout panels (at the 565, 593, and 621 ft elevations) to the refueling bay is represented by a single cell. The refueling bay and turbine building are each modeled with single cell representations.

Prior to primary containment pressure boundary failure, the major interaction between the primary and secondary containments is heating of the torus room atmosphere due to heat transfer from the outer surface of



# BROWNS FERRY UNIT 1 SECONDARY CONTAINMENT MODEL



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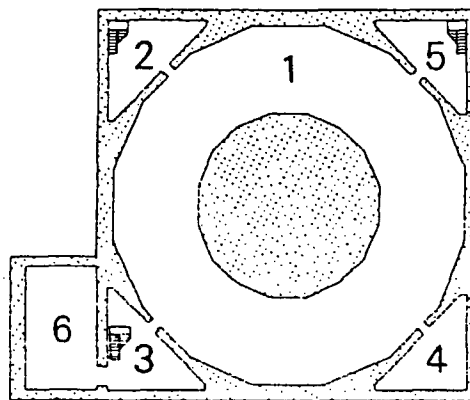
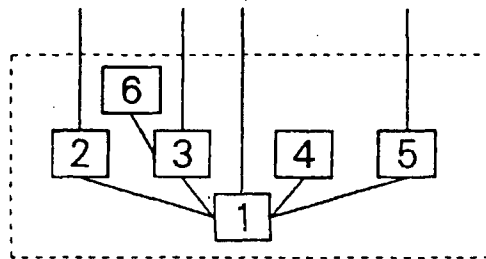
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Table 1. ORNL 26 Cell Browns Ferry Secondary  
Containment Model Characteristics

Cell No.	Name	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Total area (m <sup>2</sup> )		
			Floor	Ceiling	Walls
1	Torus room	5848	1172	1185	2535
2	North corner	775	71	69	346
3	West corner	2784	71	55	340
4	South corner	555	46	46	346
5	East corner	775	71	64	346
6	HPCI Pump rm	1147	144	144	238
7	565 P/A rm	198	58	58	118
8	565 north	2438	342	342	514
9	565 west	2240	276	284	584
10	565 south	1571	197	197	595
11	565 east	1698	235	242	565
12	593 north	1187	121	172	400
13	593 west	2934	321	318	566
14	593 south	1292	133	133	580
15	593 east	1022	117	117	608
16	621 north	526	123	123	226
17	621 west	1556	350	350	363
18	621 south	982	229	229	277
19	621 east	522	110	110	225
20	639 north	3660	158	158	452
21	639 west	3030	423	423	559
22	639 south	1711	239	239	505
23	639 east	525	73	73	402
24	Hatchway	1001	—	—	327
Reactor building total		39977	5080	5131	12017
25	Refueling bay	77730	4202	4756	5709
26	Turbine building	161567	8279	8279	7596

MODEL TOPOLOGY IS  
DICTATED BY REACTOR  
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the torus. This effect is captured by representing the torus wall as a steel slab with an appropriate surface area. A time-dependent surface temperature boundary condition is specified on the "inner" surface of the slab, while the outer surface is allowed to convect and radiate energy to the surrounding torus room atmosphere. The inner surface temperature history is taken from the appropriate BWR<sup>7</sup> (prior to reactor vessel failure) and CONTAIN<sup>8</sup> (after reactor vessel failure) calculation results.

All blowout panels are modeled as pressure dependent flow areas. The panels are assumed to begin leaking with an area equivalent to 10% of the total panel area, at a pressure differential equivalent to 90% of the design basis pressure differential for the blowout panel. Eighty percent of the total panel area is assumed to be open at the design pressure differential, and all of the blowout panel is assumed to be open at 110% of the design actuation pressure. This modeling approach reflects the results of laboratory tests which indicate that the blowout panel retaining bolts may fail at pressure differentials equivalent to plus or minus 10% of the design value.<sup>9</sup>

Some BWR secondary containments incorporate comprehensive fire protection systems which utilize fused-link water sprinklers for fire suppression. The Browns Ferry plant utilizes fused-link sprinklers which are designed to actuate at 165°F (347 K). The system consists of two 10000 gallon (37.9 m<sup>3</sup>) raw service water (RSW) storage tanks (located atop the reactor building), four RSW pumps (which maintain the tank inventory during normal operation), four fire system pumps (one of which is driven by a dedicated diesel), and the sprinkler system. The RSW storage tanks provide a 20000 gallon (75.7 m<sup>3</sup>), gravity-fed sprinkler supply reservoir, and no power is required for actuation of the fused-link sprinklers. Additionally, and very importantly, the one diesel-driven pump provides a highly reliable supply of water to sprinklers located in the first two levels of the reactor building.

The Browns Ferry secondary containment fire protection system sprays would be expected to actuate following primary containment blow-down as a result of rising reactor building temperatures. The MELCOR secondary containment model incorporates a detailed representation of the reactor building fire protection system sprays. The model utilizes ten separate spray systems to simulate the spray heads installed in the west and south basement corner rooms, and the four quadrants of the 565 and 593 ft elevations. The spray flow rate characteristics of each of the ten systems were developed from an analysis of the expected performance characteristics for the situation in which (a) only the diesel-driven pump is available, and (b) all spray heads are open on all systems. The results of that analysis indicate that (for the assumed conditions) the 593 ft elevation sprays would function only until the RSW tank inventory is exhausted.

## 5. THE PARAMETRIC STUDY

The model described in Section 4 was employed to investigate the impact of MK I primary containment failure dynamics on the Browns Ferry secondary containment's response to the initial (first 5 min) drywell blowdown phase of the short-term station blackout severe accident sequence. A test matrix of 15 cases was defined as described in Table 2. The size of the drywell rupture was varied from 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> (775 in<sup>2</sup>) down to 0.0005 m<sup>2</sup> (0.78 in<sup>2</sup>), while the time for ablation of the hole was varied from 1 s to 60 s. Additionally, various assumptions were made regarding the hydrogen concentration necessary for deflagration (1, 8, and 12 mole %) and the location at which the blowdown enters the secondary containment (torus room, one corner of reactor building second floor, or all zones of reactor building second floor).

The Browns Ferry secondary containment model described in Section 4 was augmented for this study by the addition of a single cell to represent the entire primary containment (drywell and wetwell). The initial primary containment conditions for the analyses were based on Browns Ferry short-term station blackout CONTAIN calculations performed by C. R. Hyman at ORNL.<sup>2</sup> The drywell pressure boundary is assumed to fail at 9.6 h into the accident due to erosion of the drywell shell by molten corium. This failure is modeled by opening a flow path between the primary containment cell and the appropriate cell or cells of the secondary containment model. The drywell conditions at the time of failure are as noted in Table 2, and the secondary containment is assumed to be at 14.7 psia (101 kPa), 80°F (300 K), and 80 % relative humidity at the start of the accident. The MELCOR calculations for each case were conducted for the period from accident initiation until 5 minutes after drywell failure.

## 6. RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS

The results of the various case studies are summarized in Table 3. Cases 1, 2, and 3 (0.5 m<sup>2</sup> cases) all result in hydrogen burn-induced secondary containment pressures well in excess of the design value of 17.7 psia. Case 7 produced the lowest pressure response of any of the cases, because no hydrogen deflagrations were predicted to occur during the first 5 minutes after primary containment failure.

Exhibit 6 depicts the results of Cases 3, 4, 5, 8, and 6, in which a 60 s ablation time was assumed, and hole sizes of 0.5, 0.05, 0.005, 0.0018, and 0.0005 m<sup>2</sup> were employed. The abscissa of Exhibit 6 is reactor building elevation, where RB1 is the reactor building basement, PA-RM is the drywell personnel access room (an interior room) on the second floor (565 ft elevation) of the reactor building, RB2 is the remainder of the second floor of the reactor building, RB3, RB4 and RB5 are the third, fourth, and fifth floors of the reactor building, and RF is the refueling bay. The ordinate of Exhibit 6 is the maximum observed

Table 2. Secondary Containment Study Cases<sup>1</sup>

Case	Description
1	0.5 m <sup>2</sup> hole, 1 s ablation time
2	0.5 m <sup>2</sup> hole, 30 s ablation time
3	0.5 m <sup>2</sup> hole, 60 s ablation time
4	0.05 m <sup>2</sup> hole, 60 s ablation time
5	0.005 m <sup>2</sup> hole, 60 s ablation time
6	0.0005 m <sup>2</sup> hole, 60 s ablation time
7	0.0005 m <sup>2</sup> hole, 1 s ablation time
8	0.0028 m <sup>2</sup> hole, 60 s ablation time
9	Case 5 except 1/2 primary containment H <sub>2</sub>
10	Case 5 except no burn propagation allowed
11	Case 5 except flame speed fixed at 3.0 m/s
12	Case 5 except blowdown to one corner of second floor of reactor building
13	Case 5 except blowdown into all of second floor of reactor building
14	Case 5 except burn triggers at 1 mole % H <sub>2</sub>
15	Case 5 except burn triggers at 12 mole % H <sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>Except as noted, all cases assume:

- (a) blowdown to torus room,
- (b) deflagration trigger at 8 mole % H<sub>2</sub>,
- (c) 4.1 mole % H<sub>2</sub> for upward flame propagation,
- (d) 6 mole % H<sub>2</sub> for horizontal flame propagation,
- (e) 9 mole % H<sub>2</sub> for downward flame propagation,
- (f) drywell failure at 9.6 h,
- (g) primary containment conditions at failure — 81 psia (559 kPa), 381°F (467 K), 53 mole % hydrogen, 1 mole % oxygen, 25 mole % nitrogen, 1 mole % carbon dioxide, and 20 mole % steam

Table 3. Results of Case Studies - Reactor Building Response

Case No.	Peak Basement		Peak Reactor Building <sup>1</sup>	
	Pressure (psia)	Temperature (°F)	Pressure (psia)	Temperature (°F)
1	37.7	3683	27.2	2397
2	32.3	3288	28.9	2286
3	32.1	3445	26.8	2225
4	24.6	3362	18.1	1978
5	20.8	1452	16.5	337
6	22.1	1340	19.6	946
7	14.8	101	14.7	88
8	20.8	137	16.5	783
9	20.7	1352	16.5	330
10	20.9	4404	16.4	662
11	18.0	1275	17.2	895
12	15.6	125	15.7	1292
13	16.3	189	16.8	1295
14	15.3	4756	15.0	836
15	25.9	1929	18.4	659

<sup>1</sup>Excluding basement compartments.



## REACTOR BUILDING STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY MAY BE THREATENED BY EVEN SMALL RUPTURES OF PRIMARY CONTAINMENT BOUNDARY

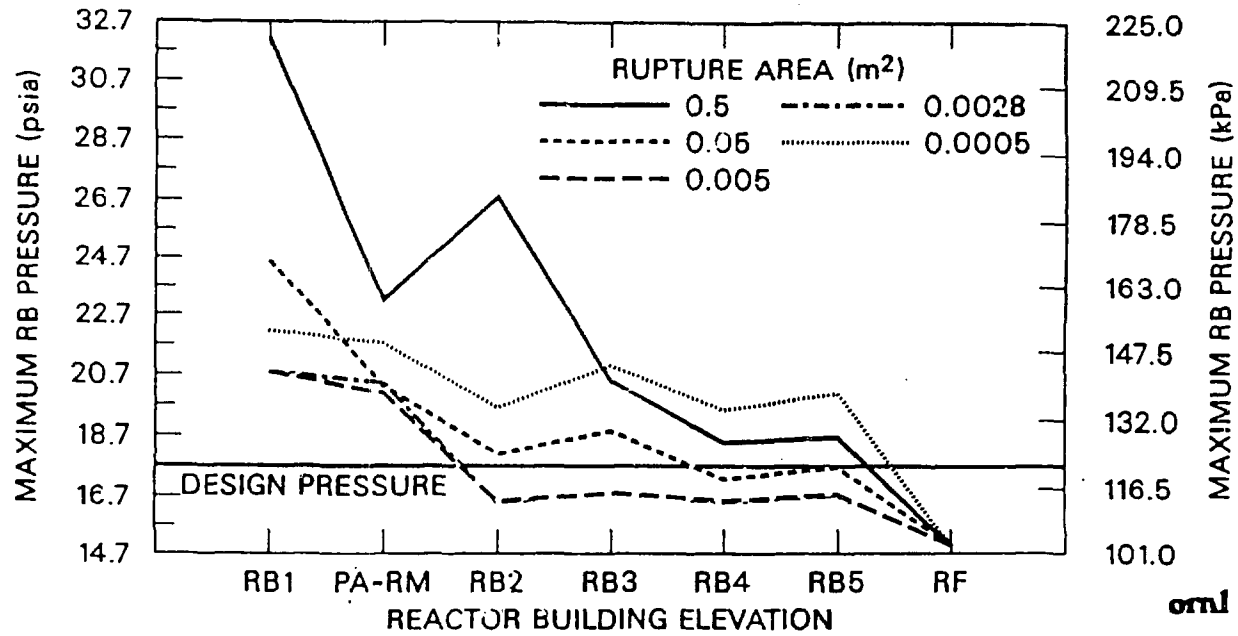


Exhibit 6

pressure on each respective floor of the reactor building during the duration of the 5 minute analysis period. (It should be noted that the pressures plotted in Exhibit 6 and the exhibits to follow may not have occurred at the same instant in time.)

A review of Exhibit 6 reveals that peak reactor building pressures in excess of the design pressure may be produced by a wide range of primary containment hole sizes (0.5, 0.05, and 0.0005 m<sup>2</sup>). Interestingly, Exhibit 6 suggests that there may be an optimal hole size which minimizes the deflagration-induced secondary containment pressures. This inference is of little utility, however, since there is currently no available method for predicting the hole size resulting from corium ablation of the drywell liner.

The results of this evaluation indicate that reactor building survivability may be a function of the hydrogen concentration at which deflagrations initiate. This behavior is demonstrated by Exhibit 7, which depicts the results of Cases 5, 14, and 15. Case 5 is a default case in which a 0.005 m<sup>2</sup> hole is assumed to open over 60 s. Deflagration is allowed to occur at hydrogen concentrations of 8 mole %. Case 14 is identical to Case 5, except that deflagrations are allowed to occur at hydrogen concentrations of only 1 mole %. This case is a crude approximation of a situation in which the hydrogen is assumed to burn in a continuous fashion as it enters the torus room. Case 15 is a case in which hydrogen deflagration is delayed until 12 mole % concentrations are reached (as might occur in the absence of auto-ignition or ignition sources). Exhibit 7 demonstrates that, for a given primary containment hole size and ablation time, the survivability of the reactor building may depend on avoidance of delayed hydrogen deflagrations.

Not shown in Exhibit 7, but illustrated by Table 3, is the effect of continuous hydrogen burning (Case 14) on reactor building basement atmosphere temperatures. While continuous burning does reduce the magnitude of deflagration-induced reactor building pressure spikes, this reduction in pressure is coupled with a tremendous increase in thermal loading in the zone in which the burn is occurring. The maximum observed reactor building temperature (4756°F or 2898 K) occurs in conjunction with the continuous burning case. If maintained, temperatures of this magnitude would challenge the integrity of the pressure suppression pool torus and produce degassing of the structural concrete. Neither of these effects were considered in the present analysis.

Exhibit 8 displays the impact that the primary containment blowdown entrance site into the secondary containment has on peak deflagration-induced reactor building pressures. Each of the three cases depicted in Exhibit 8 assumes a 0.005 m<sup>2</sup> primary containment failure hole size and a 60 s ablation time. The lowest peak pressures are seen to result from the case in which the blowdown is assumed to enter the south quadrant of the second floor of the reactor building. Intermediate pressures are generated by the case in which the blowdown is assumed to enter all quadrants of the second floor of the reactor building. The highest pressures are produced by the case in which the primary containment

## DEFLAGRATION TRIGGER MECHANISM DOMINATES SECONDARY CONTAINMENT RESPONSE UNCERTAINTIES

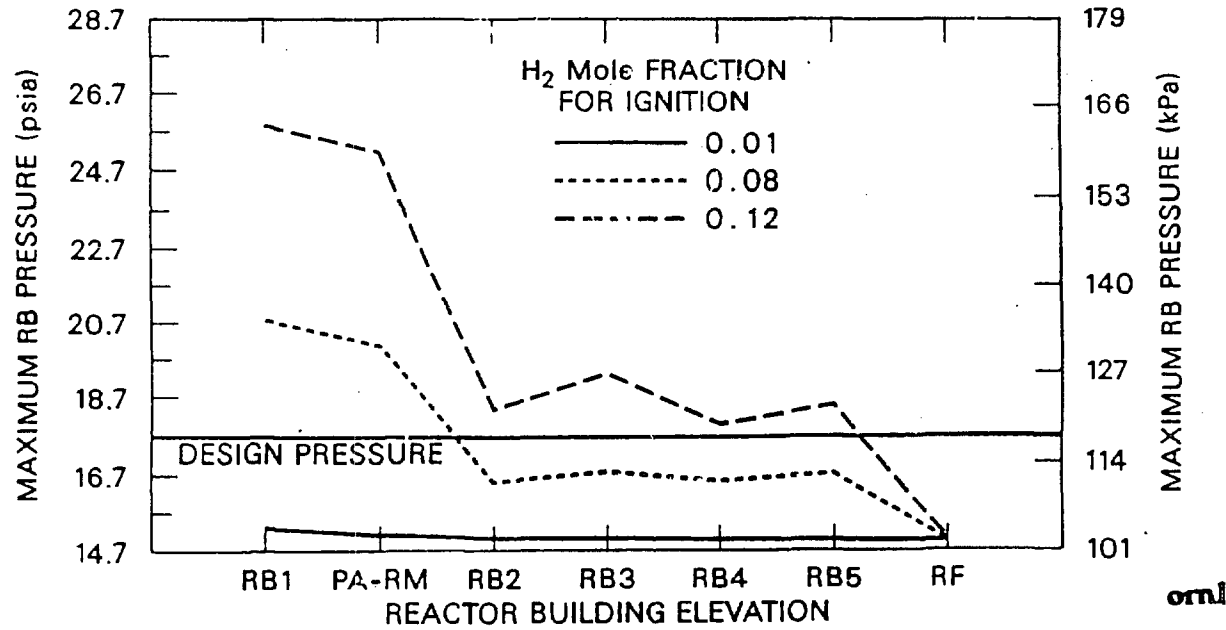


Exhibit 7

## LOCATION OF BLOWDOWN ENTRANCE INTO SECONDARY CONTAINMENT INFLUENCES PEAK PRESSURES

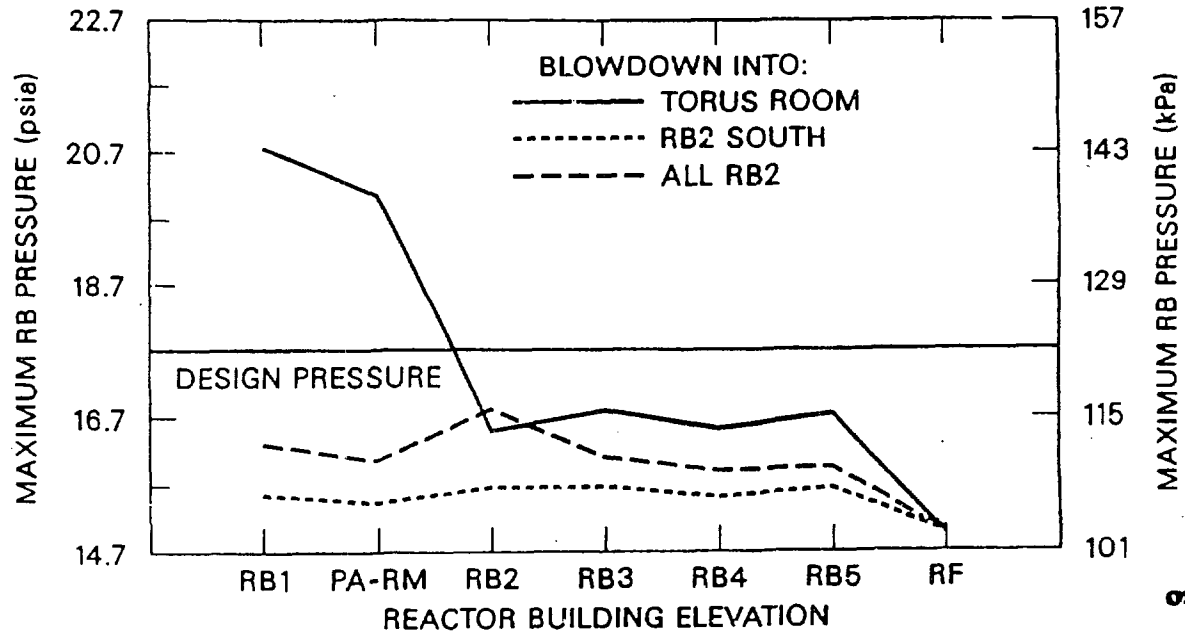


Exhibit 8

blowdown enters the torus room. Maximum pressures in the regions of the reactor building above ground level are below the design dynamic pressure of the concrete walls for all three cases.

## 7. SECONDARY CONTAINMENT SURVIVABILITY — UNCERTAINTIES

The results of the analysis presented here do not constitute a definitive assessment of reactor building survivability due to a host of unresolved phenomenological and modeling uncertainties. From the phenomenological standpoint, the major uncertainty is probably the characterization of the primary containment failure opening (hole size and ablation time). It must be noted, however, that a wide range of hole sizes result in peak deflagration-induced reactor building pressures significantly in excess of design values.

Secondly, the peak induced reactor building pressures are very sensitive to the assumed minimum hydrogen concentrations necessary for ignition. In the case of primary containment boundary failure due to corium attack of the drywell shell, the gases leaving the drywell would flow over hot core debris and might be heated to auto-ignition conditions (approximately 1000°F or 800 K). A spark source would be required for ignition of the resulting hydrogen mixtures for cases in which auto-ignition does not occur. While power would not be available during the station blackout scenario, the abundance of batteries and capacitive and inductive devices in the secondary containment should provide the necessary spark source. The length of the delay prior to ignition is an important unknown, since long delays would result in hydrogen-rich secondary containment gas concentrations and higher peak pressures when deflagrations do occur.

Modeling uncertainties which have the potential to significantly impact the results of this analysis include model topology issues and uncertainties in MELCOR's deflagration physics models. Previous ORNL secondary containment studies<sup>10</sup> have demonstrated the importance of detailed, architectural-based secondary containment models. The model employed in this study, while more detailed than any previous model employed by ORNL, does treat the reactor building torus room as a single, well mixed cell. The torus cell is the largest cell (volume) in the reactor building model, and approximately 83 lb (37.7 kg) of hydrogen are required to bring the torus room atmosphere up to default (8 mole % hydrogen) deflagration conditions. The intricacies of the communication between the torus room and the basement corner rooms are also not completely captured by this model. Sub-nodalization of this cell would result in more accurate representation of torus room and corner room interaction, and (perhaps) impact peak building pressures due to ignition of smaller quantities of hydrogen.

The second major area of modeling uncertainty which has the capacity to impact the results of this study is associated with MELCOR's hydrogen deflagration physics models. MELCOR employs the basic

deflagration models developed for HECTR<sup>11</sup> and CONTAIN, with the exception that MELCOR's flame speed correlation does not include a term which reduces flame speeds for steam-rich atmospheres. Most of the experimental data upon which the deflagration models are based was generated by small and intermediate scale experiments (less than 10 m<sup>3</sup> compartments). The scaling of flame speed and burn completeness correlations, burn-induced heat flux partitioning fractions (convective versus radiative), and hydrogen concentration ignition thresholds from these small experiments to compartments with volumes of 1000 to 6000 m<sup>3</sup> is subject to many uncertainties.

Finally, the results of this study suggest that primary containment venting might be employed as a solution to the secondary containment survivability issue. One can envision scenarios in which hydrogen would be vented via a "hard" (special purpose) wetwell vent, thereby reducing the amount of hydrogen available for combustion in the secondary containment should the primary containment boundary fail. The vent could (in theory) be closed prior to drywell liner failure to insure that subsequent hydrogen deflagrations in the reactor building basement would not result in torus or vent ducting failure and the opening of a direct vent path from the primary containment to the outside atmosphere. Although we intend to investigate this concept further, it should be noted that (a) corium attack of the drywell shell would not be precluded by containment venting, and (b) recent ORNL studies<sup>2,7</sup> indicate that significant hydrogen might be generated by the core/concrete reaction after the drywell liner is failed.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS

The impact of BWR MK I primary containment boundary failure dynamics on Browns Ferry's secondary containment integrity has been explored via a parametric study approach. The results of the study indicate that peak hydrogen deflagration-induced reactor building pressures exceed design pressures for a wide range of primary containment hole sizes and ablation times, but that reactor building survivability appears probable for some scenarios. The major uncertainty in the analysis is the assumption regarding the minimum hydrogen concentration necessary for deflagration. Low minimum hydrogen concentrations (an approximation to continuous burning) result in low reactor building peak pressures but extremely high temperatures. The location at which the primary containment blowdown enters the secondary containment influences the peak deflagration-induced reactor building pressures. Primary containment venting for the purpose of reducing the hydrogen inventory available for deflagration in the secondary containment may improve the probability of secondary containment survivability for some scenarios. Additional analysis is underway to explore the potential benefits of this procedure. Finally, existing hydrogen deflagration physics models incorporated in present codes are based on small and intermediate scale experiments. Significant uncertainties are implicit in the application of these models to the simulation of deflagrations in large compartments.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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- Weigh considerations associated with responding to such signs and symptoms
- Prepare to control and/or mitigate risk when facing a Contractor's potentially unsupported delay or disruption claim

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- Take pro-active measures to employ for mitigation and negotiation of potential delay and disruption risk and damages
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### Your Presenters:

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Corporate Director of Project Controls

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**Rob Kelly, Jr., PMP, PSP, CCM**

Senior Project Manager

[Alpha Corporation](#)

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## PRAB Branch Meeting March 17, 2011

### 1. Status of Key PRAB Activities

- Pete – Peer Review Follow-up, Key Technical Issues, SPAR E-Books, EPRI Surry seismic PRA study
- Alysia – Halden Board Meeting, HRA Empirical Study
- Michelle – New Reactor SPAR models, SPAR routine updates, PRA glossary, SAMG Training contract, Fuel Cycle Oversight (ISA/PRA comparison)
- Charlie – C-SGTR Validation, piping reliability
- Don - Long Term Research Project (Level 2/3), RI RGs, success criteria, ICBM
- Alan – Digital System & Software Reliability, KAERI Collaboration
- Walt – Contracts...
- Selim – LPSD SPAR, C-SGTR (calculator, ACRS, seminar), all hazards SPAR, Hurricane missile RG & NUREG/CRs
- Maggie – Training, SPAR HRA, RI License Amendment Review
- Jeff – Advanced and SMR Reactor PRA, UMD CCF Grant, Long Term Research, non-LWR PRA standard, SAPHIRE maintenance

### 2. Items of Interest

- Be on the lookout for potential daily notes, weekly highlights, etc.
- DRA Common Sharepoint Site:  
<http://portal.nrc.gov/edo/res/dra/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>
- Work at home – remember to send an email with hours/activities for each work at home day and include on branch calendar
- Travel budget is being watched very closely – cuts expected
- Management Assistant coverage – Chon Davis coming up to speed...
- **RES suggestion Program:**  
<http://portal.nrc.gov/edo/res/OfficeWide/Suggestions/default.aspx>

### 3. Required Training

- Yellow Announcement 169, “Annual Ethics Training...” (attached)
- Annual PII Refresher Training (on iLearn) – due April 2011.
- FY11 Annual Computer Security Awareness Course – due August 15 (but the Office is tracking quarterly completion rate)
- Project Manager Training  
<http://portal.nrc.gov/edo/adm/dc/pms/Guidance%20and%20Procedures%20for%20Federal%20Acquisition%20Ce/Forms/AllItems.aspx>
- New Office Instruction on Domestic Conference participation (ADM-014, Revision 0, “Participation in Domestic Conferences, Symposia, and Code Committee Meetings”)
  - Office Director approves groups of four or more
  - Division Director approves groups of three or fewer
- RES IT contact – John Wucher is now the primary contact with Shane Rupinta and Dennis Lam serving backup.

### 4. Contracts, Spending, and Op Plan

- Keep the new Op Plan SharePoint site updated (contact Juan Jimenez w/ questions).
  - i. All key contract milestones must be reflected in the Op Plan.
  - ii. **Update Op Plan this week (send email to Alan)**
- **APP 3Q/4Q request for input coming up soon**
- 90% of prior year money must be spent by April – keep a close eye on carryover spending (we may need to either explain or deobligate)
- ROMA spending plans – keep contract spending updated. Normally, spending projections should reflect the spending rate contained in the latest approved 189 or spend plan. We need to discuss any exceptions and make sure ROMA has appropriate annotation
- Process incremental funding actions – fund through April 30 and make sure ROMA reflects funding needs (use comment field if we are off the spending plan)
- IPACs- PMDA assures us that the system is working now...
- RES Project Manager's Web site: <http://www.internal.nrc.gov/RES/policy/pm/>

5. MARCH MADNESS – *maybe next year*

6. Upcoming Meetings and Events

CCF Workshop, March 21-23, 2011

Harris All Hazards/Fire Site Visit, March 21-24, 2011 (schedule TBD)

Seminar: Seismic Research at LBNL, March 22, 2011

Commissioner Briefing on Small Modular Reactors – March 29, 2011

RMT meeting – March 30, 2011

Shutdown Reactivity Discussion with RES and INL – March 30-31, 2011

ACRS Subcommittee Meeting on C-SGTR, April 6, 2011

Public Meeting to Discuss Options for Proceeding with Level 3 PRA Activities, April 11, 2011

RMT meeting – April 13, 2011

Seminar: C-SGTR PRA, April 19, 2011

DRA Division meeting, April 26, 2011

RMT meeting – April 27, 2011

WGRisk Working Meeting on Digital Failure Taxonomies, May 16-20, 2011

SRA Counterpart Meeting, May 24-26, 2011

Halden Board Meeting, June 2011

ACRS Subcommittee Meeting on Digital I&C PRA, June 7, 2011

WGRisk Advanced Reactor Workshop, June 20-24, 2011

WGFCs Workshop, September 27-29, 2011

**Next Branch Meeting – April 21**

**From:** [Zabel, Joseph](#)  
**To:** [Flory, Shirley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: THERE IS ONE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT IN THE MAGIC PLACE. Thanks much - Shirley  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:28:00 PM

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The weekly highlight is edited.

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**Subject:** THERE IS ONE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT IN THE MAGIC PLACE. Thanks much - Shirley  
**Importance:** High

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**Beasley, Benjamin**

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**From:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:42 PM  
**To:** Kauffman, John  
**Subject:** FW: Hardened Vent for Mark I

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**From:** Lane, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:04 AM  
**To:** Sheron, Brian; Coe, Doug  
**Cc:** Beasley, Benjamin; Marksberry, Don  
**Subject:** Hardened Vent for Mark I

Brian and Doug:

In case this comes up, I just wanted to provide you a little background to remind you that we ordered the installation of hardened vents in BWR Mark I's back in 1989. (Bob Bernaro, the NRR office director at the time, was a strong supporter of it).

I was involved with the CPI program and the Mark I's were the first ones up.

Here is the GL order:

September 1, 1989

**TO:** ALL HOLDERS OF OPERATING LICENSES FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS  
WITH MARK I CONTAINMENTS

**SUBJECT:** INSTALLATION OF A HARDENED WETWELL VENT (GENERIC LETTER 89-16)

As a part of a comprehensive plan for closing severe accident issues, the staff undertook a program to determine if any actions should be taken, on a generic basis, to reduce the vulnerability of BWR Mark I containments to severe accident challenges. At the conclusion of the Mark I Containment Performance Improvement Program, the staff identified a number of plant modifications that substantially enhance the plants' capability to both prevent and mitigate the consequences of severe accidents. The improvements that were recommended include (1) improved hardened wetwell vent capability, (2) improved reactor pressure vessel depressurization system reliability, (3) an alternative water supply to the reactor vessel and drywell sprays, and (4) updated emergency procedures and training. The staff as part of that effort also evaluated various mechanisms for implementing of these plant improvements so that the licensee and the staff efforts would result in a coordinated coherent approach to resolution of severe accident issues in accordance with the Commission's severe accident policy.

After considering the proposed Mark I Containment Performance Program (described in SECY 89-017, January 1989), the Commission directed the staff to pursue Mark I enhancements on a plant-specific basis in order to account for possible unique design differences that may bear on the necessity and nature of specific safety improvements. Accordingly, the Commission concluded that the recommended safety improvements, with one exception, that is, hardened wetwell vent capability, should be evaluated by licensees as part of the Individual Plant Examination (IPE) Program. With regard to the recommended plant improvement dealing with hardened vent capability, the Commission, in recognition of the circumstances and benefits associated with this modification, has directed a different approach. Specifically, the Commission has directed the staff to approve installation of a hardened vent under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59 for licensees, who on their own initiative, elect to incorporate this plant improvement. The staff previously inspected the design of such a system that was installed by Boston Edison Company at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. The staff found the installed system and the

associated Boston Edison Company's analysis acceptable.

A copy of Boston Edison Company's description of the vent modification is enclosed for your information. For the remaining plants, the staff has been directed to initiate plant-specific backfit analyses for each of the Mark I plants to evaluate the efficacy of requiring the installation of hardened wetwell vents. Where the backfit analysis supports imposition of that requirement, the staff is directed to issue orders for modifications to install a reliable hardened vent.

The staff believes that the available information provides strong incentive for installation of a hardened vent. First, it is recognized that all affected plants have in place emergency procedures directing the operator to vent under certain circumstances (primarily to avoid exceeding the primary containment pressure limit) from the wetwell airspace. Thus, incorporation of a designated capability consistent with the objectives of the emergency procedure guidelines is seen as a logical and prudent plant improvement. Continued reliance on pre-existing capability (non-pressure-bearing vent path) which may jeopardize access to vital plant areas or other equipment is an unnecessary complication that threatens accident management strategies. Second, implementation of reliable venting capability and procedures can reduce the likelihood of core melt from accident sequences involving loss of long-term decay heat removal by about a factor of 10. Reliable venting capability is also beneficial, depending on plant design and capabilities, in reducing the likelihood of core melt from other accident initiators, for example, station blackout and anticipated transients without scram. As a mitigation measure, a reliable wetwell vent provides assurance of pressure relief through a path with significant scrubbing of fission products and can result in lower releases even for containment failure modes not associated with pressurization (i.e., liner meltthrough). Finally, a reliable hardened wetwell vent allows for consideration of coordinated accident management strategies by providing design capability consistent with safety objectives. For the aforementioned reasons, the staff concludes that a plant modification is highly desirable and a prudent engineering solution of issues surrounding complex and uncertain phenomena. Therefore, the staff strongly encourages licensees to implement requisite design changes, utilizing portions of existing systems to the greatest extent practical, under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59.

As noted previously, for facilities not electing to voluntarily incorporate design changes, the Commission has directed the staff to perform plant-specific backfit analyses. In an effort to most accurately reflect plant specificity, the staff herein requests that each licensee provide cost estimates for implementation of a hardened vent by pipe replacement, as described in SECY 89-017. In addition, licensees are requested to indicate the incremental cost of installing an ac independent design in comparison to a design relying on availability of ac power. In the absence of such information, the staff will use an estimate of \$750,000. This estimate is based on modification of prevalent existing designs to bypass the standby gas treatment system ducting and includes piping, electrical design changes, and modifications to procedures and training.

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**To:** Givvines, Mary; Muessele, Mary  
**Cc:** Grobe, Jack; Ruland, William; Leeds, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE- Additional Staff Requirements Outside Ops Center Long Term Staffing  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:46:10 PM

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Thank you.

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**From:** Givvines, Mary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:45 PM  
**To:** Givvines, Mary; Muessele, Mary  
**Cc:** Evans, Michele; Grobe, Jack; Ruland, William; Leeds, Eric  
**Subject:** UPDATE- Additional Staff Requirements Outside Ops Center Long Term Staffing

Mary/Michele

Here is what we have so far from NRR. I sent another reminder this afternoon and hope to have more names tomorrow in the am.

- **Dave Beaulieu** – has Resident Inspector experience, including being the resident for Three Mile Island Unit 2
- **Laura Gerke** – 15 years of Op Center Liaison experience from when I was in Congressional Affairs
- **Karen Zeleznock** - bachelor's degree in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University and completed a rotation to OIP about a year ago where she filled in for desk officers for Japan, Lithuania, and Vietnam
- **Jeremy Susco** - starting next week.
- **Jim Vail**
- **Matthew Mitchell** - already listed as Technical Experts - on call to Ops Center
- **Kenneth Karwoski** - already listed as Technical Experts - on call to Ops Center

PMDA staff willing to provide general-type support with no specialized experience:

- **Cynthia Dorsey**– nights; and weekends
- **Caroline Nguyen** – weekdays between 8pm to midnight; anytime on weekends
- **Gary Tharpe** – evenings; and weekends
- **Sylvia Valencia** – weekends (prefer AM shifts)
- **Hong Le** – weekends (anytime)
- **Ilyne Miller**

Thanks  
Mary

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**To:** [Cheok, Michael](#)  
**Cc:** [Coe, Doug](#); [Correia, Richard](#); [Hudson, Daniel](#)  
**Subject:** RE: RASP User Need (UNR 2010-017)/ Additional FY2013 Scenario A Cuts for Operating Reactors  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:51:00 PM

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Thanks Mike – we've gotten more clarification on the request from PMDA and I think I have enough to go forward in a manner consistent with your priorities.

-Kevin

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**From:** Cheok, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:34 PM  
**To:** Coyne, Kevin  
**Cc:** Hudson, Daniel; Spencer, Ruth; Coe, Doug; Correia, Richard; Demoss, Gary; Kuritzky, Alan; Beasley, Benjamin; Peters, Sean; Xing, Jing; Lee, Samson  
**Subject:** RE: RASP User Need (UNR 2010-017)/ Additional FY2013 Scenario A Cuts for Operating Reactors

I agree with keeping the original priorities for this UNR.

In talking to Hong Le, I understand that the suggested list of "low" priority UNRs was to aid RES in prioritizing what RES would put into the Scenario A list (~5% of your allotted budget). So, in the examples we discussed over the phone, NRR/DRA would prioritize the SPAR/RASP UNR work as higher than the consequential tube rupture UNR work. But, I think RES will have to prioritize all your (RES) projects in total, not just the RES/DRA projects.

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**From:** Coyne, Kevin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:14 PM  
**To:** Cheok, Michael  
**Cc:** Hudson, Daniel; Spencer, Ruth; Coe, Doug; Correia, Richard; Demoss, Gary; Kuritzky, Alan; Beasley, Benjamin; Peters, Sean; Xing, Jing  
**Subject:** RASP User Need (UNR 2010-017)/ Additional FY2013 Scenario A Cuts for Operating Reactors

Mike –

I've attached the incoming user need for risk tool support. As we discussed, although the NRR LT evidently prioritized this UNR as "low" priority, many of the items are actually "high" or "medium" priority (e.g., SPAR/SAPHIRE maintenance, INL help desk support, RASP handbook). We intend to revise the scenario "A" listing in our budget consistent with the priority level identified in the user need (unless we hear differently from you). Also, our RES PMDA point of contact recommended that you let your PMDA budget folks (Hong Le, Caroline Nguyen) know that the "low" priority list generated by the LT may not accurately reflect the real priority needs.

Kevin

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**From:** [Ott, William](#)  
**To:** [Coyne, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** Travel  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:52:51 PM

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I just approved a travel request for Joe Kanney to attend and present a paper at the Symposium on Application of Geophysics to Environmental Problems, April 10 to April 13, in Charleston, SC. There is a \$575 registration fee but he has saved over \$400 by using a non-contract carrier (less than half the price of the cheapest contract flights).

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**From:** [Thomas, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Lubinski, John](#)  
**Cc:** [Beckford, Kaydian](#); [Cusumano, Victor](#)  
**Subject:** Tim Luphold will cover tomorrow's LT meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:00:40 PM

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John,  
Tim Lupold will cover tomorrow's LT meeting while I'm out of the office.

..brian

***Brian E. Thomas***, Acting Deputy Director  
Division of Component Integrity (DCI)  
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**From:** [Gray, Kathy](#)  
**To:** [Ruland, William](#)  
**Cc:** [Thorp, John](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation is requested for RST Director Schedule - 3/18-3/25  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:03:36 PM

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Thanks. Also, what about swing shifts on March 23-26?

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**From:** Ruland, William  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:02 PM  
**To:** Gray, Kathy  
**Subject:** Re: Confirmation is requested for RST Director Schedule - 3/18-3/25

I confirm that I have the swing shift tomorrow.  
Bill Ruland, from  
USNRC Blackberry

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**From:** Gray, Kathy  
**To:** Dudes, Laura; Skeen, David; Uhle, Jennifer; Brown, Frederick; Ruland, William  
**Cc:** Holian, Brian; Hiland, Patrick; Thorp, John; Thomas, Eric; Cunningham, Liza; Flory, Shirley; Gray, Kathy  
**Sent:** Thu Mar 17 15:29:41 2011  
**Subject:** Confirmation is requested for RST Director Schedule - 3/18-3/25

Please confirm that you are able to provide coverage in the Ops Center, as the RST Director, as follows:

### March 18 – March 25, 2011

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7am–3pm	(Laura Dudes)	Laura Dudes	Laura Dudes	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Pat Hiland
3pm–11pm	(Bill Ruland)	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Bill Ruland	Bill Ruland	Bill Ruland
11pm–7am	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Brian Holian	Brian Holian	Brian Holian	Brian Holian

Pat Hiland and Brian Holian – already confirmed - no response needed.

Thanks very much.

*Kathy A. Gray*  
Information Management Asst.  
Operating Experience Branch, DIRS/NRR  
Rm. O-7F04, Phone: 301-415-1166

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**Owen, Lucy**

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**From:** Owen, Lucy  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:04 PM  
**To:** Mattila, AnnMarie  
**Cc:** Collins, Elmo  
**Subject:** Good-Guy Letter Needed for Amy Powell, OCA

**Importance:** High

Ann – Please ensure that Amy Powell is on the NRC good-guy letter for access to Diablo and San Onofre sites Tuesday March 22. Elmo will accompany her.

Thank you!  
Lucy x227



**From:** [Flory, Shirley](#)  
**To:** [RES Distribution](#); [Cruz, Holly](#); [Cullison, David](#); [Frampton, Julie](#); [Hudson, Nathanael](#); [Peters, Sean](#); [Richards, Stuart](#); [Rini, Brett](#); [Santiago, Patricia](#)  
**Subject:** RES PLAN OF THE DAY: FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:04:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [POD 03 18 11.doc](#)

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Kathy.Gray@nrc.gov

**OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REGULATORY RESEARCH PLAN OF THE DAY**

**March 18, 2011**



**EXCERPT FROM EDO UPDATE, THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

Given the dynamic situation, there will be an All-Hands meeting tomorrow [meaning Friday] at 2:00 p.m. in the One White Flint auditorium, with VTC to the regions, Technical Training Center, and headquarters satellite offices. Overflow seating will be available in the TWFN Exhibit Area as well as the Commission Hearing Room. (There will also be a bridge line: 888-820-8960; pass code: 8690842.) I will give you an update on what we know, and answer any questions to the best of my ability. In addition, we are expecting to have a Commission meeting early next week. We will provide a link to the briefing materials as soon as possible. Finally, you may find these documents prepared by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to be of interest: <http://portal.nrc.gov/edo/nrr/default.aspx>

**I UNDERSTAND THIS WILL BE VTCed to CHURCH STREET 2C19.**

**REMINDER:**

Please remember to submit items for the EDO Daily Notes!

NRR Monday Morning Meetings, 8:45 AM, Room O-13G4: DE (Carpenter) to provide coverage.

NMSS Monday Morning Meetings, 8:30-9:30 AM, EBB: DRA (Gonzalez) to provide coverage.

FSME Monday Morning Meetings, 9:30-10:30, Room T-8A1: DSA (Huffert) to cover.

NRO Monday Morning Meetings, 8:30 AM, Room T-6A1: DSA (T. Zaki) to provide coverage.

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>PURPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>PARTICIPANTS</u></b>
8:45-9:45	RES Stand-Up Meeting <b>MAY BE CANCELED. HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM JENNIFER's CALENDAR. saf</b>	C-6A1	Div. Dirs., et al.
9:30	Senate EPW Staff Briefing	<b>Dirksen Senate Office, Rm 406</b>	Peter Lyons, Borchardt, Sheron, et al.
11:45	House Staff Briefing	<b>Ford House Office Bldg, Rm 564</b>	Sheron
2:00	All-Hands Meeting re Japan Events [See note at top of page]	<b>TWFN Auditorium/ TWFN Exhibit Area/ Commission Hearing Room VTC: C -2C19 888-820-8960 Passcode: 8690842</b>	

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>
2:00-3:00	Personnel – Mentoring	C- 6A5	Valentin
3:00-3:30	DSA Foreign Travel <b>MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE RE-SCHEDULED. saf</b>	C- 6A1	Sheron, Uhle, Gibson
3:30-4:00	Comments on Draft SECY Paper on NRC Involvement in NASA's MARS Science Laboratory <b>MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE RE-SCHEDULED. saf</b>	C- 6A1	Sheron, Uhle, Marksberry, DeMoss, Coyne

### DELEGATIONS

M. Scott, Acting Deputy Director, Division of Systems Analysis

T. Zaki, Acting NARB Branch Chief until M. Scott Returns

Heriberto "Eddie" Colon Acting for N. Dhir until the end of April (3-month rotation)

D. Coe, Acting Director DRA until Rich Correia comes on board

K. Coyne, Acting Dep. Div. Dir. DRA

T. Kardaras, Acting PMDA Deputy Director (Mar.-April)

L. Donaldson, Acting PMDA Deputy Director (April-May)

A. Valentin, Deputy Director when Mary Muessle Returns

A. Kuritzky, Acting PRAB Branch Chief (3/7-18)

J. Wood, Acting PRAB Branch Chief (3/21-25)

P. Appignani, Acting PRAB Branch Chief (3/28-4/1)

S. Rupinta for T. Kardaras (3/14 - 4/15)

H. Graves for R. Hogan (3/15-18)

D. Stroup for M. Salley (3/18)



**Kauffman, John**

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**From:** Perkins, Richard  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:05 PM  
**To:** Kauffman, John  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder--OEGIB Weekly Activities Input due by noon tomorrow, Friday 3/18/2011.  
[eom]  
**Attachments:** Weekly 3-17.doc

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**From:** Kauffman, John  
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**To:** Bensi, Michelle; Criscione, Lawrence; Ibarra, Jose; Killian, Lauren; Lane, John; Reisifard, Mehdi; Perkins, Richard; Salomon, Arthur; Wegner, Mary  
**Subject:** Reminder--OEGIB Weekly Activities Input due by noon tomorrow, Friday 3/18/2011. [eom]

OEGIB Weekly Input – March 13 – March 17, 2011

Richard

- Completed final draft of dam failure analysis report

Activities for next week

Schedule and prepare for briefings to GIRP

Receive comments on report from Joe Zable and resolve those

Coordination and discussion with the GI submitters on status

Prepare for joint branch meeting presentation

Work on GI Input form

**From:** [One-Week Look Ahead](#)  
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**Cc:** [Pena, Alex](#)  
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### One-Week Look Ahead for March 17, 2011

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**(OUO-SII)**

On March 22, 2011, the staff plans to hold a Category 1 pre-application meeting at the One White Flint Complex of Headquarters to discuss with representatives of NextEra Energy, Inc., and Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) the transition to the requirements of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) -805 for Turkey Point, St. Lucie, Point Beach, and Duane Arnold.

**(OUO-SII)**

On March 23, 2011, the staff plans to hold a Category 1 meeting at the One White Flint Complex of Headquarters to discuss with representatives of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC(DUKE)the status of licensing submittals regarding implementation of National Fire Protection Association, Standard 805, requirements at the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2.

**(OUO-SII)**

On March 24, 2011, the staff will be briefing the Commission on the 50.46a Risk-Informed Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) Rule. This briefing will be open to the public.

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**From:** [Landau, Mindy](#)  
**To:** [EDO Distribution](#)  
**Subject:** Roger Rihm will be Acting Deputy AO, Communications and Performance Improvement, on Friday, March 18 (EOM)  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:12:53 PM

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**From:** [GPN Weekly e-News](#)  
**To:** [Leeds, Eric](#)  
**Subject:** Federal pay vs. private sector; 2011 auction outlook; RFP do"s and don"ts  
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*Michael Keating*

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**To:** [Kuritzky, Alan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PRAB branch meeting handout  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:17:00 PM

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Thanks again for your help this morning -

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**From:** Kuritzky, Alan  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:25 PM  
**To:** Coyne, Kevin  
**Subject:** PRAB branch meeting handout

FYI...

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**From:** [Flory, Shirley](#)  
**To:** [Rivera-Lugo, Richard](#)  
**Cc:** [Case, Michael](#); [Csontos, Aladar](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ONE-WEEK LOOK AHEAD QUESTION  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:17:37 PM

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You are too late. They have already sent out the One-Week Look Aheads. I need to "dump" them no later than Thursday morning or noon at the latest to meet their schedule.

Thanks - Shirley

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**From:** Rivera-Lugo, Richard  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:16 PM  
**To:** Flory, Shirley  
**Cc:** Case, Michael; Csontos, Aladar  
**Subject:** RE: ONE-WEEK LOOK AHEAD QUESTION

Shirley,

Here is the One-Week Look Ahead information on the EPRI Information Exchange meeting.

NRC/DE staff and management will be hosting a drop-in with EPRI staff and management to discuss a variety topics, e.g. Industry's Materials Degradation Matrix (MDM) and Issue Management Table (IMT), NRC/EPRI Non-Destructive Evaluation projects, NRC/EPRI communications, and existing and potential cooperative research efforts through the NRC/EPRI Memorandum of Understanding.

POC: Aladar Csontos

Thanks,  
Richie

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**From:** Case, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:11 AM

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**To:** Rivera-Lugo, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: ONE-WEEK LOOK AHEAD QUESTION  
**Importance:** High

Richie. Could you track this down and reply to Shirley?

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**From:** Flory, Shirley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:30 PM  
**To:** Case, Michael  
**Subject:** ONE-WEEK LOOK AHEAD QUESTION  
**Importance:** High

Mike:

I see you have a meeting next week (3/22) NRC Research – EPRI Information Exchange.  
Should you do a One-Week Look Ahead on that?

Thanks - Shirley

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## Beasley, Benjamin

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**From:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:26 PM  
**To:** Ake, Jon; Stutzke, Martin  
**Cc:** Coyne, Kevin  
**Subject:** Suggested press release

For your comments. I intend to send this to Scott Burnell first thing Friday morning.

Ben

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### **Draft Press Release Responding to MSNBC Article**

A recent article by MSNBC (add reference) cites results of a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission study released in September, 2010. The study investigated the implications of updated seismic hazards in the central and eastern United States. The study was prepared as a screening assessment to determine if plant-specific evaluation of the updated seismic hazards is warranted. The report clearly states that "work to date supports a decision to continue ...; the methodology, input assumptions, and data are not sufficiently developed to support other regulatory actions or decisions." Accordingly, the results were not used to rank or compare plants. The study produced plant-specific results of the change in risk from seismic hazards. The study did not rely on the absolute value of the seismic hazard risk except to assure that all operating plants are safe. The plant-specific results were used in aggregate to determine the need for continued evaluation and were included in the report for openness and transparency. The use of the absolute value of the seismic hazard risk, as done in the MSNBC article, is not the intended use, and the NRC considers it an inappropriate use of the results.

The report reached three main conclusions: 1) Seismic hazard estimates have increased at some operating plants in the central and eastern US; 2) there is no immediate safety concern, plants have safety margin and overall seismic risk estimates remain small; and 3) assessment of updated seismic hazards should continue.



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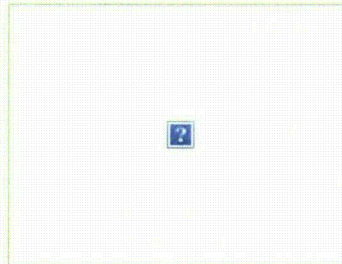
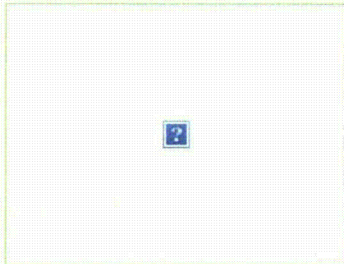


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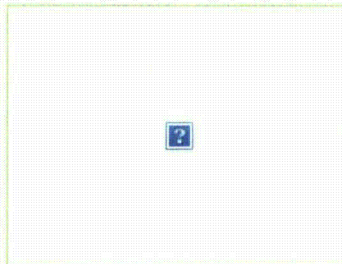
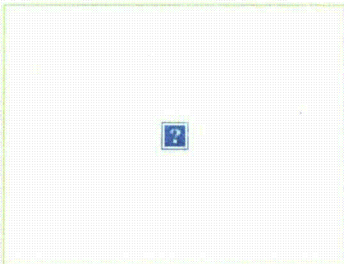
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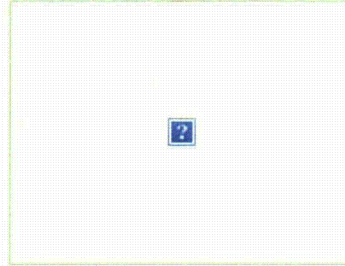
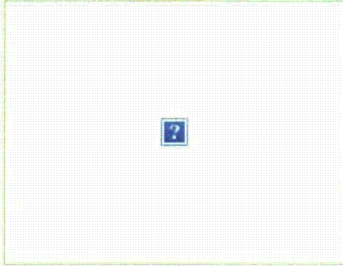
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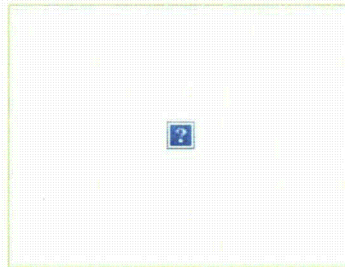
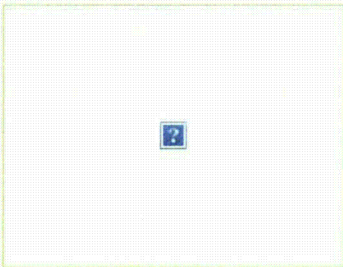
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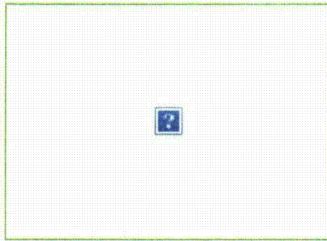
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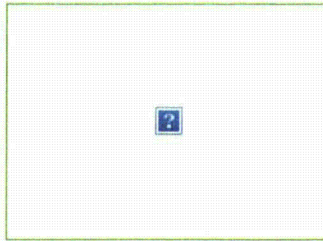
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**To:** [Demoss, Gary](#)  
**Cc:** [Coyne, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Emailing: 11-008.ii.pdf  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:29:55 PM

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The 3rd finding is for exceeding the PI on unplanned shutdowns. I don't think we need to change our discussion points, but it is good to know.

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**From:** Demoss, Gary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:30 PM  
**To:** Hunter, Christopher  
**Cc:** Coyne, Kevin  
**Subject:** Emailing: 11-008.ii.pdf

This is showing 3 white findings at Robinson. Is one not really related to our event, or should we change our discussion points?

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## NRC SCHEDULES MEETING TO DISCUSS 2010 PERFORMANCE OF ROBINSON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials have scheduled a meeting for Thursday, March 24 to provide information on the agency's assessment of safety performance at the Robinson nuclear power plant during 2010.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. EDT with a discussion of last year's safety performance as well as NRC oversight and inspection. The meeting will be held at the Coker College Library's Daniels Boardroom at 300 E. College Ave., in Hartsville, S.C. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

The Robinson plant, which has one pressurized-water reactor, is located near Hartsville, about 26 miles northwest of Florence. It is owned and operated by Progress Energy.

Overall, the NRC staff concluded that the Robinson plant operated safely in 2010. However, the NRC has decided to increase its level of oversight and inspection at the Robinson plant based on inspection findings and performance indicators.

Robinson exceeded the threshold for unplanned reactor shutdowns during the year's third quarter, which resulted in a "white" performance indicator. In addition, there were three "white" inspection findings at the plant. "White" means a finding of low to moderate safety significance. The first "white" finding involved the failure to correct a problem with an emergency diesel generator.

The second and third "white" findings were identified after an NRC Augmented Inspection. The second involved the licensee's failure to adequately design and implement operator training associated with reactor coolant pump seals. The third finding was related to a failure to adequately implement required procedures following a reactor trip in March.

"The NRC evaluates nuclear power plants in a systematic and detailed way each year," said NRC Region II Administrator Victor McCree. "These reviews and the additional inspections and oversight at Robinson will ensure that the plant is operated in a way that protects people near the plant and the environment."

The NRC uses color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators to assess plant performance. The colors start with "green," which has very low safety significance, to "white," "yellow" and "red," based on increasing significance of the issues. Inspection findings and performance indicators are updated on the NRC's web site ( [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov) ) each quarter.

The annual assessment letter for the Robinson plant is available on the NRC web site at [www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/rob\\_2010q4.pdf](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/rob_2010q4.pdf).

Inspections are carried out by the NRC resident inspectors assigned to the plant and by inspection specialists from the Region II office in Atlanta. A series of regular and supplemental NRC inspections have been scheduled for the Robinson plant this year, and the results of those inspections will be documented in publicly available inspection reports.

Current performance information for Robinson is available on the NRC web site at [www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ROB2/rob2\\_chart.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/ROB2/rob2_chart.html).

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## Kauffman, John

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**From:** Salomon, Arthur  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:30 PM  
**To:** Kauffman, John  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder--OEGIB Weekly Activities Input due by noon tomorrow, Friday 3/18/2011. [eom]  
**Attachments:** OEGIB weekly 03-18-2011.doc

attached

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**From:** Kauffman, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:52 AM  
**To:** Bensi, Michelle; Criscione, Lawrence; Ibarra, Jose; Killian, Lauren; Lane, John; Reisifard, Mehdi; Perkins, Richard; Salomon, Arthur; Wegner, Mary  
**Subject:** Reminder--OEGIB Weekly Activities Input due by noon tomorrow, Friday 3/18/2011. [eom]



## OEGIB WEEKLY ACTIVITIES/STATUS

03/14/2011 – 03/18/2011

**NAME:** Arthur Salomon

**Date:** 03/18/2011

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Incremental funding request for N6884, IROD project with ISL
- Incremental funding requests for INL projects are being prepared
- Continued review of background material for hierarchical Bayesian updates, including material on Bayesian inference and general Bayes theory.
- OEGIB meeting
- LMPC meeting
- 3WFN Occupant Team meeting
- Reviewed specific drift analysis calculations for Oconee; provided comments/questions to NRR for resolution prior to preparation of SAR

**UNBUDGETED WORK** (Brief description of work you did that was “unbudgeted (e.g., special assignment/task beyond your normal project activities)

**ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK** (Brief description of what is coming up next week (e.g, significant meetings, deliverables))\*

- CCF workshop

**NEAR-TERM MILESTONES** – Near term (next 4 weeks) milestones/deliverables

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\* Identify any items that you think should be brought up at the weekly OERA staff meeting or the weekly RES staff meeting

**From:** [Thomas, Brian](#)  
**To:** [Hardies, Robert](#)  
**Cc:** [Lubinski, John](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:41:21 PM

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Bob,  
Try to get more info. regarding the GAO exit on 3/30 on buried pipe?  
Pls. try to get the information i.e., the draft GAO report and prepare to provide an NRC position in response. You could start with the OEDO POC.

***Brian E. Thomas***, Acting Deputy Director  
Division of Component Integrity (DCI)  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations (NRR)  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
(301) 415-2803

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**Kauffman, John**

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**From:** Gitter, Joseph  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:45 PM  
**To:** Mahoney, Michael; Howe, Allen; Dion, Jeanne; Collins, Timothy  
**Subject:** DefenseinDepth.docx--Correct Version  
**Attachments:** DefenseinDepth.docx

I think fatigue is setting in. I keep sending out the wrong version. This is the latest (as far as I know).

**From:** Sheron, Brian  
**To:** Haney, Catherine; Borchardt, Bill; Schmidt, Rebecca; Leeds, Eric; Johnson, Michael  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee; Flory, Shirley; Dorman, Dan  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:46:57 PM

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PK  
I will handle it since I'll already be down there.

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**From:** Haney, Catherine  
**To:** Borchardt, Bill; Schmidt, Rebecca; Sheron, Brian; Leeds, Eric; Johnson, Michael  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee; Flory, Shirley; Dorman, Dan  
**Sent:** Thu Mar 17 13:47:00 2011  
**Subject:** RE:

Seems to me that Brian might be the best candidate since he is already downtown. I tried calling him to discuss who would go. Shirley told me that Brian was at DOE (meeting doesn't end until 5 pm) and that his schedule on Friday was open. She tentatively put the 11:45 briefing on his schedule.

I'm happy to be a back up. If Brian can't do it, I'd like to go down and listen in on the 9:30 briefing.

Unfortunately, we might not have a firm answer until later this evening unless Mike J wants to volunteer in Brian's place.

As an aside, I'm scheduled to leave for France on Saturday afternoon. I spoke with Mike W last night about whether I should cancel. The view was I should continue with the trip. Of course, I can change plans up until I get on the plane. You might want to consider using Dan as a communicator next week. I will leave my "go to book" for him.

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**From:** Borchardt, Bill  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:00 PM  
**To:** Schmidt, Rebecca; Sheron, Brian; Leeds, Eric; Haney, Catherine; Johnson, Michael  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee  
**Subject:** RE:

Unfortunately this would conflict with the NRC all hands briefing. Can 1 of the 4 "communicators" handle the 11:45?

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**From:** Schmidt, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:48 PM  
**To:** Sheron, Brian; Borchardt, Bill; Leeds, Eric; Haney, Catherine; Johnson, Michael  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee  
**Subject:** RE:

The House has now asked for the same briefing at 11:45. Bill are you available for that one too?

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**From:** Sheron, Brian  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:05 AM  
**To:** Borchardt, Bill; Leeds, Eric; Haney, Catherine; Johnson, Michael  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Schmidt, Rebecca; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc

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**Subject:** RE:

I should be able to attend. I'll meet you in the ops center around 7am.

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**From:** Borchardt, Bill

**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 9:44 AM

**To:** Leeds, Eric; Haney, Catherine; Sheron, Brian; Johnson, Michael

**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Schmidt, Rebecca; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc

**Subject:**

Senate EPW staff has requested a briefing Fri @9:30 (location TBD). I believe that Pete Lyons will be representing DOE. I am planning to represent NRC. I invite any of the 4 addressees of this email (the 4 new "Communicators") to come along to get a sense of what the hill is interested in, etc. It is totally your call. I plan to be in the ops center at 7am to get a last minute update and then take metro (7:45) downtown.

Please let me know whether you plan to attend or not.

Bill

**Owen, Lucy**

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**From:** Owen, Lucy  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:53 PM  
**To:** Collins, Elmo  
**Subject:** I cancelled Chase Suites Hotel for nights of 3/21 - departing a.m. of 3/24 (cancellation # 253184) s/w Mohammad

**Matakas, Gina**

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**From:** McNamara, Nancy  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:57 PM  
**To:** LIA04 Hoc; OST05 Hoc  
**Cc:** Lew, David; Dean, Bill; Wilson, Peter; Roberts, Darrell; Tiff, Doug; Barkley, Richard  
**Subject:** Request from Governor Cuomo's Office Re: Mtg w/Chairman

**Importance:** High

Liaison Team: Received a call from Tom Condon, NY State Deputy Secretary of Energy & Environment in the Governor's Office. The NY Lieutenant Governor, Robert Duffey is requesting a meeting with the Chairman to discuss the GI-199 report and how it relates to Indian Point. The other attendees from the Governor's office would be Mr. Howard Glaser, Director of State Operations and Mr. Condon. They also made the request via their Washington D.C. office.

Mr. Condon would like me to find out if the request has been received and what dates are being offered. They are flexible.

I informed Mr. Condon of our outreach today to several of his State agency representatives and the 4-County Executives and offered was there anything the Region I staff could assist the Governor's office in while their request was being processed. He stated that the Governor's office is very pleased with the communications from the Region to his State SLO and other agency reps; however, the Governor would prefer the meeting at the Chairman's level.

-Nancy

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**From:** [Skeen, David](#)  
**To:** [Gray, Kathy](#); [Dudes, Laura](#); [Uhle, Jennifer](#); [Brown, Frederick](#); [Ruland, William](#)  
**Cc:** [Holian, Brian](#); [Hiland, Patrick](#); [Thorp, John](#); [Thomas, Eric](#); [Cunningham, Liza](#); [Flory, Shirley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation is requested for RST Director Schedule - 3/18-3/25  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:58:42 PM

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Kathy,

Yes, I can cover the 3-11 shift Sat-Tue.

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**From:** Gray, Kathy  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:30 PM  
**To:** Dudes, Laura; Skeen, David; Uhle, Jennifer; Brown, Frederick; Ruland, William  
**Cc:** Holian, Brian; Hiland, Patrick; Thorp, John; Thomas, Eric; Cunningham, Liza; Flory, Shirley; Gray, Kathy  
**Subject:** Confirmation is requested for RST Director Schedule - 3/18-3/25  
**Importance:** High

Please confirm that you are able to provide coverage in the Ops Center, as the RST Director, as follows:

### March 18 – March 25, 2011

Shift	3/18 (Fri)	3/19 (Sat)	3/20 (Sun)	3/21 (Mon)	3/22 (Tues)	3/23 (Wed)	3/24 (Thur)	3/25 (Fri)
7am– 3pm	(Laura Dudes)	Laura Dudes	Laura Dudes	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Fred Brown	Pat Hiland
3pm– 11pm	(Bill Ruland)	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Dave Skeen	Bill Ruland	Bill Ruland	Bill Ruland
11pm– 7am	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Jennifer Uhle	Brian Holian	Brian Holian	Brian Holian	Brian Holian

Pat Hiland and Brian Holian – already confirmed - no response needed.

Thanks very much.

*Kathy A. Gray*  
 Information Management Asst.  
 Operating Experience Branch, DIRS/NRR  
 Rm. O-7F04, Phone: 301-415-1166  
[Kathy.Gray@nrc.gov](mailto:Kathy.Gray@nrc.gov)

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## Beasley, Benjamin

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**From:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:58 PM  
**To:** Burnell, Scott  
**Cc:** Coyne, Kevin; Stutzke, Martin; Ake, Jon; Kauffman, John  
**Subject:** Suggested press release on MSNBC article

Scott,

We (RES) supported Region 1 this afternoon on a conference call with the county executives and state officials for the four counties around Indian Point. The county officials strongly encouraged us to respond to the MSNBC article. Thus, we have drafted a press release for your consideration.

Please let me know if you use this and if we can be of any other assistance.

Regards,  
Ben Beasley

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### **Draft Press Release Responding to MSNBC Article**

A recent article by MSNBC ("What are the odds? US nuke plants ranked by quake risk", 3/16/2011) cites results of a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission study released in September, 2010. The study investigated the implications of updated seismic hazard estimates in the central and eastern United States.

The study was prepared as a screening assessment to evaluate if further investigations of seismic safety for operating reactors in the central and eastern U.S. are warranted, consistent with NRC directives. The report clearly states that "work to date supports a decision to continue to the [next] stage...; the methodology, input assumptions, and data are not sufficiently developed to support other regulatory actions or decisions." Accordingly, the results were not used to rank or compare plants.

The study produced plant-specific results of the estimated change in risk from seismic hazards. The study did not rely on the absolute value of the seismic risk except to assure that all operating plants are safe. The plant-specific results were used in aggregate to determine the need for continued evaluation and were included in the report for openness and transparency. The use of the absolute value of the seismic hazard-related risk, as done in the MSNBC article, is not the intended use, and the NRC considers it an inappropriate use of the results.

The report reached three main conclusions: 1) Seismic hazard estimates have increased at some operating plants in the central and eastern US; 2) there is no immediate safety concern, plants have significant safety margin and overall seismic risk estimates remain small; and 3) assessment of updated seismic hazards and plant performance should continue.

**From:** [Leeds, Eric](#)  
**To:** [Nelson, Robert](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI: Meeting with Industry on Licensing Pre-Submittal Meetings  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:04:00 PM

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Thanks, Nelson. I need to catch up with you tomorrow briefly to get some background on the work your team is doing to support the EOCs.

Eric J. Leeds, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
301-415-1270

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**From:** Nelson, Robert  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:53 PM  
**To:** Leeds, Eric; Grobe, Jack; Boger, Bruce; Bahadur, Sher; Blount, Tom; Brown, Frederick; Cheok, Michael; Evans, Michele; Ferrell, Kimberly; Galloway, Melanie; Giitter, Joseph; Givvines, Mary; Hiland, Patrick; Holian, Brian; Howe, Allen; Lee, Samson; Lubinski, John; McGinty, Tim; Quay, Theodore; Ruland, William; Skeen, David; Thomas, Brian  
**Cc:** Markley, Michael; Hall, Randy; Mahoney, Michael; Meighan, Sean; Glenn, Nichole; Buggs, Nicholas  
**Subject:** FYI: Meeting with Industry on Licensing Pre-Submittal Meetings

Held today. Very positive & productive. They will prepare a revision and provide it to us for info & comment. I told them that although we value this initiative, current circumstances prevent us from devoting significant resources to it at this time. I committed to review the revision & provide informal comments. We are preparing a meeting summary which will have more details.

NELSON

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**From:** [Borchardt, Bill](#)  
**To:** [Elliott, Glenn](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Passes the 3-Week CR Extension  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:07:00 PM

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**From:** Dyer, Jim  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:06 PM  
**To:** Borchardt, Bill; Ash, Darren; Virgilio, Martin; Weber, Michael; Muessle, Mary  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Passes the 3-Week CR Extension

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**From:** Decker, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:30 PM  
**To:** Dyer, Jim; Brown, Milton; Golder, Jennifer; Peterson, Gordon  
**Subject:** Senate Passes the 3-Week CR Extension

We just wanted to let you know that the Senate just passed the 3-week extension to the CR (through Friday, April 8). Attached below is a statement by the White House Press Secretary.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 17, 2011

**Statement by Press Secretary Jay Carney on Senate Passage of the Three-Week Continuing Resolution**

Today, the Senate passed a short-term funding bill that avoids a government shutdown and gives Congress the time to find common ground on a measure to take us through the end of the fiscal year. Continuing to fund our government in two or three week increments adds uncertainty to our economy and distracts us from other urgent priorities facing our nation. Now is the time for Democrats and Republicans to come together and find a long-term solution that cuts spending without impeding our ability to win the future. We all agree we want to cut spending, which is why we have already met Republicans halfway. But we will continue to oppose harmful cuts to critical investments in education, innovation, and research and development that we need to grow our economy and create jobs - as well as oppose additions to the bill that have nothing to do with fiscal policy. The President is optimistic that Congress can get this done.

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**From:** Coe, Doug  
**To:** Coyne, Kevin; Case, Michael; Richards, Stuart  
**Cc:** Beasley, Benjamin; Kauffman, John; Hogan, Rosemary; Ake, Jon; Correia, Richard; Wilson, Peter  
**Subject:** RE: Region 1 Support for GI-199  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:07:01 PM

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Thanks for the feedback Kevin. Team RES is making me proud. This latest engagement (with NY) is likely a start of several others like it, regarding GI199. I know we are offering support to NRR on this topic, for the upcoming short fuse Commission briefing. Perhaps we can convey the gist of this meeting with NY to Hiland/Skeen as it might help them frame how they want to present GI199 at the Commission meeting.

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**From:** Coyne, Kevin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:45 PM  
**To:** Coe, Doug; Case, Michael; Richards, Stuart  
**Cc:** Beasley, Benjamin; Kauffman, John; Hogan, Rosemary; Ake, Jon; Correia, Richard; Wilson, Peter  
**Subject:** Region 1 Support for GI-199

Doug, Mike, and Stu –

Just wanted to let you know that Region I very much appreciated the support that RES provided in helping with a teleconference on GI-199 with New York state this afternoon. In particular, Pete Wilson noted that John Kauffman, John Ake, and Ben Beasley supported the call with little advanced notice and provided excellent technical assistance during the teleconference. He extended his grateful thanks to all those involved –

-Kevin

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**From:** [Howe, Allen](#)  
**To:** [Leeds, Eric](#); [Holahan, Gary](#)  
**Cc:** [Giitter, Joseph](#); [Boska, John](#); [Gratton, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Seismic Qualification of SFPs  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:11:50 PM

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We will work it.

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**From:** Leeds, Eric  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:11 PM  
**To:** Holahan, Gary  
**Cc:** Howe, Allen; Giitter, Joseph; Boska, John; Gratton, Christopher  
**Subject:** RE: Seismic Qualification of SFPs

Thanks for the heads up, Gary. I appreciate being forewarned.

Allen – Is this someone on your team that can run this down for us in prep for the Commission meeting on Monday?

Eric J. Leeds, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
301-415-1270

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**From:** Holahan, Gary  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:06 PM  
**To:** Leeds, Eric; Grobe, Jack; Boger, Bruce  
**Cc:** Johnson, Michael  
**Subject:** Seismic Qualification of SFPs

Eric +,

This is a heads up from a Congressional briefing that Mike Johnson, Jennifer Uhle, OCA and I participated in.

One of the questioners asked if all Spent Fuel Pools were designed to the same seismic standards as the reactors. I answered that that was true of some but not all SFPs. I'm quite sure that my statement is true since NRR did a study of this topic long ago. Some SFP are simply not seismically qualified. They have mitigation measures ... but are not seismically qualified. I recall Steve Jones and George Hubbard being the principal staff ... the report might be a NUREG but I'm not sure.

I suggest getting the background info ... before the Qs start coming in.

Hope this helps,

Gary

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**From:** [Hogan, Rosemary](#)  
**To:** [Coe, Doug](#)  
**Subject:** Out of Office: Region 1 Support for GI-199  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:12:13 PM

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I will be out of the office Mar 14-24, 2011.

Herman Graves will be Acting Branch Chief March 14-17, 2011. Please contact him at 301-251-7625 or [herman.graves@nrc.gov](mailto:herman.graves@nrc.gov)

Jose Pires will be Acting Branch Chief March 18-24, 2011. Please contact him at 301-251-7696 or [jose.pires@nrc.gov](mailto:jose.pires@nrc.gov)

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**From:** Richards, Stuart  
**To:** Coe, Doug  
**Subject:** Out of Office: Region 1 Support for GI-199  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:12:13 PM

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I am out of the office. I will return to the office on Monday, March 21st.

Please call 301-251-7619 or 301-251-7923 if you need to contact a member of the RES/DE staff.

Stu Richards

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**From:** [NetSimplicity Sales](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Subject:** Still time to sign up for a live demo of Meeting Room Manager  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:21:39 PM

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**McKelvey, Harold**

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**From:** 'Marriott Hotels & Resorts Reservation' [reservations@marriott.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:26 PM  
**To:** Collins, Elmo  
**Subject:** Reminder: Your stay at San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront begins Monday, March 21, 2011



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## Reservation Details

- **Confirmation Number: 88397019**
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- **Check-out:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 (12:00 PM)
- Room type: Guest room, 1 King or 2 Double
- **Number of rooms:** 1
- **Guests per room:** 1
- **Guest name:** ELMO COLLINS
- **Reservation confirmed:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 (23:25:00 GMT)
- **Guarantee method:** Credit card guarantee, Visa

### Special request(s):

- 1 King Bed, Guaranteed
- No ID Needed at Check-In, Request Noted

Summary of Room Charges	Cost per night per room (USD)
Monday, March 21, 2011 - Tuesday, March 22, 2011 ( 1 night )	108.00
Govt/military rate, federal government ID required	
Estimated government taxes and fees	14.21
<b>Total for stay (for all rooms)</b>	<b>122.21</b>



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**From:** [Coyne, Kevin](#)  
**To:** [Santiago, Patricia](#)  
**Cc:** [Helton, Donald](#); [Kuritzky, Alan](#); [Scott, Michael](#); [Coe, Doug](#); [Gibson, Kathy](#)  
**Subject:** Severe Accident Research in DRA  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:59:00 PM

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Pat –

We do have one key project in Level 2 PRA that you might want to include in the EDO Q&As. Here's a quick description:

*Research is being conducted to develop advanced risk assessment modeling techniques (e.g., dynamic probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) using simulation based methods) to improve the state-of-the practice in PRA severe accident modeling. Key goals of this research include increased analysis realism, reduced reliance on modeling simplification, and improved the treatment of human interactions with the reactor plant system.*

Please let me know if you need anything additional, have questions, or need additional support with Commission meeting slides.

Kevin

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**From:** [Rossi, Roberta](#)  
**To:** [Leeds, Eric](#)  
**Subject:** FW: FYI-Heard on WTOP tonight 7:06PM about a UCS Rpt released today (Open)  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:37:49 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Hi,  
20 mins ago, while driving, due to urgency, I left this on your home answering machine. Am sending you this fm my hm in case you're at Op Ctr. Also, my message was long and Gail/Zach might think, "what was this woman talking about?" Thought you'd want to know since you are Mr. Nuc Rctr. Roy will be at Op Ctr 11PM ish Thurs & Fri nts.

Who needs OPA when you have Bobbi? Take care and hang in there. I can't imagine the chaos.

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**From:** Rossi, Roberta  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:34 PM  
**To:** Zimmerman, Roy  
**Subject:** FYI-Heard on WTOP tonight 7:06PM about a UCS Rpt released today (Open)  
**Importance:** High

Hi Roy,

You might want to try to catch this assuming it repeats every ½ hr. My details sketchy—I was in McD's drive thru.

This was on WTOP's/CBS Evening News Roundup...

**Today, UCS released a report indicating that the NRC had cited? 14 NPPs last year for things such as faulty wires?, lack of training, etc. (Something like) Hats off? to the NRC (a positive statement followed).** (I was paying and it was chaos in the car.)

Since Lisa was at wk when I left, I called her and she indicated she'd listen for it. I'm figuring it came fm the Allegations Annual Rpt.

Take care.

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**From:** [Miller, Ilyne](#)  
**To:** [Grobe, Jack](#); [Khanna, Meena](#); [McGinty, Tim](#); [Pelton, David](#); [Klein, Alex](#); [Dennig, Robert](#)  
**Cc:** [Cohen, Shari](#)  
**Subject:** RE: KM Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:51:44 PM

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Sorry, I have a conflict...I'm working with Patricia and a couple staff leads at that time developing Jody's KM vision. The team will do a great job without me.

Have a great weekend...☺

Ilyne

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Cohen, Shari **On Behalf Of** Grobe, Jack  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:14 PM  
**To:** Miller, Ilyne; Khanna, Meena; McGinty, Tim; Pelton, David; Klein, Alex; Dennig, Robert  
**Cc:** Cohen, Shari  
**Subject:** KM Meeting  
**When:** Monday, March 21, 2011 1:30 PM-2:30 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** 13D20

----- x ----- x ----- This meeting will be  
rescheduled-----x -----

POP to follow as per/ I Miller (x 7184)

Meeting scheduled by Shari Cohen on March 11, 2011 at 3:24 (x1270)

Notes from NRR Knowledge Management (KM) Working Group (WG) Meeting

February 23, 2011

Attendees:

Meena Khanna

Bob Dennig

Albert Wong

Ilyne Miller

An NRR KM WG meeting was held to discuss proposed members to serve on the KM Task Group (TG). To date, the following names have been submitted for consideration: Evan Davidson, Russ Haskell, Ron Schmitt, and Billy Jessup. The working group would like to

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include a representative from the CPA and perhaps an administrative assistant. The WG agreed that 6 members would be appropriate to serve on the TG. In addition, it was discussed that WG wanted to focus on inviting staff members that have a passion or interest with regards to KM.

In addition, the WG discussed the draft action plan for the KM Task Group with regards to implementing an effective KM program in NRR. The KM WG agreed to narrow the scope of work for the TG to the Branch Specific Training Plans, with the goal of improving and standardizing the plans. It was agreed that by strengthening the Branch Specific Training Plans, which constitute the treasury of corporate knowledge, NRR will continue to sustain and maintain institutional capacity.

The action items that resulted from the meeting include the following:

1. KM WG members to submit additional names/recommendations to serve on the KM Task Group to Meena and Ilyne by Wednesday, March 2.
2. Meena and Ilyne to revise KM TG Action Plan and send to Working Group by Friday, February 25.
3. KM WG to submit final comments to KM TG Action Plan to Meena and Ilyne by Wednesday, March 2.

#### *NRR Action Plan*

#### *Knowledge Management (KM) – Task Group (TG) Initiatives*

*February 25, 2011*

#### ***Purpose:***

To enhance NRR's knowledge management (KM) program

#### ***Scope of Action Plan:***

Review existing Branch Specific Training Plan (BSTP) template with NRR BCs to suggest ideas for strengthening and providing consistent application of the BSTPs within the Office.

Provide recommendation(s) to the KM Working Group (WG) for path forward regarding how NRR might consider revising the BSTPs and confirm that all updated BSTPs are captured and accessible in the NRC Knowledge Center.

#### ***Actions/Milestones:***

<b>Task</b>	<b>Responsible KM Member</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
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Conduct initial meeting with KM Task Group (TG) to discuss expectations and milestones.		
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KM WG 3/16/2011

KM TG to survey NRR BCs to review template and work with the BCs to recommend suggestions for strengthening BTSPs. KM TG 4/6/2011

KM TG to provide recommendation to KM WG for path forward. 4/20/2011

## Dean, Bill

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**From:** Dean, Bill  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:26 PM  
**To:** Baker, Pamela; Lew, David; Roberts, Darrell; Clifford, James; Wilson, Peter; Weerakkody, Sunil; Lorson, Raymond; Collins, Daniel; Walker, Tracy  
**Cc:** Iyer, Shri; Matakas, Gina; ODaniell, Cynthia; Heater, Keith; Bearde, Diane; Haverkamp, Trisha; Larche, Linda  
**Subject:** Re: CFC Awards Breakfast - 3/22/11

Great news for us. I am sure I can be made available. Shri should be available for sure. An honor for the region as a whole that we will want to promote!

Bill Dean  
Regional Administrator  
Region I, USNRC  
Sent from NRC BlackBerry

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**From:** Baker, Pamela  
**To:** Lew, David; Dean, Bill; Roberts, Darrell; Clifford, James; Wilson, Peter; Weerakkody, Sunil; Lorson, Raymond; Collins, Daniel; Walker, Tracy  
**Cc:** Iyer, Shri; Matakas, Gina; ODaniell, Cynthia; Heater, Keith; Bearde, Diane; Haverkamp, Trisha; Larche, Linda  
**Sent:** Thu Mar 17 18:28:30 2011  
**Subject:** CFC Awards Breakfast - 3/22/11

Region I and staff have received the following Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) recognition from the 2010 local Federal Coordinating Committee of the Southeastern Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley area and has been extended an invitation to the 2010 CFC Awards and Recognition Program.

Top Performer – NRC Region I  
Leadership Award – Bill Dean  
Most Valuable Contributors - Ami Rao, Sarah Rich, Christine O'Rourke, James Dwyer, William Dean, Arthur Burritt, Shawn Seeley  
Outstanding Individual Fund Raiser – Shri Iyer

The awards program is being held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Center City Hotel (17<sup>th</sup> and Race Street Philadelphia, PA 19103) on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

In the past, we have had a senior manager and the CFC coordinator represent the region at the awards program. If Bill is not available, I can attend along with Shri.

We have also received certificates for the Most Valuable Contributors and recommend presenting those during the April 4<sup>th</sup> all employee's meeting.

Please advise your respective concurrence or concerns on the recommended approach. I apologize for the late notice of this event.

Thank You,  
Pam

**From:** Weber, Michael  
**To:** Sheron, Brian  
**Cc:** Virgilio, Martin; Borchardt, Bill; Hayden, Elizabeth; Bowman, Gregory; Wittick, Brian; Leeds, Eric; Boger, Bruce; Uhle, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Response - NBC deadline question for NRC on seismic hazard estimates  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 9:41:06 PM

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Thanks for the headsup, Brian.

----- Original Message -----

From: Sheron, Brian  
To: Brenner, Eliot; Virgilio, Martin; Weber, Michael  
Cc: Uhle, Jennifer  
Sent: Thu Mar 17 21:34:28 2011  
Subject: FW: NBC deadline question for NRC on seismic hazard estimates

fyi.

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From: Bill Dedman [Bill.Dedman@msnbc.com]  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:49 PM  
To: Burnell, Scott  
Cc: Manoly, Kamal; Sheron, Brian; Hiland, Patrick; OPA Resource  
Subject: RE: NBC deadline question for NRC on seismic hazard estimates

Scott,

Reporters from other news organizations are telling me that you're telling them that our numbers are wrong.

Is that true?

I'm making clear to these reporters:

Don't be misled. NRC hasn't said our numbers are wrong. I checked my interpretation with Scott Burnell in Public Affairs, who checked with the NRC technical staff before publication. No challenge from NRC has arrived after publication.

After all, they're NRC's numbers.

What NRC is saying is that it doesn't do rankings. That's right. We did, from NRC's data. That's what the story says. (If the NRC was publishing the American League East standings, it would list them alphabetically. That's OK with me: Yankees would be last.)

You can see for yourself in the NRC report that:

- NRC says the risk of quakes in the central and eastern states is higher than previously thought.
- It still thinks plants are safe.
- but their margin of safety is reduced.
- and some plants are now near the point where they should be re-examined, and perhaps retrofitted.
- and the staff says this should now move from being a research issue to a regulatory issue.
- and it has made its best estimates of the frequency (chance, odds) of an earthquake that would cause core damage to a plant, and those are in Appendix D, last column on the right.

Here are the links, which are also at the bottom of the article:

Resources

These links open in a new window.

The NRC report with new earthquake risk estimates <<http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/Sections/NEWS/quake%20nrc%20risk%20estimates.pdf>>, "Generic Issue 199 (GI-199), Implications of Updated Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Estimates in Central and Eastern United States on Existing Plants, Safety/Risk Assessment," August 2010. PDF file. Note: Data for individual reactors are in appendix D. How to interpret the figures: Indian Point 3, in Appendix D, shows a value of 1.0E-04. That's scientific notation for 0.0001, or one out of 10,000. It says 04, and it gets three (04 minus 1) zeros between the decimal place and the value. I converted that to the words 1 in 10,000 chance each year.

An NRC fact sheet <<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/fs-seismic-issues.html>> from November 2010, "Seismic Issues for Existing Nuclear Power Plants."

Earthquake history of each state <<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/states/>>, from the USGS.

A USGS brochure describing the changes in the 2008 seismic hazard maps <<http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/Sections/NEWS/usgs%202008%20seismic%20hazard%20maps.pdf>>. PDF

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file.

The NRC database of active nuclear reactors<<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/list-power-reactor-units.html>> in the U.S. Each reactor name links to technical and safety documents.

Industry response to questions<<http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/Sections/NEWS/industry%20faq%20on%20japanese%20situation.pdf>> about the situation in Japan. PDF file.

A scientific paper describing the New Madrid earthquake<<http://articles.adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1996AREPS..24..339J/0000339.000.html>>, and what can be learned by melding modern science with writings from long ago.

A brochure with a table comparing values for magnitude and peak ground acceleration<<http://www.mgs.md.gov/esic/brochures/earthquake.html>>.

The ranking of 104 nuclear plants by risk, by msnbc.com from NRC data, in an Excel spreadsheet file<<http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/Sections/NEWS/earthquake%20risk%20table%20msnbc.com%20public%20file.xls>>.  
Bill

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<<http://www.breakingnews.com/>>

From: Burnell, Scott [<mailto:Scott.Burnell@nrc.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:25 AM  
To: Bill Dedman  
Subject: RE: Numbers

Bill;

I understand you're making a honest effort to convey the latest research, but I have no doubt the technical staff are going to have significant problems with how you've presented it. I'll pass along whatever specific technical corrections they provide.

Scott

From: Bill Dedman  
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:44 AM  
To: 'Kamal.Manoly@nrc.gov'; 'brian.sheron@nrc.gov'; 'patrick.hiland@nrc.gov'; 'OPA.Resource@nrc.gov'  
Subject: RE: NBC deadline question for NRC on seismic hazard estimates

This story is online now. If you see any error, please let me know right away.

Thanks,

Bill

[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42103936/ns/world\\_news-asiapacific/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42103936/ns/world_news-asiapacific/)

From: Bill Dedman  
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 9:06 AM  
To: 'Kamal.Manoly@nrc.gov'; 'brian.sheron@nrc.gov'; 'patrick.hiland@nrc.gov'; 'OPA.Resource@nrc.gov'  
Subject: NBC deadline question for NRC on seismic hazard estimates

Good morning,

My name is Bill Dedman. I'm a reporter for NBC News and msnbc.com, writing an article today about:

**SAFETY/RISK ASSESSMENT RESULTS FOR GENERIC ISSUE 199, "IMPLICATIONS OF UPDATED PROBABILISTIC SEISMIC HAZARD ESTIMATES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN UNITED STATES ON EXISTING PLANTS"**

I reached out to NRC Public Affairs yesterday but have not heard back, and my deadline is end-of-day today. I'm hoping to get on the phone today with someone from NRC to make sure I'm conveying this information accurately to the public. If nothing else, I'm hoping one of the technical people can help clarify the points below. My telephone number is 203-451-9995.

I've read Director Brian Sheron's memo of Sept. 2, 2010, to Mr. Patrick Hiland; the safety/risk assessment of August 2010; its appendices A through D; NRC Information Notice 2010-18; and the fact sheet from public affairs from November 2010.

I have these questions:

1. I'd like to make sure that I accurately place in layman's terms the seismic hazard estimates. I need to make sure that I'm understanding the nomenclature for expressing the seismic core-damage frequencies. Let's say there's an estimate expressed as "2.5E-06." (I'm looking at Table D-2 of the safety/risk assessment of August 2010.) I believe that this expression means the same as  $2.5 \times 10^{-06}$ , or 0.0000025, or 2.5 divided by one million. In layman's terms, that means an expectation, on average, of 2.5 events every million years, or once every 400,000 years. Similarly, "2.5E-05" would be 2.5 divided by 100,000, or 2.5 events every 100,000 years, on average, or once every 40,000 years. Is this correct?
2. These documents give updated probabilistic seismic hazard estimates for existing nuclear power plants in the Central and Eastern U.S. What document has the latest seismic hazard estimates (probabilistic or not) for existing nuclear power plants in the Western U.S.?
3. The documents refer to newer data on the way. Have NRC, USGS et al. released those? I'm referring to this: "New consensus seismic-hazard estimates will become available in late 2010 or early 2011 (these are a product of a joint NRC, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) project). These consensus seismic hazard estimates will supersede the existing EPRI, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and USGS hazard estimates used in the GI-199 Safety/Risk Assessment."
4. What is the timetable now for consideration of any regulatory changes from this research?

Thank you for your help.

Regards,

Bill Dedman

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**From:** [PMDAInfoNotice Resource](#)  
**To:** [NRR Distribution](#)  
**Subject:** REQUEST FOR FLOOR MONITOR VOLUNTEERS  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:57:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [Description of Responsibilities.docx](#)

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**- PMDA INFORMATION NOTICE -**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2011**

**IN NUMBER: 11-031**

**CONTACT: Lauren Claggett ([Lauren.Claggett@nrc.gov](mailto:Lauren.Claggett@nrc.gov)), Ext. 7216**

To update the information for the Occupant Emergency Plan, the Program Management, Policy Development & Analysis Staff will need to coordinate with the Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) designated Floor Coordinators. See list of NRR Floor Coordinators below.

<b>Floor</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>7</b>	Russell Haskell Robert Bernardo
<b>8</b>	Michael Markley Sean Meighan Mohan Thadani
<b>9</b>	Kaydian Beckford Juan Uribe
<b>10</b>	Brian Lee <b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>11</b>	Rodneshia Green Allison Travers
<b>12</b>	Nathan Brown Jocelyn Craig
<b>13</b>	Gary Tharpe Cynthia Dorsey

Currently, NRR is in need of the following positions:

Stairwell Monitors for floors 7, 10, 11 and 13

Floor Monitor for the 11<sup>th</sup> floor

Disable Occupant Escorts for floors 7 and 8

If you wish to participate as a volunteer, please see the attached description of responsibilities for monitors and escorts.

Submit your requests to Lauren Claggett by COB March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Sandra Walker, Acting Branch Chief  
Infrastructure Services Branch  
Program Management, Policy Development  
and Analysis Staff  
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## **Description of Responsibilities for Monitors and Escorts.**

### **EXIT MONITOR**

The Exit Monitors will:

- Go to the outside of the assigned stairwell during an emergency situation requiring the evacuation of occupants.
- Accept reports from floor monitors during building evacuations.
- Provide reports to a member of the ERT (i.e., security guard, administrative assistant, OEC, or DO).
- Report to the OEC upon completion of the evacuation for further instructions.

### **FLOOR COORDINATOR**

The Floor Coordinators will:

- Contact persons known to have disabilities or special medical needs to ensure that they are prepared for various scenarios and that each individual knows who has been designated as their monitor.
- Notify the NMSS ERT Coordinator at least quarterly of any changes to the ERT on their assigned floor.
- Notify the Chief, Facilities Management Branch, and the Administrative Assistant of any changes or encumbrances to egress routes.
- Ensure that Floor and Stairwell Monitors establish clear areas of responsibility on their floors.
- Serve as a Floor or stairwell Monitor, as needed.

### **FLOOR MONITOR**

The Floor Monitors will:

- Upon notification, via the fire alarm or PA announcement, to evacuate the building, provide direction and assistance to expedite the orderly evacuation of all occupants on the assigned floor.
- Wear an identifying item of clothing (armband/vest).
- Check restrooms, computer rooms, conference rooms, break rooms, workspaces, closets, showers and other areas to ensure that all occupants on the floor have been evacuated. All doors should remain unlocked after the monitor has verified that the space has been evacuated.
- Be aware of disabled persons working on the floor and, if necessary, provide assistance for their evacuation.
- Report the names and locations of disabled persons and their monitors, waiting to be evacuated from their assigned floor, to the nearest fire official. If a fire official cannot be located, call 9-911 and the CAS (301-415-2000).
- When evacuating the building, personally report the evacuation status (i.e., "all clear" or that a disabled person and monitor are waiting to be evacuated by the fire department) of the assigned floor to the exit monitor or, if an exit monitor is not available, to the nearest security guard.
- Assist staff entering into designated safe areas during a Sheltering in Place (SIP) event. Staff should be moved to internal space away from windows and out of rest rooms.

## **STAIRWELL MONITOR**

The Stairwell Monitors will:

- Upon notification of a fire or an announcement to evacuate, report to the assigned stairwell and quickly inspect the stairwell for heat and smoke before allowing others to enter.
- Wear an identifying item of clothing (armband/vest), use a flashlight, and carry a floor plan.
- Ensure that occupants in the office space enter and exit the stairwell in an orderly manner.
- Encourage occupants to remain calm.
- Direct occupants to form a single line along the right side of the stairwell. (Local emergency officials may also need access via the stairwell.)
- Close the stairwell door and proceed down the stairwell after receiving notification from the floor monitors that the floor has been checked and the last person has left the floor.
- If a Floor Monitor is not present, check his/her assigned area after employees have completed exiting via the stairwell.
- Ensure that no one uses the stairs to leave designated safe areas.

## **DISABLED PERSON MONITOR**

The Disabled Person Monitors will:

- Assist disabled occupants in evacuating the building during an emergency.
- Know the name and office location of the assigned disabled persons, the type of disability, and the location of any special equipment, such as a wheelchair or cane.
- During an evacuation, go directly to the office or workspace of assigned disabled person. If the person is not there, attempt to locate him/her.
- Accompany the assigned disabled person to the nearest stairwell. If there is no smoke or fire, wait outside the stairwell. Call 9-911 only if the assigned disabled person is in immediate danger or if that person is unable to reach a stairwell.
- Wait until most of the evacuees have passed, if evacuating at the stairwell. Then, if possible, assist the disabled person into the stairwell and down the stairs. If the disabled person cannot descend the stairs with assistance, remain inside the stairwell and wait for evacuation by fire department personnel.
- If the staff is being assembled for accountability and the assigned disabled person is unable to go to the assembly location, locate an ERT member (i.e., a security guard, the OEC, or other team member) or civil authority for assistance in moving that person to a safe location. Then go to the assembly location and make a report for your assigned disabled person.
- If the assigned disabled person cannot be located promptly, proceed to the nearest stairwell and exit the building. Inform an ERT member or the disabled person's supervisor that the assigned disabled employee could not be located.

**From:** [Monninger, John](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Subject:** Out of Office: Additional support  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:13:47 PM

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I am away from the office on Official Government Travel.

If you require assistance from the Office of the Chairman, please call 301-415-1750.

Thanks,  
John Monninger

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**From:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**To:** [Cianci, Sandra](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Call for Marty Virgilio from Tom Roberts, Naval Reactors  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:36:00 PM

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Sandy

Please follow up with Tom and let him know that I can be reached in the ops center from 7  
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Marty

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**From:** Cianci, Sandra  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:00 PM  
**To:** Virgilio, Martin  
**Subject:** FW: Call for Marty Virgilio from Tom Roberts, Naval Reactors

Marty,

Please see information below. Tom has requested to speak with you. Thank you

*Sandy Cianci*

*Administrative Assistant to Marty Virgilio, DEDR  
Office of the Executive Director for Operations  
O-17 H13  
301-415-1714  
sandra.cianci@nrc.gov*

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**From:** Steger (Tucci), Christine  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:00 PM  
**To:** Cianci, Sandra  
**Subject:** Call for Marty Virgilio from Tom Roberts, Naval Reactors

Call for Marty Virgilio from Tom Roberts, Naval Reactors  
Number: 202-781-6225

Thanks,  
Christine

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**From:** [OST03.HOC](#)  
**To:** [OST01.HOC](#); [OST02.HOC](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Parking Permit  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 1:38:39 AM

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Please stop by the EST Support Desk (Outside ET Room in the Ops Center) to pick-up your Emergency Parking Permit. If you currently have a generic emergency parking permit (your name is not on it) then please return that to the EST Support Desk. If you have any questions please email [OST01.hoc@nrc.gov](mailto:OST01.hoc@nrc.gov) or [OST02.hoc@nrc.gov](mailto:OST02.hoc@nrc.gov)

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**From:** [Muessle, Mary](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Subject:** Out of Office: comprehensive review  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 2:28:41 AM

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I am out of the office after 5:00 Wednesday, March 16th. I will be in the office until 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 17th and out Friday March 18th. Please contact Mindy Landau 301-415-1703 or Jim Andersen for 301-415-1725 assistance.

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**From:** Droggitis, Spiros  
**To:** Sheron, Brian; Schmidt, Rebecca; Johnson, Michael; Haney, Catherine; Borchardt, Bill; Leeds, Eric  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee; Flory, Shirley; Dorman, Dan; Powell, Amy; Virgilio, Martin; Riley (OCA), Timothy  
**Subject:** Re: Phone Congressional Liaison Team Briefing  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 4:33:07 AM

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OK, thanks

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Sheron, Brian  
**To:** Droggitis, Spiros; Schmidt, Rebecca; Johnson, Michael; Haney, Catherine; Borchardt, Bill; Leeds, Eric  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee; Flory, Shirley; Dorman, Dan; Powell, Amy; Virgilio, Martin; Riley (OCA), Timothy  
**Sent:** Thu Mar 17 22:13:43 2011  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Congressional Liaison Team Briefing

Spiros, Shirley Florey will contact you tomorrow morning with the dates I'm available to take the calls. I think we decided there were 3 days I could do it. She'll give you the dates.

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**From:** Droggitis, Spiros  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:51 PM  
**To:** Schmidt, Rebecca; Johnson, Michael; Haney, Catherine; Borchardt, Bill; Sheron, Brian; Leeds, Eric  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee; Flory, Shirley; Dorman, Dan; Powell, Amy; Virgilio, Martin; Riley (OCA), Timothy  
**Subject:** RE: Phone Congressional Liaison Team Briefing

To follow-up on Becky's request, here is the draft schedule for the daily Congressional staff calls which will be at 3:00 pm every day.

March 18 – Mike Johnson  
March 19 –  
March 20 –  
March 21 –  
March 22 – Mike Johnson  
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March 24 –  
March 25 –

I would appreciate if Cathy, Eric and Brian could give me slots that they would be able to cover for the calls so I can finalize the schedule. We'll provide the calling information later. Thanks for your help, Spiros

**From:** Schmidt, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Michael; Haney, Catherine; Borchardt, Bill; Sheron, Brian; Leeds, Eric  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee; Flory, Shirley; Dorman, Dan; Droggitis, Spiros; Powell, Amy; Virgilio, Martin  
**Subject:** Phone Congressional Liaison Team Briefing

All—We had our first call to Congressional staffers at 1:30 today. The call lasted about 1 hour. We invited over 500 staffers to listen in and ask questions. Mike and his team did a great job. It was good to spend the extra time today providing background material to them, but I'm thinking that we will probably shorten our briefing and instead answer more questions in the future. Spiros will be contacting you to set the schedule for the next several days. We will be doing the call at 3:00 daily. This effort is different than the 2 briefings tomorrow on the Hill. Thanks for all your help! Becky

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From: Johnson, Michael  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 2:57 PM  
To: Haney, Catherine; Borchardt, Bill; Schmidt, Rebecca; Sheron, Brian; Leeds, Eric  
Cc: Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee; Flory, Shirley; Dorman, Dan  
Subject: Re:

I can't support before late afternoon. I am planning on supporting a call at 300 tomorrow.  
From my blackberry.

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From: Haney, Catherine  
To: Borchardt, Bill; Schmidt, Rebecca; Sheron, Brian; Leeds, Eric; Johnson, Michael  
Cc: Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee; Flory, Shirley; Dorman, Dan  
Sent: Thu Mar 17 13:47:00 2011  
Subject: RE:

Seems to me that Brian might be the best candidate since he is already downtown. I tried calling him to discuss who would go. Shirley told me that Brian was at DOE (meeting doesn't end until 5 pm) and that his schedule on Friday was open. She tentatively put the 11:45 briefing on his schedule.

I'm happy to be a back up. If Brian can't do it, I'd like to go down and listen in on the 9:30 briefing.

Unfortunately, we might not have a firm answer until later this evening unless Mike J wants to volunteer in Brian's place.

As an aside, I'm scheduled to leave for France on Saturday afternoon. I spoke with Mike W last night about whether I should cancel. The view was I should continue with the trip. Of course, I can change plans up until I get on the plane. You might want to consider using Dan as a communicator next week. I will leave my "go to book" for him.

From: Borchardt, Bill  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:00 PM  
To: Schmidt, Rebecca; Sheron, Brian; Leeds, Eric; Haney, Catherine; Johnson, Michael  
Cc: Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee  
Subject: RE:

Unfortunately this would conflict with the NRC all hands briefing. Can 1 of the 4 "communicators" handle the 11:45?

From: Schmidt, Rebecca  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:48 PM  
To: Sheron, Brian; Borchardt, Bill; Leeds, Eric; Haney, Catherine; Johnson, Michael  
Cc: Weber, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc; Taylor, Renee  
Subject: RE:

The House has now asked for the same briefing at 11:45. Bill are you available for that one too?

From: Sheron, Brian  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:05 AM  
To: Borchardt, Bill; Leeds, Eric; Haney, Catherine; Johnson, Michael  
Cc: Weber, Michael; Schmidt, Rebecca; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc  
Subject: RE:

I should be able to attend. I'll meet you in the ops center around 7am.

From: Borchardt, Bill  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 9:44 AM  
To: Leeds, Eric; Haney, Catherine; Sheron, Brian; Johnson, Michael  
Cc: Weber, Michael; Schmidt, Rebecca; Batkin, Joshua; HOO Hoc  
Subject:



Senate EPW staff has requested a briefing Fri @9:30 (location TBD). I believe that Pete Lyons will be representing DOE. I am planning to represent NRC. I invite any of the 4 addressees of this email (the 4 new "Communicators") to come along to get a sense of what the hill is interested in, etc. It is totally your call. I plan to be in the ops center at 7am to get a last minute update and then take metro (7:45) downtown.

Please let me know whether you plan to attend or not.

Bill

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**To:** [Leeds, Eric](#)  
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By Emily Long

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2. **Three-week funding measure headed to president**

By Humberto Sanchez, National Journal

Senate approves House resolution to fund government through April 8th.

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3. **Administration falling short on FOIA compliance, critics say**

By Robert Brodsky

Agencies are not responding to document requests with the openness President Obama promised, observers charge.

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By George A. Warner

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By Matthew Cooper, National Journal

President orders study of nuclear plant safety in the United States.

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By Kellie Lunney

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By Tim Fernholz, National Journal

Two bills approach public project financing from different directions: investments and bond underwriting.

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By Stacy Kaper, National Journal

Financial institutions guilty of precipitating an economic collapse must be held accountable, she says.

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By Kellie Lunney

*Outside the bureaucracy, looking in.*

**Thursday, March 17, 4:18 p.m. ET:**

The Office of Personnel Management now is handling inquiries related to benefits for federal annuitants who died during the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Affected family members and other individuals can call 202-606-8142 to report deaths and/or advise the government of any disruptions in April 1, 2011 annuity payments.

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13. **Executive Coach: Why Google is Teaching Its Managers to Wash the Dishes**

By Scott Eblin

*Taking your career to the next level.*

**Thursday, March 17, 2:30 p.m. ET:**

The *New York Times* recently ran an article about what Google has done lately to share the practices of its best managers throughout the company. Being Google, a bunch of statisticians started looking for correlations in the words and phrases that came up again and again in performance reviews, feedback surveys and recognition nominations. The end result was a simple yet elegant list of eight things that the best Google managers do.

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14. **Tech Insider: Vivek Kundra, Video Star**

By Tom Shoop

*What's happening and what's being discussed in the federal IT community.*

**Thursday, March 17, 2:46 p.m. ET:**

Last year, the Obama administration started producing a series of "White House Whiteboard" videos to highlight administration policies and initiatives. The latest edition features none other than federal CIO Vivek Kundra, discussing the ins and outs of the [Federal IT Dashboard](#) and the administration's TechStat review sessions:

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Some general guidance about options when it comes to providing for a surviving spouse.

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**Subject:** Re: St Lucie SRI relocation  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 5:16:31 AM

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Thanks Marty.

Vic

This email is being sent from an NRC Blackberry device.

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**From:** Virgilio, Martin  
**To:** McCree, Victor  
**Cc:** Wert, Leonard; Sanfilippo, Nathan; Leeds, Eric; Grobe, Jack; Boger, Bruce  
**Sent:** Fri Mar 18 03:09:47 2011  
**Subject:** St Lucie SRI relocation

Vic

I approve.

Marty

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**From:** Davenport, Patricia  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:41 AM  
**To:** Virgilio, Martin; Wert, Leonard; McCree, Victor; Croteau, Rick; Jones, William; Rich, Daniel; Coleman, Judy  
**Cc:** Cianci, Sandra  
**Subject:** St Lucie SRI relocation

Attached is the St. Lucie SRI relocation time extension memo.

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BY ALIYA STERNSTEIN

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Full story: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110317\\_4406.php?oref=rss?zone=NGtoday](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110317_4406.php?oref=rss?zone=NGtoday)

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### ▪ **Cybersecurity education initiative seeks training metrics**

BY ALIYA STERNSTEIN

Coordinating interagency efforts to train aspiring cybersecurity specialists, federal employees and the public on data protection is a tall order for Ernest McDuffie, the lead manager for the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education. Activities to promote safe Web surfing habits include a public awareness campaign, formal cybersecurity education programs, federal workforce training and a new Internet ID system. McDuffie is tracking agencies' progress on all this schooling.

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BY JOSH SMITH, NATIONAL JOURNAL

Rep. Jim Langevin, D-R.I., unveiled a comprehensive cybersecurity bill Wednesday that would establish a national office to coordinate responses to Internet attacks and give the Department of Homeland Security the authority to decide which private networks can be regulated as "critical infrastructure."

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- **National broadband plan accomplishing most of its goals, FCC says**

BY JOSH SMITH, NATIONAL JOURNAL

One year after the Federal Communications Commission released its National Broadband Plan, federal officials tout the past year's accomplishments while critics say the agency is moving too slowly and becoming distracted by the net neutrality debate. The truth is, both sides are right to a degree.

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BY ALIYA STERNSTEIN

The Homeland Security Department improperly awarded CACI a contract worth nearly \$500 million for a financial management system by changing contract requirements mid-competition without allowing vendors to submit revised proposals, according to a legal decision by federal auditors.

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- **Private sector not adequately defending U.S. cyberspace, security expert warns**

BY WILLIAM MATTHEWS

For more than a decade, the United States has relied mainly on voluntary action by private companies to protect the nation's critical cyber infrastructure, but "it's not working," a cybersecurity expert told lawmakers.

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- **Agencies on track to implement White House IT strategy, CIOs say**

BY GEORGE A. WARNER

The Obama administration's recently-unveiled information technology roadmap is helping agencies push forward toward their IT goals, according to leading government chief information officers who spoke at a conference roundtable on Wednesday. But much work remains to be done before declaring success, the CIOs warned.

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- **Group says biometric screening could reduce airport hassle**

BY SARA SORCHER, NATIONAL JOURNAL

A voluntary biometric screening system to identify "trusted" air travelers will reduce the hassle of air travel and free up Transportation Security Administration employees to look more closely at higher-risk passengers, security and travel experts said on Wednesday.

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▪ **Defense/VA Health Record Decision Day?**

BY BOB BREWIN | 3/17/11 | 5:23 P.M. ET

I'm picking up medium strength signals that top managers at the Defense and Veterans Affairs Departments have a meeting this week -- possibly today -- on development of a single electronic health record for the two departments.

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## WIRED WORKPLACE

A Look at Issues Facing Federal IT Workers

- **Mobile Government Challenges**

BY BRITTANY BALLESTEDT | 3/16/11 | 1:56 P.M. ET

GovLoop last week held a web-based training session on common mobile challenges at federal agencies that featured the State Department's Gary Galloway and Microsoft's Steve White. GovLoop is now sharing some of the poll results from its training session.

Read More: [http://wiredworkplace.nextgov.com/2011/03/mobile\\_government\\_challenges.php](http://wiredworkplace.nextgov.com/2011/03/mobile_government_challenges.php)

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- **Google Apps for Government**

BY BRITTANY BALLESTEDT | 3/16/11 | 11:33 A.M. ET

*Government Computer News* has a review of the Google Apps for Government suite that enables federal workers to collaborate online through a variety of tools. The ramped-up version of Google's popular free application suite caters exclusively to government users, is more secure than what the public uses and offers more tools to government agencies, *GCN* reports.

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## CYBERSECURITY REPORT

Updates on the battle to protect data and systems

- **Anonymous: Muckrakers, Gray Hackers, or Criminals?**

BY JESSICA HERRERA-FLANIGAN | 3/17/11 | 11:28 A.M. ET

In John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, a man with a muck rake looks downward and rakes endlessly, constantly tackling the muck on the floor without looking up. President Theodore Roosevelt used that image at the turn of the last century to describe a group of investigative journalists intent on exposing waste, fraud, abuse, and related social issues surrounding corrupt politicians, businessmen and companies.

Read More:

[http://cybersecurityreport.nextgov.com/2011/03/anonymous\\_muckrakers\\_gray\\_hackers\\_or\\_criminals.php](http://cybersecurityreport.nextgov.com/2011/03/anonymous_muckrakers_gray_hackers_or_criminals.php)

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The latest developments in the e-health world

- **Bending Health IT's Learning Curve**

BY JOHN PULLEY | 3/16/11 | 2:53 P.M. ET

Can you teach an old doc new tricks? That's what hospitals are trying to figure out as they grapple with how to train physicians and other clinicians on new health IT systems.

Read More: [http://healthitupdate.nextgov.com/2011/03/can\\_you\\_teach\\_an\\_old.php](http://healthitupdate.nextgov.com/2011/03/can_you_teach_an_old.php)

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- **Despite Benefits, Hurdles Remain for EHR**

BY ROSS GIANFORTUNE | 3/16/11 | 12:18 P.M. ET

Even though health IT efforts are worthwhile despite the costs, two anecdotal newspaper stories illustrate the serious roadblocks to implementation.

Read More: [http://healthitupdate.nextgov.com/2011/03/despite\\_benefits\\_hurdles\\_still\\_remain\\_for\\_ehr.php](http://healthitupdate.nextgov.com/2011/03/despite_benefits_hurdles_still_remain_for_ehr.php)

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**OTHER EVENTS:**

- **Veterans Disability Compensation Issues**

*Veterans Affairs Department (VA) (F.R. Page 11855) - Meeting [ 08:30 am, 03/21/2011 ]*

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Veterans Affairs Department (VA) (F.R. Page 11855) holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, March 21-22.

Agenda includes: Briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and other VA benefits programs; and public comments

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**Contact:** Corina Negrescu, 202-461- 9752 (+WAFE611+)

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• **IRS Small Business Customer Service**

*Treasury Department; Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (F.R. Page 6190) - Meeting [ 09:00 am, 03/22/2011 ]*

Treasury Department; Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (F.R. Page 6190) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Small Business/Self Employed Correspondence Exam Toll Free Project Committee to solicit public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**Location:** None given

**Contact:** Timothy Shepard, 888-912-1227; <http://www.improveirs.org> [Note: See contact for dial-in information.] (+WAFE709+)

• **DOE Scientific Computing**

*Energy Department (DOE); Office of Science (F.R. Page 9765) - Meeting [ 09:00 am, 03/22/2011 ]*

Energy Department (DOE); Office of Science (F.R. Page 9765) holds a meeting of the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee (ASCAC), March 22-23.

Agenda includes: Advanced Scientific Computing Research program updates; ARRA update; Technical talks on exascale relevant research; ASCAC Committee of Visitors (COV) update and new business

**Location:** American Geophysical Union (AGU), 2000 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Melea Baker, 301-903-7486, [Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov](mailto:Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov) (+WAFE741+)

• **HHS Health IT**

*Health and Human Services Department (HHS); Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (HIT) (F.R. Page 2910) - Meeting [ 10:00 am, 03/22/2011 ]*

Health and Human Services Department (HHS); Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (HIT) (F.R. Page 2910) holds a meeting by teleconference of the HIT Policy Committee Meaningful Use Workgroup to discuss recommendations it should make relative to meaningful use Stage 2.

**Location:** None given

**Contact:** Judy Sparrow, 202-205-4528, [judy.sparrow@hhs.gov](mailto:judy.sparrow@hhs.gov) [Note: All workgroup meetings will be available via webcast; visit <http://healthit.hhs.gov> for instructions on how to listen via telephone or Web.] (+WAFE029+)

• **IRS Customer Service**

*Treasury Department; Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (F.R. Page 6189) - Meeting [ 02:00 pm, 03/22/2011 ]*

Treasury Department; Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (F.R. Page 6189) holds a meeting by teleconference of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Taxpayer Assistance Center Project Committee to solicit public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**Location:** None given

**Contact:** Ellen Smiley, 888-912-1227; <http://www.improveirs.org> [Note: See contact for dial-in



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- **IRS Electronic Tax Administration**

*Treasury Department; Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (F.R. Page 12793) - Meeting [ 10:00 am, 03/24/2011 ]*

Treasury Department; Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (F.R. Page 12793) holds a meeting of the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee.

Agenda includes: ETAAC Security Subcommittee; Filing Season Status Update; Overview of ETA Operations

**Location:** Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 2116, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Cassandra Daniels, 202-283-2178 (+WAFE021+)

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**Location:** None given

**Contact:** Susan Gilbert, 888-912-1227; <http://www.improveirs.org> [Note: See contact for dial-in information.] (+WAFE712+)

- **Agency Rulemaking Comments**

*Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) (F.R. Page 12315) - Meeting [ 02:00 pm, 03/24/2011 ]*

Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) (F.R. Page 12315) holds a meeting of the Committee on Regulation to consider a report dealing with the timing, availability, confidentiality, and impact of comments submitted during agency rulemakings, as well as agencies' duty to reply to such comments. The consultant for this study is Professor Steven J. Balla of The George Washington University.

**Location:** 1120 20th Street NW, Suite 706 South, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** 202-480-2080 (+WAFE010+)

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- [SEC told to reorganize and live within its means](#) (March 11)

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• **Quote of the Week:**

*"We want to see data that can be used to hold government accountable," but that is "noticeably absent from Data.gov."*

-- Rep. James Lankford, R-Okla., on [apparent errors](#) and trivia on government data websites

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## Retirement Planning

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011

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### For Richer or Poorer: Final Words

By Tammy Flanagan, [National Institute of Transition Planning](#)

Evaluations and critiques are very useful tools to those of us who present information. I always appreciate constructive comments so I know where I've hit the mark and where I've fallen short in my presentation. (In that spirit, thanks for the math error correction last week!)

For the past [two weeks](#), I've written about spousal survivor annuities. In response, I've received a lot of requests for follow-up on specific scenarios. It's hard to do that, because there are so many variations in individual circumstances. But I can provide some general guidance for people in a couple of broad categories.

#### Married Employees

First of all, you should remember that your spouse is entitled by law to a survivor annuity. If you don't want or need to provide one, he or she will have to give notarized consent.

The basic question you should ask each other is, "How important is my retirement income to you if I happen to die first?" If not receiving a survivor's annuity would mean that your spouse would have to sell the house and move in with your kids, that's a big deal. If you spend more than you receive in retirement and your spouse is willing to live on less income, then it might not be as much of a concern. Keep in mind that you need income no matter how long you live, especially if you want to maintain your current lifestyle in your own home.

Also, remember that as you get older, one of your biggest expenses can be health care. Is your spouse dependent on you for coverage under the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program? If so, it's very important that you provide at least a partial annuity so he or she can continue FEHBP coverage if you die first.

#### Unmarried Employees

One of the big questions for people in this category is whether anyone besides a spouse is entitled to receive a survivor annuity. Both the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System allow you to designate someone who has an "insurable interest" in you to receive a survivor's annuity, valued at 55 percent of your retirement after the reduction has been applied to pay for the annuity. Couples who are living together (including same-sex partners) but not federally recognized as married, can choose this option by submitting an affidavit to OPM explaining the relationship and how one person is providing for the other financially. The federal employee must be

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retiring in good health to take advantage of this option and provide evidence of your insurability.

The reduction to your retirement under this scenario will be based on the difference between your age and that of the person receiving the annuity. If he or she is the same age, older, or less than five years younger than you, the reduction is 10 percent of your retirement benefit. If he or she is more than five years younger than you, then the reduction increases to as high as 40 percent. This selection can be made only at the time you retire, and it does not provide entitlement to health benefits unless the person you've named is a current federally recognized spouse, or dependent child. Here's [more information](#) from the Office of Personnel Management.

If you have previously been married, your former spouse might be entitled to a survivor annuity based on the language spelled out in a court order. If your former spouse is deceased, then this annuity is no longer payable. If the spouse remarried prior to age 55 (and you were married less than 30 years), then he or she lost entitlement to the survivor annuity even if it was awarded in a divorce agreement.

If your former spouse is entitled to a survivor's annuity because of a court order, and you remarry, you should choose a survivor's benefit for your current spouse when you retire based on what you would want to happen if your former spouse lost entitlement through death, or remarriage prior to turning 55. The benefits awarded to the former spouse would be paid first, but any amount of the survivor annuity remaining up to the maximum amount payable would be paid to your current spouse. If the former spouse loses entitlement to this benefit, your current spouse would receive the elected benefit amount.

### **Thrift Savings Plan**

Besides CSRS and FERS retirement benefits, you also might have a substantial balance in your Thrift Savings Plan account at your death. This money is paid to your designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, and can be another source of retirement income for them.

If your spouse inherits your TSP and it contains more than \$200, the TSP's administrators will establish a beneficiary participant account in his or her name. If a nonspouse beneficiary inherits the account, then the balance will be paid directly to the beneficiary, or to a beneficiary individual retirement account.

You also can purchase a TSP annuity after you separate from federal service. It can include a survivor benefit option, or a cash refund, or you can purchase an annuity payable only during your lifetime. Here's [more information](#) about TSP annuities.

### **Social Security**

Your surviving spouse also might be eligible to receive widow's benefits based on your Social Security record. And you might be entitled to Social Security benefits as a widow, as well as Social Security retirement benefits on your own work record. You usually will receive the higher of the benefits to which you are entitled, not both. Here's [more information](#) from the Social Security Administration.

If your spouse is still working at the time of your death and he or she is under the full retirement age for Social Security (65-67, depending on year of birth), an earnings limit might prevent your spouse from receiving the benefit you've earned for them. For 2011, this limit is \$14,160. So your Social Security benefit would be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 you earn over the limit. If your earnings drop below the limit, stop working, or are past the full retirement age, the limit no longer is applied.

If your spouse also is receiving a CSRS retirement benefit of their own, their widow's (and spousal) benefit from your Social Security might be offset by two-thirds of their retirement due to the [Government Pension Offset](#). The GPO does not affect surviving spouses who retired under FERS, or CSRS Offset.

***Tammy Flanagan** is the senior benefits director for the [National Institute of Transition Planning Inc.](#), which conducts federal retirement planning workshops and seminars. She has spent 25 years helping federal employees take charge of their retirement by understanding their benefits.*

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**From:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**To:** [Richards, Stuart](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Back Home  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 6:32:00 AM

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Thanks. Continue to enjoy. I think you are going to have a nice day today. I think you should break the lawnmower out!

-----Original Message-----

From: Richards, Stuart  
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:24 PM  
To: Case, Michael  
Subject: Back Home

Mike

I got back from San Diego tonight.

I'll be glad to come in on Friday if I can be of help.

Stu

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**Murphy, Andrew**

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**From:** Murphy, Andrew  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 6:42 AM  
**To:** Khanna, Meena  
**Subject:** Accepted: TIME CHANGE - Preparation for Q&As for Monday's Commission Meeting



**From:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**To:** [Coyne, Kevin](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Region 1 Support for GI-199  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 6:44:33 AM

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Thanks Kev. Good job!

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**From:** Coyne, Kevin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:45 PM  
**To:** Coe, Doug; Case, Michael; Richards, Stuart  
**Cc:** Beasley, Benjamin; Kauffman, John; Hogan, Rosemary; Ake, Jon; Correia, Richard; Wilson, Peter  
**Subject:** Region 1 Support for GI-199

Doug, Mike, and Stu –

Just wanted to let you know that Region I very much appreciated the support that RES provided in helping with a teleconference on GI-199 with New York state this afternoon. In particular, Pete Wilson noted that John Kauffman, John Ake, and Ben Beasley supported the call with little advanced notice and provided excellent technical assistance during the teleconference. He extended his grateful thanks to all those involved –

-Kevin

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## Matakas, Gina

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**From:** Rule, David  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 6:47 AM  
**To:** All R1 Users  
**Subject:** Fitness Center in the New Building

All:

This message is provided in follow-up to the recent survey regarding the fitness center proposal for the new building. We recently solicited your input via a survey on a proposal that was being considered for establishing a fitness center in the new building. We received great response to the survey with more than 50% of those who responded indicating they would use such a facility at least once a week. However, we have learned that including a small fitness center in our new building would suspend Region I staff access to the subsidized LA Fitness contract. In addition, an internal fitness facility poses significant challenges with regards to liability, funding, and physical access. Lastly, our funding and space allocation priorities would only support a relatively small room with a few pieces of equipment which would not meet the user demands nor be cost effective when compared to the higher volume access to LA Fitness at the reasonable monthly rate. As a result of all of these factors, the proposal for a fitness room in the new building is no longer under consideration.

There are a few fitness centers identified on the amenities map posted on the Office Transition web page (<http://r12k3web.nrc.gov/reloc/AmenitiesMap.pdf>) and on display in the DRM entrance area. We are also researching the availability of other local options for use of a fitness center and will post our findings on the Office Transition web page.

We appreciate your participation in the survey and will continue to seek staff input as we further refine the plans for the new building and its outfitting.

**From:** Borchardt, Bill  
**To:** Ellmers, Glenn; Leeds, Eric  
**Subject:** all hands  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 6:52:43 AM

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Glenn – please get the outline (and talking points in whatever shape they're in) for Monday's comm mtg so that I can use them for the all hands meeting. Also prepare a 1 pager of additional items that you think I should cover such as Darren's note (that I just sent to you), thanking the nrc staff, etc....

I hope to back from the hill around noon

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**From:** [Federal Computer Week](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Subject:** Last Change to Register for Free Seminar on Federal Fraud, Waste and Abuse  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:02:49 AM

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- **Nancy Fleetwood**, Department of the Treasury
- **Kelly Gent**, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Judith Oliveira**, Social Security Administration
- **David Sidari**, Housing and Urban Development
- **Haywood Talcove**, LexisNexis Special Services, Inc.

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**What:**

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**When:**

Wednesday, March 23

7:30 - 8:30 AM

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**To:** [Boger, Bruce](#); [Grobe, Jack](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please send out reminders... Difficult Conversations  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:05:28 AM

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Good morning Bruce and Jack,

I mixed the two of you up on the reminder e-mails sent on Wednesday. Jack, you are attending Session 3, Tuesday, March 22nd through March 23<sup>rd</sup>; Bruce, you are attending the Follow-up Session on Monday (morning), March 21<sup>st</sup>. Sorry for the mix-up!

Thank you,  
Erin D. Deeds, Information Management Assistant  
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**From:** Nguyen, Quynh  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:45 PM  
**To:** Deeds, Erin  
**Subject:** RE: Please send out reminders... Difficult Conversations

It's Grobe for Session 3.

Boger and Eric... Monday Morning

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**To:** Nguyen, Quynh  
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**From:** Nguyen, Quynh  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:06 PM  
**To:** Deeds, Erin  
**Subject:** Please send out reminders... Difficult Conversations  
**Importance:** High

Erin,

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When asked by Quynh, here's a paraphrase of Eric Leeds' response:

Understanding the Japan situation, managers should make every effort to attend the training.

The NRC has already spent significant resources (during the Continuing Resolution).

Refresher Training:

Monday 21 - Morning Session 830 – 1200 (PDC)  
Afternoon Session 1300-1630 (PDC)

Class 3:

Tuesday 22 – Wednesday 23  
830 -1600 (PDC)

“cc” Jack Grobe

I think that covers everything?

Thanks,  
Quynh

PS Unless it's a showstopper, make decisions as you see fit – if I'm not around to answer right away...

Also, you sent class rosters to Triad? Leeds and Boger should be in the morning (if they are going)

## Murphy, Andrew

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**From:** K.MAKOVICKY@iaea.org  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:07 AM  
**To:** fan.wang@cea.fr; u.sander@kk.enbw.com; kent.mehr@irc.it; k181kms@kins.kr; f.mansoor@pnra.org; nicole.zemtev@amecnuclear.ro; jasjoh@aol.com; elgoharym@aecl.ca; hxl@snerdi.com.cu; amorenog@idom.com; Sener.Tinic@nok.ch; Murphy, Andrew; khuffman@epri.com; p.zadoyan@anra.am; zcqcq@163.com; rong-pan@263.net; jiangwei@sepa.gov.cn; leezhch@gmail.com; shy@snptc.com.cn; pentti.varpasuo@fortum.com; mathieu.rambach@irsn.fr; philippe.monette@areva.com; georg.schaefer@vgb.org; timo.schmitt@bgr.de; katonat@npp.hu; ccss@barc.gov.in; agchhatre@npcil.co.in; sajjish@igcar.gov.in; k203hch@kins.re.kr; geoyun@kepco.co.kr; jonas.saktunas@lgt.lt; alejandro.huerta@oecd.org; abwahid@hotmail.com; rosatom@pkf.rosenergoatom.ru; RTSewell@aol.com; Stefan.Brosi@hsk.ch; Burkhard.Rast@bhz.ch; Stefan.heuberger@swissnuclear.ch; cinat@cnea.gov.ar; a.martirosyan@anra.am; lchaloyan@yahoo.com; Hans-Joachim.Alheid@bgr.de; zinn@stangenberg.de; oliver.martin@jrc.nl; gerhard.schoen@ensi.ch; 00002331@ufrgs.br; marin.kostov@riskeng.bg; rsaragon@ing.uchile.cl; liuwei@cnpe.cc; leonello.servato@isprambiente.it; atwater@usgs.gov; mcguire@riskeng.com; ravindramalathi@cox.net; willy.aspinall@bristol.ac.uk  
**Subject:** Minutes of 4th Steeling Committee Meeting

Dear all,

One month ago we sent you the Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Steeling Committee Meeting for the EBP on Seismic Safety of Existing Nuclear Power plants.

If you haven't received it yet, please let me know. We can send it together with the Final Activity Report which has just been printed. Thank you and best regards,

Kyoko Makovicky  
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**From:** Deeds, Erin  
**To:** Deeds, Erin; Taylor, Robert; Tate, Travis; Jolicoeur, John; Salgado, Nancy; Franovich, Rani; Rodriguez, Veronica; Wilson, George; Klein, Alex; Harrison, Donnie; Bailey, Stewart; Narick, Marianne; Imboden, Andy; Regan, Christopher; Pelton, David; Leeds, Eric; Lubinski, John; Lee, Samson; Nelson, David; Galloway, Melanie; Blount, Tom; Bahadur, Sher; McMurtray, Anthony; Ross-Leé, MaryJane; Brown, Rohn; Shoop, Undine; Broaddus, Doug; Murphy, Martin; Kobetz, Timothy; Chernoff, Harold; Markley, Michael; Quichocho, Jessie; Casto, Greg; Le, Hong; Auluck, Rajender; Eads, Johnny; Pham, Bo; Pedersen, Renee; Grobe, Jack; McGinty, Tim; Evans, Michele; Ruland, William; Ferrell, Kimberly; Skeen, David; Howe, Allen; Gitter, Joseph  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder - Difficult Conversations Follow-up  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:11:36 AM

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Good morning,

For clarification due to the confusion of my first sentence, those who are scheduled for the morning session are to arrive at 8:30am. Those who are scheduled for the afternoon session are to arrive at 1:00pm.

Thank you,

Erin D. Deeds, Information Management Assistant  
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**From:** Deeds, Erin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:42 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Robert; Tate, Travis; Jolicoeur, John; Salgado, Nancy; Franovich, Rani; Rodriguez, Veronica; Wilson, George; Klein, Alex; Harrison, Donnie; Bailey, Stewart; Narick, Marianne; Imboden, Andy; Regan, Christopher; Pelton, David; Leeds, Eric; Lubinski, John; Lee, Samson; Nelson, David; Galloway, Melanie; Blount, Tom; Bahadur, Sher; McMurtray, Anthony; Ross-Lee, MaryJane; Brown, Rohn; Shoop, Undine; Broaddus, Doug; Murphy, Martin; Kobetz, Timothy; Chernoff, Harold; Markley, Michael; Quichocho, Jessie; Casto, Greg; Le, Hong; Auluck, Rajender; Eads, Johnny; Pham, Bo; Pedersen, Renee; Grobe, Jack; McGinty, Tim; Evans, Michele; Ruland, William; Ferrell, Kimberly; Skeen, David; Howe, Allen; Gitter, Joseph  
**Subject:** Reminder - Difficult Conversations Follow-up  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon,

This is a reminder that you are scheduled to take the Difficult Conversations Follow-up class on Monday, March 21, 2011. Please arrive at the PDC on time (8:30am).

When asked by Quynh, here's a paraphrase of Eric Leeds' response:

Understanding the Japan situation, managers should make every effort to attend the training.

The NRC has already spent significant resources (during the Continuing Resolution).

Refresher Training:

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Afternoon Session 1300-1630 (PDC)

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Thank you,  
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**From:** [Rivera-Lugo, Richard](#)  
**To:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** Out of Office: Richie - AL on Friday, March 18th  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:17:34 AM

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This is an automatic reply

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I will be Out of the Office on Friday, March 18, 2011, and will not have access to my NRC e-mail during this time.

If this is an urgent matter, please contact one of the following staff:

- **Technical Assistant related issues** - Brett Rini or Jeanne Dion
- **Earthquake/Seismic Engineering Projects** - Dr. Annie Kammerer (technical monitor and alternate PM), Rosemary Hogan
- **Secure Conference Room** - Rosemary Hogan
- **HEPAC** (Communications / Professional Development) - [HEPAC.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:HEPAC.Resource@nrc.gov)

For all other matters please contact the RES/DE Administrative Assistant at 301-251-7619.

Please note that you will receive this automatic reply only once during my absence.

I apologize for the inconvenience.

Richard F. Rivera-Lugo, EIT, MEM  
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**From:** [Faith Schneider](#)  
**To:** [Coe, Doug](#)  
**Subject:** quick check in  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:19:59 AM

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Hi Doug,

Will make this quick as I'm guessing from my earlier visits to NRC this week (and paying attention to the news) that many of you (if not all) are quite busy with events in Japan. I have been thinking of all of you.

The coaching program coordinators would like to know which of our clients would like any-up coaching over the next six months (until September).

If you are still interested in the 360 interviews this would be a great opportunity to put in that request. I can send you some draft questions if that would be helpful – along with a quick overview of the process. About half of my leader group has indicated interest and I believe they have a certain amount of hours left over.

When you have time, could you shoot me a quick note if you are interested. I'm fwding a list by the end of today as well as next week, with those clients who have said yes.

Hope your leadership journey has continued to go well for you. I'm looking forward to staying in touch.

Thanks,  
Faith

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## Beasley, Benjamin

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**From:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:20 AM  
**To:** Perkins, Richard  
**Cc:** Smith, April; Kauffman, John; Killian, Lauren; Reisifard, Mehdi; Ibarra, Jose  
**Subject:** FW: FYI: Migration of Windows 7 and Office 10

Richard,

Please take the lead for testing GIMCS and the new Pre-GI report on Windows 7 and Office 2010.

Thanks!

Ben

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**From:** Kardaras, Tom  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:38 PM  
**To:** RES Distribution  
**Subject:** FYI: Migration of Windows 7 and Office 10

### Microsoft Windows 7 and Office 2010 Migration Effort

#### Software Testing Requirements

The Office of Information Services (OIS) will be migrating NRC workstations in FY 2012 to a new Microsoft Windows 7 platform w/ Office 2010. To ensure a smooth transition, OIS is requiring that all agency desktop applications, custom developed software, and any other commercial applications or add-ins that are currently in use on an NRC workstation must be tested and approved through the Consolidated Test Facility (CTF) by no later than Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Any software that is not tested during this period will not be approved for use on the new Windows 7 platform.

OIS is offering two ways for staff to test their software. The Consolidated Test Facility (CTF), located at headquarters in room T5-E32, has five (5) workstations with Microsoft Windows 7 installed for staff to use and validate their software. OIS is also providing staff with a remote testing feature so they can perform their tests from their office computers.

Prior to conducting these tests, staff will be required to install their software on the Windows 7 platform provided.

All software testing conducted must be scheduled using scheduling software on an OIS website. The URL for that website is shown below.

<http://portal.nrc.gov/edo/ois/icod/ddb/MSW7/default.aspx>

The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) has also arranged to have someone from OIS meet with staff to answer any questions they may have about this effort. Those meetings are currently scheduled to occur on the following dates.

1. Thursday, March 24, 2011  
1-2pm (CSB 5-C19)
2. Tuesday, March 29, 2011  
11am – 12:00pm (CSB 2-C19)

If you have further questions regarding this matter please contact the RES IT coordinator on 301.251.8498 or [RESHelpDesk@nrc.gov](mailto:RESHelpDesk@nrc.gov).

Regards,  
Tom Kardaras, Chief  
Information Technology and Infrastructure Branch  
Program Management, Policy Development and Analysis Staff  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research  
(o) 301-251-7667

## Beasley, Benjamin

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**From:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:26 AM  
**To:** Lane, John  
**Subject:** FW: Eric Leeds Remarks.docx

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**From:** Kauffman, John  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:25 AM  
**To:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Subject:** RE: Eric Leeds Remarks.docx

Ben,

I only have one comment. The write-up contains a typo for the GL associated with hardened vents. It should be GL 89-16 not GL 89-10. JVK

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**From:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:10 AM  
**To:** Lane, John; Kauffman, John  
**Subject:** FW: Eric Leeds Remarks.docx  
**Importance:** High

JCL and JVK,

Please review the BWR stuff on the first page and coordinate among yourselves. Get back to Jeanne by 10:00. Copy me and Kevin.

Thanks!

Ben

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**From:** Coyne, Kevin  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:22 PM  
**To:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Cc:** Lane, John; Kauffman, John; Stutzke, Martin; Marksberry, Don; Dion, Jeanne; Coe, Doug  
**Subject:** FW: Eric Leeds Remarks.docx  
**Importance:** High

Ben –

Can you please have a couple of your BWR-knowledgeable folks take a look at the “Details on plant modifications made to address a severe accidents at a BWR with a Mark 1 containment” section in the attached document and make sure it makes sense. As everything these days, this is a short turn around request and Jeanne Dion is looking for comments no later than 10am Friday.

Thanks!

Kevin

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**From:** Dion, Jeanne  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:54 PM

**To:** Scott, Michael; Wagner, Katie  
**Cc:** Santiago, Patricia; Coyne, Kevin  
**Subject:** RE: Eric Leeds Remarks.docx  
**Importance:** High

See attachment for updated Q&A

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**From:** Scott, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:47 PM  
**To:** Wagner, Katie  
**Cc:** Dion, Jeanne; Santiago, Patricia; Coyne, Kevin  
**Subject:** FW: Eric Leeds Remarks.docx  
**Importance:** High

Katie: Here is the item I noted to you earlier today I have asked around and we believe the best source of info on SAMGs is Donnie Harrison in NRR.

Regarding severe accident research, NRC is developing methods for so-called "Level 3" PRAs, that include evaluation of offsite consequences. In addition, NRC is sponsoring a separate project to evaluate, using state-of-the-art tools, the public safety consequences of a severe accident at two sample plants..

Suggest that DRA validate or change the words regarding L-3. Hence I am copying Kevin Coyne.

Mike

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**From:** Dion, Jeanne  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:42 PM  
**To:** Scott, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: Eric Leeds Remarks.docx  
**Importance:** High

Joe Giitter requested RES review this Q&A.

He specifically asked for our insights in SAMG and our Research in Severe accidents.  
He also specifically asked about the GI on mark 1 containments and about verifying that all Mark 1 have hardened ventilation.

Comments are requested back to NRR ASAP.

Thanks,  
Jeanne

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**From:** Giitter, Joseph  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:34 PM  
**To:** Dion, Jeanne  
**Subject:** FW: Eric Leeds Remarks.docx

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**From:** Giitter, Joseph  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:03 PM  
**To:** Nelson, Robert



**Cc:** Howe, Allen

**Subject:** Eric Leeds Remarks.docx

The attached Q/As evolved out of a script I was preparing for Eric to support the Commission meeting on Monday. We learned this morning that only Bill Borchardt was going to speak—at least during the public portion of the meeting. Therefore I've started to turn this into a draft Q/A for Eric since he will be at the table and there will undoubtedly be many Q's and A's focused on NRR. Michael Mahoney will be incorporating some additional input from Barry Westreich and George Wilson. Mike is also looking at the Q/As developed for the Chairman to ensure that they are consistent.

**From:** [Weber, Michael](#)  
**To:** [Taylor, Renee](#)  
**Cc:** [Cohen, Miriam](#); [Ash, Darren](#); [Virgilio, Martin](#); [Borchardt, Bill](#); [Muessle, Mary](#)  
**Subject:** Query - Status of Succession Planning Next Week  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:29:03 AM

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With our ongoing response in progress, have we looked ahead to next week to determine the status, such as the succession planning meeting? We'll need to get word out soon (today).

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**From:** [Clayton, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Cc:** [Cianci, Sandra](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Requests- Urgent  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:29:29 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Marty,

I checked with FOIA late yesterday as to what expedited processing means. It simply means that these FOIAs take precedence over any others. We still have the normal amount of time to process them (10 days).

Please provide any records you may have to me on or before 03/25/11.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Kathy

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**From:** Cianci, Sandra  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:05 PM  
**To:** Virgilio, Martin  
**Cc:** Clayton, Kathleen  
**Subject:** FOIA Requests- Urgent

Marty,

You have 3 FOIA requests in your inbox. They are urgent requests, received today and due tomorrow 3/18. According to the mailroom they are for your review. Mike Johnson would not have sufficient information to respond.

*Sandy Cianci*

*Administrative Assistant to Marty Virgilio, DEDR  
Office of the Executive Director for Operations  
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301-415-1714  
sandra.cianci@nrc.gov*

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**From:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**To:** [West, Stephanie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Closeout: Foreign Travel Report: Nilesh Chokshi, Mumbai, India - February 7-12, 2011  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:32:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [ML110750575.ADC](#)

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Please print.

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**From:** Dent, Kimberly  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:33 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Michael; Holahan, Gary; Doane, Margaret; Case, Michael; Richards, Stuart; Bergman, Thomas; Mayfield, Michael; Flanders, Scott; Chokshi, Nilesh; Hiland, Patrick; Skeen, David; Rosales-Cooper, Cindy; NRO\_ForeignTravel Resource; OIP Travel Distribution  
**Subject:** Closeout: Foreign Travel Report: Nilesh Chokshi, Mumbai, India - February 7-12, 2011

Please find attached the Foreign Travel Trip Report for Nilesh C. Chokshi, Deputy Director, NRO/DSER, to Mumbai, India, February 7-12, 2011.

ADAMS Accession No: ML110750575

Document submitted to DPC March 17, 2011.

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Attachment ML110750575\_1.ADC (107 Bytes) cannot be converted to PDF format.

**From:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**To:** [Oberson, Greg](#)  
**Cc:** [Gavrilas, Mirela](#)  
**Subject:** FW: THANK YOU and ACTION: Sample Speaker Thank you Letter and Template for Unanswered Session Questions  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:34:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Sample Speaker TY Ltr.doc](#)  
[Sample Format for Qs&As.docx](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Greg. Do you think you could gin up some thank you letters for the members of our illustrious panel.

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**From:** Langlie, Liz  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:00 PM  
**To:** Prescott, Paul; Hall, Victor; Zhang, Deanna; Rebstock, Paul; Hilton, Nick; Cool, Donald; Dehmel, Jean-Claude; Jankovich, John; Poole, Brooke; Dube, Donald; Lois, Erasmia; Stutzke, Martin; Hudson, Daniel; Drouin, Mary; Nove, Carol; Scarbrough, Thomas; Lee, Mike; Dean, Bill; McCree, Victor; Satorius, Mark; Collins, Elmo; Denissen, Christie; Munson, Clifford; Ake, Jon; Manoly, Kamal; Kokajko, Lawrence; Miller, Kenn; Daley, Robert; Tappert, John; Casto, Chuck; Kahler, Robert; Dozier, Jerry; Imboden, Andy; Stone, AnnMarie; Galloway, Melanie; Howe, Andrew; Tjader, Theodore; Mrowca, Lynn; Sieracki, Diane; Cheok, Michael; Cai, June; Dion, Jeanne; Pederson, Perry; Costello, Ralph; Hiser, Allen; Carpenter, Gene; Frumkin, Daniel; Held, Wesley; Scales, Kerby; Roquecruz, Carla; Concepcion, Milton; Day, Kerstun; Shaffer, Vered; Cullingford, Michael; Bailey, Stewart; Cloyd, SherVerne; Tetter, Keith; Moyer, Carol; Carpenter, Robert; Stevens, Gary; Kennedy, James; Barkley, Richard; Markley, Michael; Doolittle, Elizabeth; Som, Swagata; Rivera-Varona, Aida; Mroz (Sahm), Sara; Sangimino, Donna-Marie; Drucker, David; Evans, Jonathan; Thompson, Catherine; Cai, June; Emche, Danielle; VandenBerghe, John; Tregoning, Robert; Oudinot, Daniele; Mills, Daniel; Gall, Jennifer; Calvo, Antony; Anooosheepoor, Rasool; Miller, Barry; Sakai, Stacie; Williams, Donna; Cartwright, William; Tene, Kimberly; Sallman, Ahsan; Sall, Basia; Reed, Wendy; Snyder, Amy; Cupidon, Les; Shropshire, Alan; Chang, Richard; Barrett, Harold; Xu, Jim; Lu, Shanlai; Park, Sunwoo; Hernandez, Raul; Gall, Jennifer; Ruland, William; Zigh, Ghani; Gingrich, Chester; Whitman, Josh; Esmaili, Hossein; Gibson, Kathy; Brock, Terry; Khanna, Meena; Klein, Paul; Hardies, Robert; Kozal, Jason; Powell, Raymond; Pederson, Cynthia; Guthrie, Eugene; Daley, Robert; Vegel, Anton; Brown, Frederick; Kelly, Joseph; Srinivasan, Makuteswara; Lobel, Richard; Laur, Steven; Mitchell, Reggie; Rheume, Cynthia; Noggle, James; Libby, Earl; Case, Michael; Mizuno, Geary; Benowitz, Howard; Whitney, James; Schnetzler, Bonnie; Giantelli, Adelaide; Barry, Terrence; Chang, Richard; Schaperow, Jason; Tinkler, Charles; Santiago, Patricia; Patel, Jigar  
**Cc:** Givvines, Mary; Kipfer, Lorna; Oliveto, Betsy; Reckley, William; Murphy, Martin; Sydnor, Russell; Zimmerman, Roy; Bush-Goddard, Stephanie; Cullingford, Michael; Ruland, William; Karlin, Alex; Demoss, Gary; Norris, Wallace; Camper, Larry; Virgilio, Martin; Markley, Michael; Haney, Catherine; Wilson, George; Tappert, John; McDermott, Brian; Sheron, Brian; Holian, Brian; Harrison, Donnie; Elliott, Robert; Campbell, Andy; Doane, Margaret; Erlanger, Craig; Case, Michael; Klein, Alex; Mrowca, Lynn; Ulses, Anthony; Uhle, Jennifer; Gibson, Kathy; Gavrilas, Mirela; Virgilio, Martin; Holahan, Gary; Morris, Scott; Pederson, Cynthia; Scott, Michael; Dennig, Robert; Dyer, Jim; Nicholson, Thomas; Matthews, David; Johnson, Clay; Coffin, Stephanie; Bonaccorso, Amy; Anderson, Patricia; Schum, Constance; Wright, Jason; Padilla, William; Doan, Brian; Coates, Carlotta; Emche, Danielle; Doolittle, Elizabeth; Galloway, Melanie; Case, Michael; Dudes, Laura; Lorson, Raymond; Cullingford, Michael; Machalek, Woody; Wilson, George; Knowles, Eric; Valentin, Andrea; Betsy Oliveto  
**Subject:** THANK YOU and ACTION: Sample Speaker Thank you Letter and Template for Unanswered Session Questions  
**Importance:** High

Dear Session Coordinators and Chairs,

The 2011 RIC was very successful and I thank you on behalf of Lorna Kipfer, Betsy Oliveto and the RIC Planning Committee for greatly adding to that success! We have received many compliments on the technical session content and we appreciate the hard work you and your speakers put into making RIC sessions educational, timely and

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interesting.

It is now time for conference wrap up actions, which include thanking all speakers for their participation and responding to unanswered session questions, which will be posted on the RIC website. Attached is a sample speaker thank you letter for your reference – feel free to customize the letter to meet your needs. Please send thank you notes to your speakers in the next couple of weeks and let us know via email when this action has been completed – *we do not need to be copied on thank you notes*. Feel free to send your thank you letters via regular mail or email.

Also attached is a question and answer template. If you have unanswered questions from your session, please respond in the *Option A* format listed on the attached template; or, if all questions were answered at your session onsite, please respond in the *Option B* format. Please send your responses to me at [liz.langlie@nrc.gov](mailto:liz.langlie@nrc.gov) by March 23.

Our goal is to have audio and video of plenary sessions, audio of technical sessions, transcripts for plenary and technical sessions, updated technical presentations and unanswered questions on the external website by the end of March. We understand that it is an extremely busy time for many of you as a result of the Japan earthquake and tsunami, so please let us know if you are unable to send responses to unanswered questions by March 23.

I enjoyed working with each of you on the RIC technical sessions this year and I hope to work with you again on RIC 2012! Please don't hesitate to contact me or Lorna Kipfer if you have any questions and thank you again for your efforts to make the RIC such a successful conference.

Best,  
Liz

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## SAMPLE THANK YOU LETTER TO TECHNICAL SESSION SPEAKERS

DATE

NAME  
TITLE  
ORGANIZATION  
ADDRESS

Dear Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_:

Thank you for presenting at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's 23rd Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC), March 8 – 10, 2011, in Rockville, Maryland. This year the total number of participants reached over 2,900 participants including international representatives from 28 countries.

Initial feedback from participants indicates that this year's RIC was another resounding success. Your dedication and support helps the NRC "raise the bar" each year to develop a comprehensive program filled with discussion topics that are timely and relevant.

Your presentation on "\_\_\_\_(speaker presentation title)\_\_\_\_\_" during the \_\_\_\_ (session number and title) \_\_\_\_\_ session provided important information and another perspective about initiatives that are underway in the nuclear arena. *[optional: The interest of the attendees was evident by the range of questions raised during the question-and-answer period following the panel presentations.]*

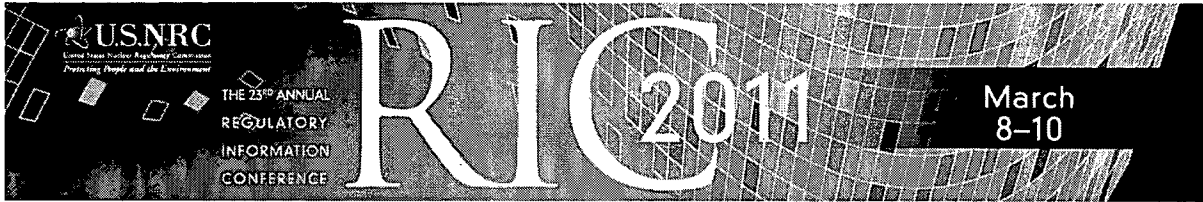
All final presentation slides and questions that were not addressed during the conference are being compiled and will be posted on the NRC's RIC website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/ric/index.html>. Again, thank you for your participation at NRC's 2011 Regulatory Information Conference. It is your commitment and support that helped to make the RIC a success.

We hope you will join us for the 24th Annual RIC March 13-15, 2012, scheduled to be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland.

Warm regards,

Session Chair or Coordinator (as appropriate)





## SUGGESTED FORMATS FOR PROVIDING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

*Option A - Please follow the sample format below for sessions that have unanswered questions:*

**Session Day and Time:** [ex: Tuesday, March 8, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.]

**Session Number and Title:** [ex: T1 10 CFR Part 21 and Commercial-Grade Degradation]

**Session Chair:** [enter name and office of Session Chair]

**Session Coordinator:** [enter name, office, telephone number and email address of Session Coordinator]

**Question 1:**

**Answer 1:**

**Question 2:**

**Answer 2:**

*Option B - Please follow the sample format below for sessions where all the questions received were answered during the session:*

**Session Day and Time:** [ex: Tuesday, March 8, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.]

**Session Number and Title:** [ex: T1 10 CFR Part 21 and Commercial-Grade Degradation]

**Session Chair:** [enter name and office of Session Chair]

**Session Coordinator:** [enter name, office, telephone number and email address of Session Coordinator]

All questions received were answered during the session.

**From:** Deeds, Erin  
**To:** Deeds, Erin; Taylor, Robert; Tate, Travis; Jolicoeur, John; Salgado, Nancy; Franovich, Rani; Rodriguez, Veronica; Wilson, George; Klein, Alex; Harrison, Donnie; Bailey, Stewart; Narick, Marianne; Imboden, Andy; Regan, Christopher; Pelton, David; Leeds, Eric; Lubinski, John; Lee, Samson; Nelson, David; Galloway, Melanie; Blount, Tom; Bahadur, Sher; McMurtray, Anthony; Ross-Lee, MaryJane; Brown, Rohn; Shoop, Undine; Broaddus, Doug; Murphy, Martin; Kobetz, Timothy; Chernoff, Harold; Markley, Michael; Quichocho, Jessie; Casto, Greg; Le, Hong; Auluck, Rajender; Eads, Johnny; Pham, Bo; Pedersen, Renee; Grobe, Jack; McGinty, Tim; Evans, Michele; Ruland, William; Ferrell, Kimberly; Skeen, David; Howe, Allen; Giitter, Joseph  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder - Difficult Conversations Follow-up  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:35:53 AM

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Please ignore the previous e-mail. I see that Quynh has postponed all training sessions.  
Thank you

Thank you,  
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**From:** Deeds, Erin  
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**Subject:** RE: Reminder - Difficult Conversations Follow-up

Good morning,

For clarification due to the confusion of my first sentence, those who are scheduled for the morning session are to arrive at 8:30am. Those who are scheduled for the afternoon session are to arrive at 1:00pm.

Thank you,  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:42 PM  
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Quichocho, Jessie; Casto, Greg; Le, Hong; Auluck, Rajender; Eads, Johnny; Pham, Bo; Pedersen, Renee; Grobe, Jack; McGinty, Tim; Evans, Michele; Ruland, William; Ferrell, Kimberly; Skeen, David; Howe, Allen; Giitter, Joseph

**Subject:** Reminder - Difficult Conversations Follow-up

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon,

This is a reminder that you are scheduled to take the Difficult Conversations Follow-up class on Monday, March 21, 2011. Please arrive at the PDC on time (8:30am).

When asked by Quynh, here's a paraphrase of Eric Leeds' response:

Understanding the Japan situation, managers should make every effort to attend the training.

The NRC has already spent significant resources (during the Continuing Resolution).

Refresher Training:

Monday 21 - Morning Session 830 – 1200 (PDC)

Afternoon Session 1300-1630 (PDC)

Thank you,

Erin D. Deeds, Information Management Assistant

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**From:** [West, Stephanie](#)  
**To:** [RES DE RGDB CAL Resource; Flory, Shirley; Veltri, Debra](#)  
**Cc:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** Delegation of Authority - Harriet Karagiannis acting for Tom Boyce 3/18/2011  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:43:20 AM

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If you have any questions, please contact Harriet Karagiannis at 301-251-7477.

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**From:** [West, Stephanie](#)  
**To:** [RES DE MEEB](#); [Flory, Shirley](#); [Veltri, Debra](#)  
**Cc:** [Case, Michael](#); [Richards, Stuart](#); [Lorette, Phillip](#)  
**Subject:** Delegation of Authority - John Burke acting for Tom Koshy 3/21 to 3/23/2011  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:44:47 AM

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If you have any questions, please contact John Burke at 301-251-7628.

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**McKelvey, Harold**

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**From:** Weil, Jenny  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:00 AM  
**To:** Miller, Geoffrey  
**Cc:** Lantz, Ryan; Collins, Elmo; Kennedy, Kriss; Allen, Don; Hay, Michael  
**Subject:** Re: DCPD Senate/ Commissioner visit

Hi Geoff,

I wasn't told about a morning visit to Diablo, only a 1:30 swing through SONGS by Sens. Feinstein and Boxer.

Let me contact Boxer's staff and find out.

Jenny

Sent via BlackBerry  
Jenny Weil  
Congressional Affairs Officer  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
202-510-8694

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**From:** Miller, Geoffrey  
**To:** Weil, Jenny  
**Cc:** Lantz, Ryan; Collins, Elmo; Kennedy, Kriss; Allen, Don; Hay, Michael  
**Sent:** Fri Mar 18 08:55:51 2011  
**Subject:** FW: DCPD Senate/ Commissioner visit

Jenny,

I just spoke to PG&E, and they told me that Senator Feinstein, et al will be going to Diablo Canyon on the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then to SONGS in the afternoon. Is this consistent with what you've heard? The last word I got was that they were only going to SONGS.

Thank you for your help,

Geoff Miller  
RIV/DRP/B  
817-860-8141

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**From:** Baldwin, Thomas (DCPD) [<mailto:TRB1@pge.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 2:09 AM  
**To:** [geoff.miller@nrc.gov](mailto:geoff.miller@nrc.gov); Miller, Geoffrey  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Steven  
**Subject:** DCPD Senate/ Commissioner visit

Geoff

Here is an update of our visitor's guest list for Tuesday, March 22. Can you supply personal info for Mr Apostolakis to set up access? Mr Collins is already active in our system.

PRINCIPLES ATTENDING

1. Dianne Feinstein, United States Senate
2. Lois Capps, Member of Congress
3. George Apostolakis, NRC Commissioner
4. Elmo Collins Jr., NRC Regional Administrator
5. Tom Brocher, USGS Director of Earthquake Science Center

#### STAFF ATTENDING

1. John Christopher Thompson, Chief of Staff Senator Feinstein
2. Douglas Calhoun Clapp, Feinstein Staff Member
3. Matthew Benjamin Nelson, Feinstein Staff Member
4. Jim Molinari, Feinstein State Director
5. Sarah Moffat, Feinstein Staff Member
6. Shelly H. Abajian, Feinstein Director Central California
7. Chief of Staff, Congresswoman Lois Capps

**Thomas R Baldwin, P. E.**  
Regulatory Services Manager  
Diablo Canyon Power Plant  
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**From:** [Pokrass, Barry](#)  
**To:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Implementation of Official Reprimand/ADA  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:04:08 AM

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Mike,

Glad to be of help to you. Yes, 11:00 – 11:30 AM is fine with me; it will just take a few minutes. See you then.

Barry

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**From:** Case, Michael  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 7:50 AM  
**To:** Pokrass, Barry  
**Subject:** RE: Implementation of Official Reprimand/ADA

Yes, I think we can and I greatly appreciate your help with this. This is my first day back on days so I'm a little confused as to what's going on. How about if I shoot to make it down to your place between 11 and 11:30 (or is that too big a window?)

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**From:** Pokrass, Barry  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:34 AM  
**To:** Case, Michael  
**Subject:** Implementation of Official Reprimand/ADA

Mike,

I received the original signed documents from Dennis this morning. All I need now is your signature on the ADA to make it effective. Can we get together tomorrow (Friday)? I will be working from our White Flint Satellite Office, O-1F17, from 6:30 AM to 3:15 PM. Please let me know what works best for you.

Thanks, Barry

**Barry S. Pokrass**  
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**From:** Weber, Michael 1  
**To:** Leeds, Eric  
**Subject:** ACTION - Personnel  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:04:45 AM

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Here is the list of candidate managers that we discussed. Jim Luehman is also a candidate.

Thanks

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**From:** Virgilio, Martin  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 12:35 AM  
**To:** Borchardt, Bill  
**Cc:** Weber, Michael  
**Subject:** Personnel

Bill

You asked about the original list of NRC managers who could lead the site team in Japan. The original list included: Chuck, Bruce Boger, Dan Dorman and me.

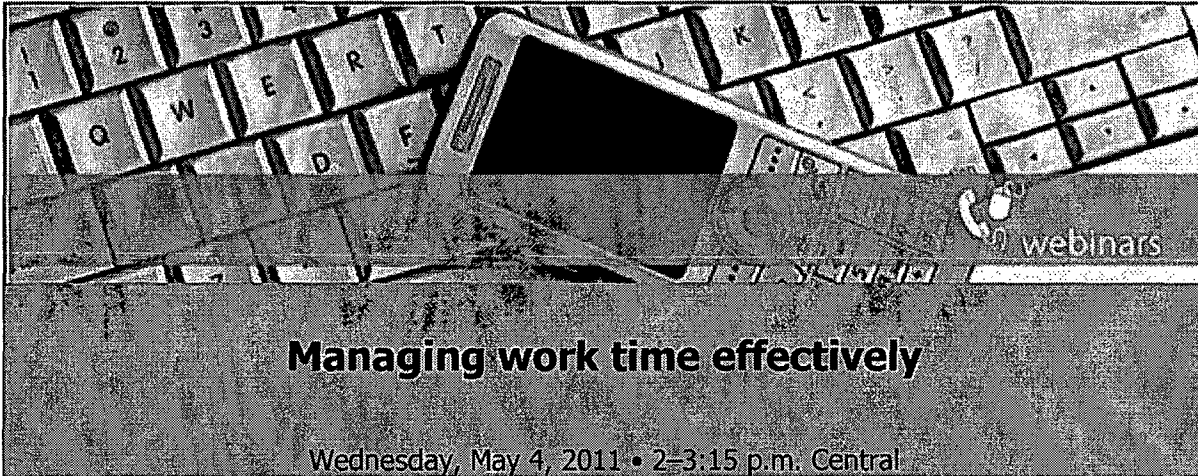
Now that we have some experience in the challenge, I suggest we consider adding a few more names to the list. Mike Weber, Vic McCree, Mark Satorious, Bill Dean, Elmo Collins, Mike Johnson, and Eric Leeds. Deep selects would include: Chris Miller and Fred Brown.

Marty

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Owen, Lucy

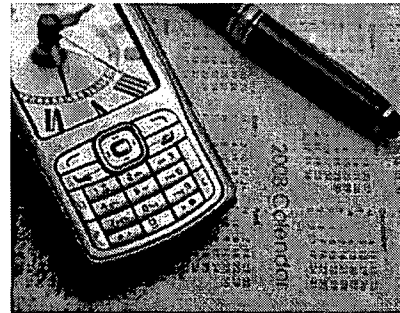
**From:** ManageBetter.biz [ragan@reply.ms00.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:08 AM  
**To:** Collins, Elmo  
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**From:** Nelson, Robert  
**To:** Meighan, Sean; Nguyen, Quynh; Leeds, Eric; Markley, Michael  
**Subject:** Concern: Development of Qs & As  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:13:31 AM

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My assessment is that our progress is slow if not non-existent. We need to regroup as soon as we can this AM. In addition, I have a high priority Q from the region that needs answered.

I'll get a meeting scheduled.

NELSON

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**From:** [Microsoft Exchange](#) on behalf of [West, Stephanie](#)  
**To:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting Forward Notification: Staff Meeting (CMB & CIB)  
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**From:** [Leeds, Eric](#)  
**To:** [Howe, Allen](#)  
**Cc:** [Ellmers, Glenn](#); [Boska, John](#); [Gratton, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** ACTION: all hands  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:15:00 AM

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Allen – could you or one of your team, help Glenn on this. Thanks!

Eric J. Leeds, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
301-415-1270

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**From:** Borchardt, Bill  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 6:53 AM  
**To:** Ellmers, Glenn; Leeds, Eric  
**Subject:** all hands

Glenn – please get the outline (and talking points in whatever shape they're in) for Monday's comm mtg so that I can use them for the all hands meeting. Also prepare a 1 pager of additional items that you think I should cover such as Darren's note (that I just sent to you), thanking the nrc staff, etc....

I hope to back from the hill around noon

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**From:** [Coyne, Kevin](#)  
**To:** [Grancorvitz, Teresa](#); [Coe, Doug](#)  
**Subject:** RE: travel authorization  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:16:00 AM

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Teresa –

Yes please. Thanks!

Kevin

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**From:** Grancorvitz, Teresa  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:03 AM  
**To:** Coe, Doug; Coyne, Kevin  
**Subject:** FW: travel authorization

The CR through April 8<sup>th</sup> was approved by the Senate yesterday so we should be good for 3 more weeks.

Do you want me to approve the travel below for Michelle?

Thanks,  
Teresa

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**From:** Gonzalez, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 2:52 PM  
**To:** Grancorvitz, Teresa  
**Subject:** travel authorization

Hi Teresa,

I will be traveling in two weeks to a training in Wisconsin (April 3-8). The voucher was approved by my supervisor a couple of weeks ago, but it is still pending authorization from your side.

Can you give me a hand on this?

Thanks,

***MICHELLE M. GONZÁLEZ***

Reliability and Risk Engineer  
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## Kauffman, John

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**From:** Stuchell, Sheldon  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:15 AM  
**To:** Quay, Theodore; Beasley, Benjamin; Giitter, Joseph; Meighan, Sean; Nelson, Robert; Brown, Frederick; Hall, Randy; Koshy, Thomas; Mathew, Roy; Wilson, George; Kauffman, John; Kemper, William; Manoly, Kamal; McConnell, Matthew; McMurtray, Anthony; Parks, Benjamin; Richmond, John; Ulses, Anthony; Wolfgang, Robert; Bahadur, Sher; Howe, Allen; Jenkins, Ronaldo; Ray, Sheila; Cartwright, William; Skeen, David; Kobetz, Timothy; Nguyen, Duc; Rhow, Sang  
**Cc:** Boger, Bruce; McGinty, Tim; Blount, Tom; Jolicoeur, John; Staab, Christopher; Dorman, Dan; Nguyen, Quynh; Weaver, Doug; Ordaz, Vonna  
**Subject:** Status of RIRP

All,

Some of you have inquired as to the status of, and NRR's continuing involvement with, NEI's Regulatory Issue Resolution Protocol (RIRP), so I thought I would provide a short update.

On March 1, 2011, I provided an update to Eric Leeds, and we discussed the first pilot (submerged cables) to test the protocol, the results of that pilot, the two RIRP guidance documents (NRR & NMSS) and that NEI has engaged NMSS/SFST with two pilots, testing the NMSS specific RIRP.

Based on the results of the submerged cables pilot and our continuing limited resources, NRR intends to monitor the progress and results of the NMSS pilots during the remainder of 2011. My take-away from NMSS' March 14 public meeting on the Marine Corrosion issue, is that the issue is still in development and very early in the protocol.

If you have any questions on NRR's involvement, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sheldon

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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**From:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**To:** [Cathy J Barnard](#)  
**Subject:** RE: LWRS Program Steering Committee Meeting, April 5-6, 2011 (documentation)  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:19:00 AM

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Hi Cathy. Both please.

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**From:** Cathy J Barnard [mailto:Cathy.Barnard@inl.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:43 AM  
**To:** dchapin@mpr.com; diamond@bnl.gov; dmodeen@epri.com; Eugene.Grecheck@dom.com; Case, Michael; ted.marston@gmail.com; todreas@mit.edu; tom.miller@nuclear.energy.gov; wjshack@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Rich Reister; Ronaldo H Szilard; Don Williams; Pete Planchon  
**Subject:** LWRS Program Steering Committee Meeting, April 5-6, 2011 (documentation)

Dear All,

Per Ronaldo Szilard's e-mail dated March 2, 2011, he noted that the remaining documentation necessary for the steering committee review will be sent to you on or before Friday, March 25. I plan to FedEx hard copies and e-mail electronic copies of the documentation on Thursday, March 24.

Do you prefer to receive a hard copy, an electronic copy, or both of the remaining documentation?

Thanks,  
Cathy

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**From:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**To:** [Flory, Shirley](#)  
**Cc:** [Chan, Deborah](#); [Rini, Brett](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: SES PERFORMANCE PLAN/EDP  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:20:00 AM

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Thanks Shirley. Can you send the same to me for Stu?

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**From:** Flory, Shirley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:24 AM  
**To:** Case, Michael  
**Cc:** Chan, Deborah; Rini, Brett  
**Subject:** ACTION: SES PERFORMANCE PLAN/EDP

Mike:

Attached are the files for your SES Performance Plan and EDP.

Shortly, you will be receiving instructions from Debbie Chan regarding mid-year preparations.

Thanks - Shirley

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**From:** [Johns, Nancy](#)  
**To:** [Schwarz, Sherry](#); [Gallagher, Johanna](#)  
**Cc:** [Leeds, Eric](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NRR's 2010 Succession Planning List Updated and Marked 03 04 2011.XLS  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:28:14 AM

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Many thanks!

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**From:** Schwarz, Sherry  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:25 PM  
**To:** Gallagher, Johanna; Johns, Nancy  
**Cc:** Leeds, Eric  
**Subject:** NRR's 2010 Succession Planning List Updated and Marked 03 04 2011.XLS

Hi Johanna and Nancy,

I am resending the attached, as one changed block needed to be marked in red. Sorry.

*Sherry G. Schwarz*  
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**From:** [Tobe, Celestia](#) on behalf of [Brown, Frederick](#)  
**To:** [Westreich, Barry](#); [Ruland, William](#); [Collins, Timothy](#)  
**Subject:** Regulatory Path

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From: FCW Daily  
To: Case, Michael  
Subject: Shutdown averted -- again | Rules hinder tech adoption  
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**To:** Case, Michael; Richards, Stuart; Tregoning, Robert; Gavrilas, Mirela; Csontos, Aladar; Rivera-Lugo, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: Staff Meeting (CMB & CIB)  
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### Federal Policy & Business

#### Can Anyone Change No Child Left Behind

*Time:* The Obama Administration is doubling down on its push to overhaul the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Last Wednesday, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan testified before Congress and aggressively urged action to revise the landmark and contentious education law that was passed in 2001. The President began this week with a speech at a northern Virginia middle school urging Congress to act and then spent part of Tuesday cutting several radio interviews prodding Capitol Hill even more. [MORE](#)

#### Obama leaves full plate behind to solidify ties with Latin America

*The Washington Post:* WASHINGTON — A nuclear crisis in Japan, fighting in Libya, turmoil in the Mideast and the threat of a government shutdown at home. It's a tough time for President Barack Obama to leave on a foreign trip — to Latin America.

Over the next five days, Obama is to travel to Brazil, Chile and El Salvador in what the White House is casting as a mission to build job-creating opportunities for the United States and to address regional security concerns. [MORE](#)

#### Senate passes short-term government-funding measure that includes some easy cuts

*The Washington Post:* The Senate approved another stopgap budget bill Thursday that would keep the federal government open until April 8. The measure, which had already passed the House, is expected to be signed by President Obama on Friday.

The bill would cut \$6 billion in federal spending. That makes twice this month that lawmakers from both parties have agreed to slash billions from the budget. [MORE](#)

#### House cuts to NPR funding likely to die in hands of Senate

*USA Today:* WASHINGTON — The Republican-led House of Representatives voted Thursday to end taxpayer funding for National Public Radio, a week after its top fundraiser was caught on a hidden camera disparaging the conservative Tea Party movement and saying the network would be better off without federal money.

The measure passed the House 228-192, but it is unlikely to gain traction in the Democratic-controlled Senate. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., called NPR and its journalists "valuable resources to people of all ages across the country." The Obama administration released

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a statement Thursday saying it "strongly opposes" the bill. [MORE](#)

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## Government IT

### **Navy To Build System For Identifying Security Threats**

*InformationWeek:* The Navy is developing a new software-based intelligence system that fuses information from a variety of sources to more quickly and efficiently identify possible security threats, according to the company building the system.

The military arm has awarded a Phase 1 small business innovative research contract to Florida-based Modus Operandi to build an intelligence-analysis and counterintelligence system called the Semantic Targeting and All-source Fusion Framework, or STAFF. [MORE](#)

### **Anonymous: Why Does the Air Force Want to Create Phony Online Identities?**

*CIO:* Network World — The international collective known as Anonymous is trying to figure out just what the U.S. Air Force wants with software that can create and manage phony identities on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other social networks.

Called Operation Metal Gear, the effort is aimed at shining light on software that sets up phony Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts and that helps operatives manage them so they seem like they were set up by real people, with the apparent object of gathering data about the actual real people they friend. [MORE](#)

### **Congress told CERT needs more power**

*Government Security News:* The federal agency charged with getting the word out about cyber threats needs more power to do its job effectively, a Congressional panel was told March 16.

That agency, U.S. CERT, needs to have the kind of autonomy given to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and report directly to the secretary of Homeland Security, Mischel Kwon, president of Mischel Kwon Associates, a Washington, DC-based security consulting firm, maintained at a public hearing held by the House subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies. [MORE](#)

### **OMB: It takes money to save money in IT operations**

*Nextgov:* The Office of Management and Budget needs more money to facilitate face-to-face meetings with agency leaders to review faltering information technology projects so they can enforce corrective actions promised during those sessions, the federal chief information officer said on Thursday. [MORE](#)

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### **Best Practices for Achieving Migration to a Cloud Model**

An i360Gov special report: Recent initiatives, including the just-published Federal Cloud Computing Strategy, the 25-point Implementation Plan to Reform Federal IT Management published in December and its accompanying 'Cloud First' acquisition strategy are forcing federal agencies to figure out how to quickly 'get their IT operations in shape' to embrace cloud computing.

This i360Gov's special report explores the steps agencies should take to aid their migration to cloud-based operations.

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### **i360Gov Proof Points: Trends in Digital Archiving of Legislative Records**

Despite the availability of electronic records preservation solutions, nearly 60% of our survey's respondents said they still don't possess an easily accessible electronic repository of all state laws, present and past, hindering each organization's ability to provide advanced web-based or online constituent services.

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### **Energy Efficient Cooling for Data Centers: A Close-Coupled Row Solution**

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### **Guide for Reducing Data Center Physical Infrastructure Energy Consumption in Federal Data Centers**

Abstract: In an effort to create a clean energy economy, recent US presidents and congress have issued a series of legislation and executive orders requiring federal agencies to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions in government facilities. Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, is supporting that effort by establishing a Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative to help reduce energy consumption in over 1,100 Federal data centers. US Federal data center managers are on a timeline to respond with their final consolidation plan. This paper analyzes the implication of these mandates and offers recommendations for how to improve energy efficiency in Federal data centers. This paper is written for a US-only audience.

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### **Desktop Virtualization Rolls into Public Sector IT Organizations**

An *i360Gov* special report. As the federal government strives to modernize IT operations, desktop virtualization is becoming one technology agencies are starting to embrace to help simplify management, improve security and reduce both costs and energy consumption.

Driven in part by the cost and space savings gained in server virtualization efforts, many public sector organizations are now investigating desktop virtualization to give federal employees and contractors more flexible access to government resources and information, while centralizing control over management, administrative and security headaches...

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### **Redefining 'Making Do': How state governments are leveraging technology to decrease budget deficits**

An *i360Gov* special report. Excerpt: After several years on a steady diet of tight budgets, revenue shortfalls and the ongoing weakened economy, it would seem state and local governments might by now be unable to maintain current IT operations, much less build new

services or applications.

However, despite ongoing hardships, states and localities have developed strong survival strategies, ferreting out cost reductions and reusing savings from ongoing data center consolidation efforts, for example, rather than seeking new funding for planned IT upgrades....

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### **Data Center Consolidation**

An *i360Gov* special report. Excerpt: Data center consolidation is now a top federal IT priority, as the White House leads the charge in driving a government-wide effort to reduce IT costs, lower energy consumption, improve IT security and enable a shift to more efficient IT platforms, such as cloud computing.

Driven by a few recently formed initiatives, a Presidential Executive Order, memos and other guidance, federal agencies are now working out plans to streamline data center operations, gain greater efficiency and meet a mandated goal to achieve \$3 billion in cost savings by the end of fiscal 2012...

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### **Countering Advanced Persistent Threats with Cyber Forensics**

Many security teams have been caught unprepared by recent advances in targeted attacks. Multi-stage, multi-vector campaigns now steal sensitive and classified data, access privileged accounts, and spy on public sector organizations. This white paper explains the need for new security tactics and rapid response technologies to counter these advanced persistent threats. This whitepaper will demonstrate the need for forensic-grade technology in order to combat advanced persistent threats and minimize the attack surface of an agencies' sensitive data.

Read the [report](#).

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## **Government Healthcare - Policy & IT**

### **White House Seeks to Boost Public Support for Health Bill**

*The Wall Street Journal* (online subscription required): The Obama administration next week will embark on a fresh pitch for the health-care overhaul, seeking to boost public support for the law on its one-year anniversary.

But lawmakers and some policy experts say the next phase of the overhaul will be more difficult to sell. Between now and the 2012 presidential election, few consumer-oriented changes kick in. That gives the administration few tools to break a deadlock in public opinion over President Barack Obama's top domestic achievement, which he signed March 23, 2010. [MORE](#)

### **Short-term spending bill clears Senate, includes healthcare cuts**

*Modern Healthcare* (online registration required): The Senate passed another short-term spending bill on Thursday that would avert a government shutdown. The bill, which President Barack Obama is expected to sign, includes cuts to state health access grants and pandemic flu funding.

The Senate's 87-13 approval of the three-week continuing resolution followed the House of Representatives' passage of it earlier in the week. [MORE](#)



### **HHS plans to pay for state data mining to spot Medicaid fraud**

*Government Health IT:* The Health and Human Services Department has proposed that state Medicaid agencies be able to use federal funds to help pay for uncovering fraud through the screening and analysis of Medicaid claims data.

Data mining is one of the tools that contributed to the \$355 million in court-ordered restitutions, fines and penalties and convictions for fraud against Medicare since 2007. [MORE](#)

### **WHO issues guidelines on radiation exposure**

*MSNBC:* GENEVA — In the wake of Japan's nuclear crisis, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued fresh guidelines on how to minimize exposure to radiation that can cause cancers, especially in children and young adults.

The United Nations agency said measures taken by Japan so far meet its public health recommendations, including evacuating people within 20 km of the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant and asking those within 30 km to stay indoors. [MORE](#)

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## **Webinars**

### **TUESDAY: i360Gov Proof Points: How to Achieve Private Cloud Formation**

Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 2:00 PM Eastern

To comply with federal mandates, agencies are being challenged to invest in cloud computing, to reduce IT costs and streamline operations. Despite the benefits of the cloud, many questions remain about security and the privacy of sensitive or classified information. Industry observers predict the strong push toward cloud-based services will lead to a rise in private cloud implementations in the coming year.

This i360Gov educational webinar and corresponding special report will highlight what government organizations should do to ensure security, while still adhering to federal cloud-focused mandates. The tools, assistance, guidance and advice of industry experts will be incorporated into the corresponding special report, called Private Cloud Formations, which will hone in on how this technological alternative may work best for a wide range of government applications. [Register Now](#) (no cost)

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### **The Records Management Challenge: A Strategy for Paper Records**

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 2:00 PM Eastern

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Our panelists, including Ray Miller, formerly with the NY State Dept of Health, will discuss how the process of managing paper records has evolved, what new techniques and technologies governments can employ to modernize this process, and how these improvements can impact your agency's bottom line. [Register Now](#) (no cost)

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### **Leveraging Technology to Fight Budget Difficulties in State & Local Governments**

Under the gun to provide more and better services while striving to manage shrinking resources, state and local governments are seemingly being squeezed from multiple directions. Luckily there are some technological tools available to help, such as web-based self services and desktop virtualization, among others.

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### **How server and datacenter consolidation can simplify and maximize cloud computing success**

Many Federal agencies are already pursuing consolidation and cloud computing initiatives, but OMB's 25-point mandate for government-wide IT reform has accelerated things significantly. Would you like to hear about a proven path forward to datacenter consolidation, transforming to a cloud-ready infrastructure and ultimately being able to adopt that cloud-first policy?

Join i360Gov for a live webinar on datacenter consolidation and how to build your cloud. Virtualization is a critical first step in consolidation and cloud computing, and with it, Federal agencies can leverage proven strategies to:

- Increase datacenter services, while decreasing infrastructure
- Build a scalable cloud infrastructure
- Integrate consolidation and cloud plans and maximize resources
- Leverage existing infrastructure to complete the transformation

Our panel of subject matter experts includes **Anil Karmel** (Los Alamos Labs) and **Doug Bourgeois**, formerly with U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. [View Now](#)

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## Energy - Policy & Technology

### **Democrats step up pressure on nuclear regulators over disaster preparedness**

*The Washington Post:* Democrats ratcheted up pressure on the country's top nuclear regulators to ensure that U.S. plants can withstand disaster, even as watchdogs charged that the agency has a flawed record of monitoring this country's aging fleet of reactors.

On Thursday, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) released a study evaluating the NRC's performance last year as a regulator, saying it has repeatedly found over the years that the agency's enforcement of safety rules is "not timely, consistent, or effective." [MORE](#)

### **With U.S. Nuclear Plants Under Scrutiny, Too, a Report Raises Safety Concerns**

*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette:* With Japan's nuclear industry facing intense scrutiny after the devastating earthquake and tsunami, critics of nuclear power in the United States are increasingly shining a spotlight on American regulators and power companies.

On Thursday, the Union of Concerned Scientists, an environmental and nuclear watchdog group based in Cambridge, Mass., accused the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission in a report of allowing companies that operate plants to ignore, or delay repairs to, leaky pipes, electrical malfunctions and other problems that could escalate into something more serious. [MORE](#)

### **As Japan's nuclear crisis follows Gulf oil spill, Obama struggles for accord on energy**

*The Washington Post:* WASHINGTON — On the road to a national energy policy, President Barack Obama is hitting pothole after pothole.

First, worries over coal-burning plants' role in global warming prompted Obama and other Democrats to look more favorably on offshore oil and gas exploration. Last year's BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico abruptly ended that. [MORE](#)

### **Obama Says U.S. Not at Risk From Japanese Nuclear Emergency**

*Bloomberg Business Week:* (Bloomberg) -- President Barack Obama said radiation leaking from a damaged nuclear plant in Japan poses no danger to the U.S. and defended nuclear power as an "important part" of the nation's energy production.

"We do not expect harmful levels of radiation to reach the United States, whether it's the West Coast, Hawaii, Alaska or U.S. territories in the Pacific," he said yesterday at the White House. [MORE](#)

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## Defense / Intelligence / Homeland Security - Policy & Technology

### **UN Security Council Authorizes Military Action Against Qaddafi**

*Bloomberg Business Week:* (Bloomberg) -- The United Nations Security Council voted to ground Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's air force and to grant military authority to the U.S. and its allies to protect civilians and population centers threatened by his forces.

The UN's principal policy-making panel yesterday voted 10-0, with five abstentions, to adopt a resolution that establishes a no-fly zone over Libya, demands a cease-fire and allows "all necessary measures" to protect civilians "excluding a foreign occupation force of any form on any part of Libyan territory." [MORE](#)

### **Referendum to Test Egypt's Fledgling Democracy**



*Time*: For the Egyptians who led the revolt that ousted President Hosni Mubarak, some changes are happening too quickly. It's not that the youth groups that organized the protest movement want to lose their revolutionary momentum — quite the contrary. But they want more time for Egyptians to consider and discuss the constitutional changes that the transitional military government will put to a referendum vote on Saturday, and for new political parties to emerge and develop their platforms. The Supreme Military Council, however, is in no mood to wait, and has ignored calls to postpone the vote. It has also warned against plans to stage a mass protest against the referendum on Friday. [MORE](#)

#### **Pentagon overpaid oilman millions, audit finds**

*The Washington Post*: A Pentagon audit has found that the federal government overpaid a billionaire oilman by as much as \$200 million on several military contracts worth nearly \$2.7 billion.

The audit by the Defense Department's inspector general, which was posted on the Pentagon's Web site this week, estimated that the department paid the oilman "\$160 [million] to \$204 million more for fuel than could be supported by price or cost analysis." The study also reported that the three contracts were awarded under conditions that effectively eliminated the other bidders. [MORE](#)

#### **Defense Department to eliminate 200 senior civilian jobs**

*Federal Times*: Defense Secretary Robert Gates has outlined plans for slashing more than 200 senior civilian executive positions across the department.

Affected positions include 176 civilian senior executive positions — 97 members of the Senior Executive Service, 21 senior level and scientific professionals, five Defense intelligence senior executives and 53 Defense intelligence senior level positions — and 33 highly qualified experts, according to Gates' March 14 memo to department leaders. [MORE](#)

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## **State & Local Government - Policy & Technology**

### **The 3 Phases to Starting a Private Government Cloud**

*Government Technology*: Cloud computing has captured the attention of government agencies around the globe because of its potential benefits — from lowering IT-associated costs, to increasing flexibility and simplifying IT management. In the U.S., support is coming from the top. Federal CIO Vivek Kundra has been an active promoter of cloud technology at the federal, state and local levels due to benefits such as availability, elastic provisioning, and the cloud's ability to scale up and down as IT demands fluctuate. [MORE](#)

### **Say What?**

"No man will ever bring out of the Presidency the reputation which carries him into it. . . . To myself, personally, it brings nothing but increasing drudgery and daily loss of friends."

—Thomas Jefferson

### **CA: Calif. lawmakers pass cuts, but budget unfinished**

*San Francisco Chronicle*: Indicating they have gone as far as they can for now, California lawmakers on Thursday took a break from budget votes after tackling about half of the state's \$26.6 billion shortfall through cuts, loans and transfers.

They left the most contentious parts of Gov. Jerry Brown's proposal unresolved, including his call for a special election so voters can consider extending recently enacted tax hikes. [MORE](#)

### **Are "charter universities" the future of state-funded higher ed?**

*Stateline:* On the face of it, the budget proposal that Ohio Governor John Kasich released this week looks like terrible news for state universities. Not only would Kasich's plan slash higher education spending by 10.5 percent but it also would cap tuition increases at 3.5 percent a year.

So it might come as a surprise that some university presidents received the plan warmly. Within hours, Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee released a statement praising the governor for "understanding that higher education and our state's long-term strength are inextricably linked." [MORE](#)

### **AK: Governor denies suggestion that big oil influenced bill**

*Anchorage Daily News:* JUNEAU -- Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell on Thursday denied any suggestion that oil interests had undue influence over the crafting of his bill to cut oil production taxes.

Parnell told The Associated Press he had no discussions with oil companies about specific provisions of the plan. He also said that to his knowledge, the legislation wasn't shared with oil interests in advance of its public release. [MORE](#)

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## Governors order nuclear plant reviews, congress urges more action

Thu, 2011-03-17 08:26 AM  
By: [Mark Rockwell](#)

As concern over U.S. nuclear plant vulnerability grows in Congress, at least two governors ordered safety reviews of nuclear power plants in their states after the Japanese earthquake and tsunami disasters.

On March 16, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo ordered a safety review of a nuclear plant located near a seismic fault 35 miles north of Manhattan. Cuomo said the Indian Point Energy Center on the Hudson River in suburban Westchester County will be reviewed. The plant is near a fault line, but scientists are in disagreement about the level of threat it poses.

On March 14, Florida Governor Rick Scott asked his state's Division of Emergency Management Director Bryan Koon to review emergency action plans for the state's five nuclear reactors in the face of natural or manmade disaster. There are three additional facilities within 100 miles of Florida's borders, Scott's office said.

Scott said Koon and his staff made a comprehensive review of the state's action plans the weekend following the earthquake in Japan and found them prepared. "The information I've received shows that across state agencies, in conjunction with federal partners and utility operators, we are prepared for an effective and rapid emergency response," he said.

Some in the U.S. congress have expressed concern over U.S. preparedness for events similar to those in Japan. The concern is showing up on both sides of the political spectrum. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, (R-FL) chairman of the Homeland Security Committee's Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications also urged more action. He commended Gov. Scott's review orders and also plans a hearing on nuclear plant safety on March 17.

Bilirakis is holding a hearing on March 17 to address medical preparedness and response efforts to attacks or disasters involving nuclear plants, among other issues, said his office in a statement. Bilirakis' witness list includes Dr. Alexander Garza, Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Health Affairs.

Rep. Ed Markey, (D-MA) sent letters on March 14 to the White House urging wider distribution of protective Potassium Iodide pills and questioning the chain of government command during such a nuclear crisis. According to news reports, Bilirakis also supports wider distribution of Potassium Iodide pills.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, a supporter of nuclear power in the U.S., has also urged caution. "It think that we've got to kind of quietly -- quickly put the brakes on until we can absorb what has happened in Japan as a result of the earthquake and the tsunami and then see what more, if anything, we can demand of the new power plants that are coming on line," he said March 13 on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Bilirakis commended Gov. Scott's "proactive" review of emergency preparedness plans at the state's nuclear plants on March 15. He urged other state leaders to ensure effective response plans are in place for nuclear plants. "We must continue to review the response measures we have in place, including the most efficient way to distribute aid during such an emergency," he said.



Rep. Gus Bilirakis, (R-FL)

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In reference to your comment below regarding Conference/Training funding, the RES OD and Division Directors discussed this issue at a recent 8:45 Standup and decided to fund all conferences including those associated with travel, with training funds. Discussion was held on both views of conferences fees payment, resulting in this final decision which will be reflected in the upcoming revision to our Training OI.

Thank you for comments in efforts to revise the RES Training OI. Please let me know if you any questions.

Thank you

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**From:** Parks, Jazel  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 2:54 PM  
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I will bring down PMDA's comments in a few

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**From:** Hudson, Daniel  
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**Cc:** Dion, Jeanne; Rini, Brett; Armstrong, Kenneth  
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Jazel,

DRA has reviewed the subject draft OI, and offers the following recommendation to address the relationship between conference attendance and external training:

RES should not treat conference attendance as external training and should establish a conference budget for each Division using travel resources to support staff participation in conferences, regardless of the objective of participation. The registration fee (if any) and travel cost associated with conference participation should be paid for using these conference resources, while the time associated with conference participation should be charged to either an activity-specific technical assignment control (TAC) or a training TAC, depending on the objective of participation.

Rather than inconsistently tracking training credit for conference participation in iLearn by only crediting those conferences that require the NRC to cover the registration fee, the individual staff and their respective supervisors should maintain responsibility for tracking staff participation in conferences relevant to their immediate work and/or professional development.

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Implementing these changes will: reduce the complexity and staff confusion associated with the existing process; allow Division management and front-line supervisors to decide how best to use limited resources; and will ensure that individual staff and their respective supervisors maintain responsibility for tracking relevant conference participation.

DRA has no additional comments on the content of the draft OI.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this input or if you need any additional information.

Thanks,  
Dan

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Michele,

Sorry I missed your calls, here are a few additional names.

**April BeBault** – help in OIP

**Allison Travers** – help in OIP

**Dan Doyle** - some experience with answering questions from the press

**Andy Imboden** -some experience with answering questions from the press

**Louise Lovell** - worked as an IT Specialist in NSIR. She is very familiar with the systems that support the Operations Center. Additionally, she was an evaluator for the Liaison Team during one of the drills and she believes she can also assist in coordination and execution of support activities. Also worked to support the operations center as a member of the Operations Team and as the Emergency Telecommunications Coordinator while working in OIS. It's been several years however, she has basic knowledge of the design of the communications systems including the PBX.

Mary/Michele

Here is what we have so far from NRR. I sent another reminder this afternoon and hope to have more names tomorrow in the am.

- **Dave Beaulieu** – has Resident Inspector experience, including being the resident for Three Mile Island Unit 2
- **Laura Gerke** – 15 years of Op Center Liaison experience from when I was in Congressional Affairs
- **Karen Zeleznock** - bachelor's degree in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University and completed a rotation to OIP about a year ago where she filled in for desk officers for Japan, Lithuania, and Vietnam
- **Jeremy Susco** - starting next week.
- **Jim Vail**
- **Matthew Mitchell** - already listed as Technical Experts - on call to Ops Center
- **Kenneth Karwoski** - already listed as Technical Experts - on call to Ops Center

PMDA staff willing to provide general-type support with no specialized experience:

- **Cynthia Dorsey**– nights; and weekends
- **Caroline Nguyen** – weekdays between 8pm to midnight; anytime on weekends
- **Gary Tharpe** – evenings; and weekends
- **Sylvia Valencia** – weekends (prefer AM shifts)

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- **Hong Le** – weekends (anytime)
- **Ilyne Miller**

Thanks  
Mary



**From:** [Brach, Bill](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Subject:** Out of Office: Discuss National Stakeholder Input for IAEA Safety Standards  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:56:40 AM

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I will be out of the office March 16 - 21. I will return to the office on March 22.

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**From:** [Rini, Brett](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Subject:** Out of Office: Discuss National Stakeholder Input for IAEA Safety Standards  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:56:51 AM

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I am currently out of the office. For RES TA issues, please contact [Jeanne Dion](#) at 301-251-7482.

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**From:** [Weaver, Doug](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Subject:** Out of Office: Discuss National Stakeholder Input for IAEA Safety Standards  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:56:52 AM

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Hello,

I will be out of the office on leave until March 24th. Meraj Rahimi is the acting SFST Deputy Director and can be reached at [meraj.rahimi@nrc.gov](mailto:meraj.rahimi@nrc.gov)

Thanks.

Doug

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**From:** [Dean Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Borchardt, Bill](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Just making sure you got this  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 9:00:50 AM

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Hi William

I just wanted to fire across a quick follow-up email to make sure that you received the below message.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on it - have a good weekend.

Dean

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From: Dean Murphy [mailto:dmurphy@eyeforeenergy.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 08:46 AM  
To: William  
Subject: June meeting details

Hi William

As you are involved in the US nuclear market, I wanted to make you aware of the [2nd Annual Nuclear Power Uprate Conference](#) (16 - 17 June , Charlotte, North Carolina).

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Best Regards

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**From:** [Howe, Allen](#)  
**To:** [Leeds, Eric](#)  
**Cc:** [Ellmers, Glenn](#); [Boska, John](#); [Gratton, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: all hands  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 9:09:59 AM

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Will do

John/Chris – please update Glenn

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**From:** Leeds, Eric  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:16 AM  
**To:** Howe, Allen  
**Cc:** Ellmers, Glenn; Boska, John; Gratton, Christopher  
**Subject:** ACTION: all hands

Allen – could you or one of your team, help Glenn on this. Thanks!

Eric J. Leeds, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
301-415-1270

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**From:** Borchardt, Bill  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 6:53 AM  
**To:** Ellmers, Glenn; Leeds, Eric  
**Subject:** all hands

Glenn – please get the outline (and talking points in whatever shape they're in) for Monday's comm mtg so that I can use them for the all hands meeting. Also prepare a 1 pager of additional items that you think I should cover such as Darren's note (that I just sent to you), thanking the nrc staff, etc....

I hope to back from the hill around noon

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**From:** [Silk, Anne](#) 11  
**To:** [Ruland, William](#)  
**Subject:** FW: REQUEST: Remove "FY 2013 Budget Formulation" from LT Agenda for Friday  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 9:18:08 AM  
**Importance:** High

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I have removed budget from the agenda – do you want anything in its place. Right now I have nothing else on the agenda.  
Anne

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**From:** Nguyen, Caroline *NRR*  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:41 PM  
**To:** Ruland, William  
**Cc:** Silk, Anne; Le, Hong; Newell, Karenina  
**Subject:** REQUEST: Remove "FY 2013 Budget Formulation" from LT Agenda for Friday  
**Importance:** High

Hi Bill –

As a follow up to the voice message I left, BFEB is requesting that FY 2013 Budget Formulation be removed from the agenda for tomorrow's LT meeting. At this time, NRR is awaiting input for Scenario A and B from support offices, and we are expecting more information next week. We will continue moving forward with the budget guidance we have received, and will plan to brief the LT on Thursday next week (March 24). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Caroline  
415-1085

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**From:** [Newswatch](#)  
**To:** [Virgilio, Martin](#)  
**Subject:** How to Handle Travel Pay Legally May 21 Webinar  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 9:20:44 AM

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**From:** [Flory, Shirley](#)  
**To:** [Case, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: SES PERFORMANCE PLAN/EDP  
**Date:** Friday, March 18, 2011 9:22:24 AM

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Yes. I sent Stu's to him, but I will also forward it to you.

Thanks - Shirley

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**From:** Case, Michael  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2011 8:20 AM  
**To:** Flory, Shirley  
**Cc:** Chan, Deborah; Rini, Brett  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: SES PERFORMANCE PLAN/EDP

Thanks Shirley. Can you send the same to me for Stu?

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**From:** Flory, Shirley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:24 AM  
**To:** Case, Michael  
**Cc:** Chan, Deborah; Rini, Brett  
**Subject:** ACTION: SES PERFORMANCE PLAN/EDP

Mike:

Attached are the files for your SES Performance Plan and EDP.

Shortly, you will be receiving instructions from Debbie Chan regarding mid-year preparations.

Thanks - Shirley

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