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Subject: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1979

A summary of key events is included as a convenience to those Commissioners who may prefer a condensed version of this report.

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## SUMMARY OF KEY EVENTS

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1979

### Pilgrim 1

On December 17 a new fuel assembly was dropped while being loaded into its storage location in the high density storage racks. The assembly is positioned horizontally on top of the high density racks with no apparent damage. BECo is evaluating its recovery options and has taken administrative/procedural action to preclude recurrence.

### Foreign Operating Experience Reports

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### Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data

Technical studies initiated within AEOD in December involve a review of operating experience on control rod drive latch failures, including rod drops and failure to fully insert. The AEOD study is currently targeted for completion in approximately 4 to 6 months.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST  
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS  
WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1979

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Foreign Operating Experience Reports

IP has assembled a collection of periodic reports on foreign LWR operating experiences, received over the last several years. It contains over 5,000 pages of information in eleven volumes, in varying amount of detail, assembled for use by NRR, AEOD, and contractors and others planning or updating analysis of U.S. and foreign data. IP will update this collection periodically in the future and distribute current reports to interested offices, and announce new receipts in the Weekly Activities Report.

Foreign Assignees at NRC

Several personnel changes have occurred in the program of assigning foreign regulatory personnel to various NRC offices in the last few months. Jae Choon Lim returned to the Korean Atomic Energy Bureau following a one year program with I&E, Region II. Antonio Refre completed approximately 14 months with ETSB in NRR and has returned to The Philippines. Osman Mersin returned to the Turkish Atomic Energy Commission after a nine months program with ASB in NRR.

Commitments have been made by NRR to receive a Turkish national, Oguz Akalin in March 1980, and Librado Gesalta, a Philippine national, in May 1980. Philip Wisco, also a Philippine national, is expected to arrive in early January 1980 to begin a six months program at the I&E, Region IV office. An assignment has been proposed to Bernard Fourest, CEA, France, to NRR for a one year assignment, beginning spring 1980. An assignment for Yeng-Yuan Chen, Taiwan, is scheduled for September 1980 with I&E, Region II.

NRR, OLB has had two Brazilian CNEN staff members for approximately 6 weeks, Herculano Vieira Soares and Dr. Lima.

In the near future, IP will propose additional work/training assignments for personnel from Spain, Korea, and the Philippines.

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ENCLOSURE H

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Week Ending December 28, 1979

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

STATUS OF REQUESTS

	<u>Initial Request</u>	<u>Appeal of Initial Decision</u>
Received	597	37
Granted	426	12
Denied	95	17
Pending	76	8

ACTIONS THIS WEEK

Received

Ellyn R. Weiss,  
Sheldon, Harmon,  
& Weiss, on behalf  
of UCS  
(79-564)

Requests documents produced by NRC Task Groups directed to formulate an action plan on implementation of the TMI Lessons Learned and the Kemeny Commission Report with regard to operating nuclear plants.

William Nottingham,  
St. Petersburg Times  
(79-565)

Requests all documents regarding Florida Power Corporation's 1977 report from Emerson Consultants Inc. concerning the management and operation of the Crystal River Unit 3 power plant.

John W. Redmond,  
Nuclear Associates  
International  
(79-566)

Requests information on RFP RS-77-26, "Proposal for Implementation and Operation of the NRC Document Control System."

Granted

(An NRC employee)  
(79-497)

In response to a request for documentation submitted to the EDO in connection with the DAMANS-PERC evaluation of his position, made available this material.

Paul Davis  
(79-498)

Made available a copy of the non-proprietary version of the Nuclear Fuel Services - Erwin Comprehensive Evaluation Plan.

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ENCLOSURE A

Granted, Cont'd

Richard C. Rowson,  
Government Publications  
Review  
(79-528)

Made available a copy of NUREG-0550, "Standard  
Distribution for Unclassified NRC Publications."

Denied

None

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ENCLOSURE A

DIVISION OF CONTRACTS

Week Ending December 28, 1979

PROPOSALS UNDER EVALUATION

1. RFP RS-EDO-80-502  
Title - Study and Review of Issues Concerning Equal Employment Opportunity at NRC  
Description - Perform an assessment of NRC's EEO Program and prepare recommendations for improving EEO at NRC should the assessment reveal any areas requiring management attention.  
Period of Performance - Nine months  
Sponsor - Office of the Executive Director for Operations  
Status - Clarifications received and forwarded to SEB for Evaluation on December 21, 1979. Oral discussions scheduled for January 4, 1980.

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ENCLOSURE A

NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
Week Ending December 28, 1979

Pilgrim 1

At approximately 6:30 a.m., December 17, a new fuel assembly was inadvertently dropped while loading it into its storage location in the high density storage racks at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. The assembly is positioned horizontally on top of the high density racks with no apparent damage. BECo is evaluating its recovery options and has taken administrative/procedural action to preclude recurrence. IE Region I is following the recovery and will issue a PN.

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ENCLOSURE B

OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Items of Interest

Week Ending December 28, 1979

1. Preliminary Notifications relating to the following actions were dispatched during the past week:
  - a. PNO-I-79-41 Haddam Neck - Collection of Fish on Intake Traveling Screens
  - b. PNO-I-79-42 Salem - Collapse of Water Holdup Tank
  - c. PNO-I-79-43 Millstone - Allegation Concerning Acceptability of Isolation Condenser Seismic Restraints
  - d. PNO-I-79-44 Oyster Creek - Worker (Contractor) Injury
  - e. PNO-I-79-45 Union Carbide Corp. - Radioactive Waste Shipment Refused at Beatty, Nevada
  - f. PNO-I-79-45A Union Carbide Corp. - Update; Radioactive Waste Shipment Refused at Beatty, Nevada
  - g. PNO-II-79-45 Browns Ferry - Confirmation of Action Letter on Verification of Primary Containment Equipment Access Hatch Integrity
  - h. PNO-II-79-47 Surry - Confirmation of Action Letter on Verification of Operability of Snubbers
  - i. PNO-III-79-67 D. C. Cook - Design Basis Earthquake (DBE) Analysis Indicates the Containment Air Recirculation System Ducting Would Be Stressed Beyond Yield
  - j. PNO-III-79-06 Callaway - Bomb Threat
  - k. PNO-III-79-60D Point Beach 1 - Reactor Shutdown Because of Steam Generator Leak
  - l. PNO-V-79-12 Nuclear Engineering Company - Leaking Shipping Container
2. The following IE Information Notices were issued:
  - a. IE Information Notice 79-33, "Improper Closure of Primary Containment Access Hatches" was issued on December 21, 1979 to all power reactor facilities holding operating licenses and construction permits.
  - b. IE Information Notice 79-34, "Inadequate Design of Safety-Related Heat Exchangers" was issued on December 26, 1979 to all holders of power reactor operating licenses and construction permits.
  - c. IE Information Notice 79-35, "Control of Maintenance and Essential Equipment" was issued on December 27, 1979 to all power reactor facilities with an operating license or construction permit.

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ENCLOSURE E



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

Items of Interest

TWO-WEEK PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1979

Program Guidance

Forwarded two program area write-ups (Systematic Evaluation Program and Operating Reactor Amendments) to the EDO for transmittal to the Commission. Each of these write-ups consists of a Policy, Planning, and Program Guidance (PPPG) section, Decision Unit Tracking System (DUTS) printouts, and briefing materials from recent office presentations to the EDO on these programs.

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ENCLOSURE J

OFFICE FOR ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL DATA

ITEMS OF INTEREST

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1979

Technical studies initiated within AEOD in December involve a review of operating experience on control rod drive latch failures, including rod drops and failure to fully insert. This operational concern was initially screened by ACRS, and in view of the number of past events and possible consequences (several events have occurred which resulted in reactor periods shorter than 5 seconds), a more thorough technical review was considered warranted. Additional review by PAS-RES confirmed the significance of such events in terms of risk contributions. The AEOD study is currently targeted for completion in approximately 4 to 6 months. The next technical study, to be initiated soon as resources expand, will address "non-safety" grade event initiators.

These technical studies will augment other ongoing LER analyses now being conducted within the Operational Event Analysis Branch (I&E) and the operational data review group within NRR (DOR).

AEOD has drafted a proposed NRC Manual Chapter to promote coordination and effectiveness of the various NRC offices involved with the collection, review, and feedback of operational safety data. This draft is under review by other offices.

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