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For:The CommissionersFrom:James L. Blaha, Assistant for Operations, Office of the EDOSubject:WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 1990

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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HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT

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Oyster Creek

On Wednesday, September 19, 1990 a meeting was held with GPU Nuclear Corporation (GPUN) to discuss the Oyster Creek Drywell Program regarding corrosion of the containment shell. The licensee indicated that GPUN's drywell program is a very high priority, resource intensive and multifacited and they they intend to arrest corrosion by positive means and ensure containment integrity for the full licensed life of the plant. During the discussion the lice a described a three phase program to address the drywell corrosion problem. Intends to confirm shell integrity through 1992, develop a detailed plan and a intends to stated that he will submit the details of his program including the structural analysis by December 1990. We advised the licensee that he should expedite his submittal including plans to arrest corrosion.

Rancho Seco

On September 5, 1990, a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of a "Possession Only" License Amendment for Rancho Seco was published in the Federal Register (55 FR 36349). The "Possession Only" license amendment would remove the licensee's authority to operate the reactor.

On Friday, September 14, 1990, Dr. A. David Rossin, of the Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO), called the Project Manager for Rancho Seco and stated that ECO is preparing a petition for leave to intervene on the proposed issuance of the "Possession Only" license amendment. This phone call is a follow up to a letter ECO sent to Chairman Carr on June 27, 1990, in which ECO stated their intentions to intervene.

ECO's basis for intervention appears to be that according to ECO, a complete Environmental Impact Statement is required by NEPA, including evaluating the environmental impact of the replacement power sources for Rancho Seco.

Sequoyah Nuclear Plant

On September 14, 1990, TVA announced that Jack Wilson will become Vice President of Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Site in October. Wilson will be responsible for all Sequoyah site activities.

Wilson comes to TVA from Virginia Power, where for the past 15 years he has held successive positions including Assistant Vice President, Nuclear Operations; Manager, Nuclear Operations Support; Manager, Forecasting & Economic Analysis; and Station Manager, Surry Nuclear Facility. Wilson also bas 25 years experience in the U.S. Navy Nuclear Surface Program.

He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering form the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's in business administration in finance from George Washington University. He was licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a senior reactor operator on the Surry Nuclear Plant.

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EDSFI Training

About 30 regional headquarters inspectors attended training this week on the technical aspects of the new electrical distribution system functional inspections (EDSFIs) at the TTC. The primary objectives are to provide inspectors insight in executing the TI and share experience and results from the five headquarters-led pilot EDSFI inspections. Representatives from all regions, the Electrical Systems Branch, and AECL contractors were in attendance.

Human Factors and Control Facilities IEEE Subcommittee 7 Meeting

Members from DLPQ, PTSB, and RES participated in a two-day meeting, September 12 -13, 1990, of the IEEE Subcommittee 7 on Human Factors and Control Facilities. Of particular interest to LHFB were the working group's current development of a guide for the application of human engineering principles to computer-based displays, and plans for IEEE's 5th Conference on Human Factors to be held in 1992. In addition to the NRC participants, the meeting was attended by approximately 25 representatives from the nuclear power industry

RESTART SCHEDULE 9/21/90

PLANT	SHUTDOWN	COMMISSION BRIEFING	PLANT RESTART
BROWNS FERRY 2	9/15/840	11/90E	12/90E*

*Commission decision prior to restart authorization.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

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RA-2 and RA-3 Shipping Containers

On September 13, 1990, Transportation Branch staff met with representatives of Combustion Engineering, Inc. to discuss their proposed use of the Model No. RA-2 and RA-3 package to ship SVEA-96 fuel rods. The SVEA-96 rods are to be shipped in December 1990.

Security/Classification Guide for Centrifuge Enrichment Plant

On September 13, 1990, a member of the International Safeguards Branch participated in a meeting at the Department of State to review a URENCO Phase III Draft Agreement in connection with the proposed Louisiana Energy Services uranium enrichment plant project. Representatives from the Department of Energy, Department of State and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission discussed the security/classification provisions of the Agreement. Further discussions will take place on September 26-28 in The Hague.

Physical Protection Bilateral

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) participated in interagency United States Physical Protection Review team (NRC, Department of Energy and Department of Defense) visits to Sweden and Denmark on September 10-14, 1990. The team held technical information exchanges with representatives of the Swedish Nuclear Inspectorate and the Danish Civil Defense and Emergency Planning Agencies--organizations responsible for licensing and regulation of nuclear activities within these countries. Site visits were made to nuclear facilities in both countries.

Observation of Surveillance of USGS

Members of the Division of High-Level Waste Management (HLWM) staff observed a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) quality assurance (QA) surveillance of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from September 10-14, 1990. The audit was conducted at the USGS offices in Denver, Colorado, and at the Nevada Test Site. The USGS is responsible for conducting geologic, geophysical, hydrologic and seismologic investigations in support of the High-Level Waste (HLW) repository program. The surveillance team was well qualified and conducted a thorough review of procedural implementation under designated criteria of the USGS QA program. The team determined that the USGS QA in the areas reviewed is adequate and effective.

NRC/DOE Bi-Monthly QA Meeting

Members of the Division of High-Level Waste Management (HLWM) met with U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) staff on September 18, 1990, to discuss items of interest in the quality assurance (QA) program of the High-Level Waste repository program. This announced meeting was attended by representatives from the Edison Electric Institute, Nye County, Nevada and the General Accounting Office (GAO). Major items of discussion were DOE's perception of the August 7, 1990, QA Workshop and plans for the October 15-26, 1990, audit of DOE Headquarters and the Yucca Mountain Project Office.

NRC-DOE Technical Exchange on Radionuclide Sorption

On September 13, 1990, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Department of Energy (DOE) held a technical exchange at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) that focused on topics dealing with processes affecting radionuclide sorption, chemical controls on sorption, the radionuclide sorption data base, modeling sorption processes, radionuclide migration studies and transport experiments. The technical exchange was a follow-up interaction to a two-day Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB)-DOE workshop on the same topic held at LANL on September 12-13, 1990. The emphasis of the workshop was on sorption processes and unsaturated flow and transport related to the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada. The relevance of these discussions to the proposed High-Level Waste repository site at Yucca Mountain is that the zeolitic units under the proposed repository horizon may retard the migration of radionuclides to the water table if the zeolites are able to effectively sorb the radionuclides. Representatives from the Divisior of High-Level Waste Management and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research participated in both events, as did representatives from the State of Nevada.

National Research Council Symposium on Radioactive Waste Repository Licensing

From September 17-18, 1990, the Board on Radioactive Waste Management of the National Research Council conducted a Symposium on Radioactive Waste Repository Licensing. Presentations were given on the licensing requirements in the United States and foreign countries. Many of the presentations and discussion, including the NRC staff's presentation, focused on the recent Board on Radioactive Waste Management report entitled "Rethinking High-Level Waste Disposal." As a followup to this symposium, the staff will transmit to the board its written analysis of this report, which was the basis for the staff's presentation.

Combustion Engineering (CE) - Windsor

On September 19, 1990, representatives from CE and the Uranium Fuel Section, met to discuss changes in criticality safety requirements for a pending amendment application. CE plans to submit a revised amendment application within 3 weeks.

Ciemetrin Corporation

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provided Japonica Partners with a consent letter dated September 11, 1990, allowing the transfer of ownership of Chemetron Corporation's radioactive materials license from Allegheny International. Chemetron is a holder of a NRC source material license to possess depleted uranium on their Bert Avenue and Harvard Avenue sites located in Newburgh Heights, Ohio. Japonica Partners is the founder of Sunbeam/Oster Company (SOC) and organizer of an SOC takeover of Allegheny that would result in the transfer of license ownership.

Allegheny International filed for bankruptcy on February 20, 1988. The takeover requires prior bankruptcy court approval.

On September 13, 1990, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania approved the takeover plan provided that closing is consummated on or before September 28, 1990. Japonica Partners expects closing by September 26, 1990.

Meeting with State of Nebraska

. No Staff from the Division of Low-Level Waste Management and Decommissioning met with regulatory staff from the State of Nebraska on September 12-13, 1990, to provide training on the use of the NRC Standard Review Plan for low-level waste (LLW) facilities. Nebraska has just received a license application from U.S. Ecology for a LLW site in Nebraska.

Meeting with DOE Re: Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project

On September 18, 1990, representatives of the Division of Low-Level Waste Management (LLWM) and Region IV (URFO) met with Department of Energy (DOE) and DOE contractor management to discuss programmatic aspects of the Uranium Mill railings Remedial Action Project. A primary topic of discussion was the projected casework schedule. The need for DOE's accurate casework forecasting and prioritization to enable NRC to efficiently handle the anticipated heavy workload was discussed. DOE will provide additional information to NRC on projected schedules to factor in changes in DOE and contractor priorities, budget changes and other factors affecting their construction schedule to assist in planning NRC review activities. . .

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Meeting with Gianni Petrangeli

A meeting was held at the Office of Research on September 14, 1990, with Gianni Petrangeli and Maurizio Colagrossi, representing the Directorate for Nuclear Safety and Health Protection of the Italian Commission for Nuclear and Alternative Energy Sources (ENEA-DISP), to discuss issues relating to the reviews of future reactor designs under the arrangement between the USNRC and ENEA-DISP for the exchange of technical information and cooperation in nuclear safety matters. In addition to several members of RES, the meeting was also attended by C. Miller of NRR and S. Schuyler-Hayes of International Programs.

During the meeting, Mr. Petrangeli (ENEA-DISP) and Ms. Schuyler-Hayes (GPA/IP) discussed arrangements for a proposed meeting between Mr. Naschi, the director of ENEA-DISP, and Chairman Carr on October 30, 1990, and the assignment of Roberto Ranieri of ENEA-DISP to the NRC for 1 year. Mr. Speis (RES) and Mr. Petrangeli agreed that the next meeting between representatives of the USNRC and ENEA-DISP, in accordance with the technical appendix to the USNRC/ENEA arrangement, would be held on May 13, 1991 in Rockville, Maryland.

Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

Diagnostic Evaluations

Planning and preparation for the Oyster Creek DET continued during the period September 17-21. The contractors have been selected pending final contract arrangements. The evaluation plan was forwarded to the EDO for approval on September 21.

Incident Response

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On September 18, the Chief, IRB, and staff participated along with other NRC and FEMA officials in Phase Two of a Post-Emergency Table Top Exercise at the River Bend facility in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Other participants included the states of Louisiana and Mississippi, five parishes and four other federal agencies (HHS, EPA, DOE, and USDA). This phase of the exercise dealt primarily with long term environmental and protective action issues. The exercise involved over 200 players and observers.

On September 19 and 20, the Chief, IRB and staff along with IRM management and staff met with INEL in Idaho Falls, Idaho to discuss the status of the Statement of Work for the NRC Emergency Telecommunications System.

On September 19 and 20, an IRB staff member conducted training in Protective Measures Response for the technical staff in Region V.

Technical Training Center

The first Electrical Distribution System Functional Inspection (EDSFI) training course was held at the TTC September 18-20, 1990. Over 30 personnel representing NRR, each Region and NRC contractors attended. The training was coordinated, developed and presented through a TTC task order contract by Sonalysts, Inc. The session began with an overview of the EDSFI program by NRR. This was followed by a review of typical electrical systems, discussions of components ard related codes and standards and review of related calculations and studies. The session concluded with a discussion of previous inspection findings led by NRR. A second course is planned for December 11-13 following a review and critique of the first course.

Preliminary Notification

The following Preliminary Notifications were issued during the past week.

- a. PNO-I-90-80, Washington Hospital Center, Malfunction Of Teletherapy Unit Resulting In Non-Retraction Of Source
- b. PNO-I-90-81, University of Pittsburgh, Teletherapy Misadministration
- c. PNO-V-90-37, Arizona Nuclear Power Plant, Plant Shutdown Due To Leaking Pressurizer Safety Valve

Office of Governmental and Public Affairs Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

Industrial Radiography Course

Cardelia Maupin, State Programs, conducted a course on the safety aspects of industrial radiography on September 17-21, 1990 at the Amersham Corporation in Burlington, Massachusetts. Fourteen State inspectors participated in the training course. The course covered various aspects on industrial radiography safety and included a tour of a radiography camera manufacturer, a visit to an operational radiography site and an inspection of a radiography company.

River Bend Post Accident Table Top Exercise

Charles Hackney, Region IV State Liaison Officer, observed a post accident table top emergency planning exercise for the River Bend Nuclear Station on September 18, 1990 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This exercise addressed long-term post accident issues such as relocation, decontamination, return of evacuees, isolating contaminated food and feed from humans and animals, reimbursements for economic losses and discontinuing the emergency response effort.

Mississippi Radiation Control Program Review Visit

R. L. Woodruff, Region II State Agreements Officer, conducted a review visit of the Mississippi Radiation Control Program on September 18-20, 1990 in Jackson, Mississippi. The purpose of a review visit is to assess the status of the State's program and to assist the State in preparing for a routine review.

New Hampshire Radiation Control Program Follow-up

Joh McGrath, Region I State Agreements Officer, conducted a follow-up visit of the New Hampshire Radiation Control Program on September 19-20, 1990 in Concord, New Hampshire. The purpose of this follow-up was to review the status of goals and objectives identified from the February 1990 review of the New Hampshire program.

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New Interagency Subcommittee Established

On September 20, H. Denton and D. Chaney representer NRC at the first meeting at the Department of State of the Subcommittee on Science and Technology in Developing Economies (SATIDE), which is being chaired by Richard Bissell, AID Assistant Administrator. SATIDE has been established by the Committee on International Science, Engineering, and Technology of the Federal Coordinating Council on Science, Engineering, and Technology to serve as a forum for reviewing and developing policy objectives to enhance cooperative S&T rrograms in developing countries. It was agreed at the meeting that the first project, drawing on existing databases and updated input from participating agencies, will be to compile a detailed inventory of existing Federal cooperative programs and agreements with developing countries. Guidelines will be developed by a small working group to assure consistency.

Nuclear Safety Cooperation with Hungary

On September 24 Chairman Carr signed in Budapest an Arrangement for the Exchange of Nuclear Safety Information with Hungary. This is the second arrangement with an East European country following the arrangement signed in April 1989 with Czechoslovakia.

CONGRESSIONAL HEAPINGS SCHEDULE (CA)

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PTEMBER	ASSIGNMENT Gerke	DATE 09/18/90	1:30	Non-NRC	Creation of Chief Financial Officer Position at Agencies	Reps. Convers/Horton House Government Operations
21, 1990	Gerke	09/18/90	9:30	Jim Taylor Bill Parler	Licensing Reform, Standardization	Senators Graham/Simpson Nuclear Regulation Senate Environment & Public Works
0	Gerke	09/19/90	9:30	Non-NRC	Creation of Chief Financial Officer Position at Agencies	Senators Glenn/Roth Senate Governmental Affairs
	Gerke	09/25/90	9:30	Non-NRC	H.R. 5322, SES Improvements Act	Reps. Sikorski/Morella Civil Service House Post Office & Civil Service
	Keeling	09/27/90	10:00	Non-NRC	Proposal to reform fedl equal employment practices	Reps. Sikorski/Morella Civil Service House Post Office & Civil Service
	Combs	10/02/90	TBA	Bob Bernero	High-Level Waste	Senators Graham/Simpson Nuclear Regulation Senate Environment & Public Forks

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Office of Administration Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

Security Clearance Practices Course

Two members of the Personnel Security Branch and the legal counsel from OGC attended a one day seminar in Arlington, VA sponsored by the American Bar Association. The seminar covered balancing the interests of the background investigation, application of security clearance eligibility criteria, adjudication of security clearance, and the personnel security hearing process including the applicant's review of appeal rights. Legislative initiatives were also discussed. Speakers included representatives from DOD, DOJ, DOE, DOD contractors, civilian legal firms, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Senate.

NRC/DOE Security Classification Guide

On September 13, 1990, the final draft of the NRC/DOE Security Classification Guide for LES was forwarded to URENCO officials. This guide will be the subject of discussions between the US and the three URENCO governments during the meeting at the Hague the week of September 24, 1990.

Significant FOIA Requests Received by the NRC for 5-Day Period September 14 - 20, 1990

Request for records between Rep. H. James Saxton or his staff and the NRC. (James Evans, FOIA-90-414)

Request for (1) information on the development of the Below Regulatory Concern and Exempt from Regulatory Control policies; (2) NRC standards for acceptable risk, as applied to BRC, ERC, and other rules, policies, etc.; (3) NRC's current estimate of the health risk, environmental harm, and necessary safeguards with respect to radiation exposure; (4) communications between the NRC and DOE, EPA, DOT and DOD concerning rules, policies, guidelines and other decisions regarding radioactive materials deregulation; (5) communications between the NRC and the National Academy of Sciences concerning the health risk and necessary safeguards with respect to exposure to radiation. (Jonathan Becker, Critical Mass, FOIA-90-415)

Request for a listing of active small business set aside service contracts. (Craig Little, Z, Inc., FOIA-90-419)

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Office of Information Resources Management Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

1. OMB Paperwork Clearances

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer informed the Office of Information Resources Management that if OMB employees are furloughed, all information collection clearance packages requiring review during the furlough period will be granted only six month clearances. Any such packages will require resubmittal for a three year clearance after furlough period ends.

Office of Personnel Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

Fall 1990 Combined Federal Camping Begins

The Fall 1990 Combined Federal Campaign was formally kicked off at the Departmental Auditorium on Wednesday, September 19. Vice Chairman of NRC's campaign, Paul Bird, was joined by Marthe Harrell, CFC Administrator, Andy Kugler (NRR), Raman Pichumani (NRR), Vicki Boring (NRR), Lena Gallop (OI), Ina Schwartz (ADM), and Betty Wright (GPA). The enthusiastic audience, which filled the auditorium to overflow capacity, listened to keynote speaker and Fall 1990 Campaign Chairman Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior, and one of the stars of this year's film, Terry Morris.

Recruitment Activities Intense at Universities and Colleges

A fuil roster of NRC representatives went to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute on September 17-18 for their Career Expo. Joining Frank Elizondo, Recruitment Officer (OP), were Bernard Grenier (NRR), Jefferey Harold (NRR), Darrell Roberts (NRR), Steve McGuire (RES), William S. Pennington (NMSS), and Paul Kellogg (RII). NRC received 26 resumes from interested students at VPI. The University of Maryland hosted a job fair on September 19 where Duane Potter (OP), Sherry Dunn (OP), Banad Jagannath (NMSS), Sherry Peterson (NRR), and Richard Lee (RES) received resumes from 56 interested students. On September 19-20, Eileen Mason (OP), Jim Shapaker (NRR), Jack Hayes (NRR), and Brent Clayton received resumes from 24 interested studentr at the University of Wisconsin.

Arrivals

HAUSMAN, Cheryl KELLER, Lee KLEMENTOWICZ, Stephen MARKOVICH, Barbara McCORMICK-BARGER, Mary McNEILL, Norman POONAI, Shirley TALBOT, Frank TANG, David SCOTT, William SCRENCI, Diane WILLIAMS, Thomas	Secretary (Typing) (PFT) Project Engineer (PFT) Health Physicist (PFT) Secretary (PFT) Reactor Engineer (PFT) Radiation Specialist (PFT) Secretary (PFT) General Engineer (Intern) (PFT) Project Engineer (PFT) Reactor Inspector (Electrical) (PFT) Field Public Affairs Officer (PFT) Mail and File Clerk (PFT)	RII RES NMSS RIII RII NRR NRR RIII GPA RI
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CANTOR, Charlene DAY, Shirley DUNKLEMAN, Maxine KELLY, Peter McNEIL, Ernestine MODENOS, Leo	Contract Management Trainee (PFT) Secretary (Typing) (PFT) Project Manager (PFT) Resident Inspector (PFT) Secretary (Typing) (PFT) Resident Inspector (PFT)	ADM OC NMSS RI ADM RII

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Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and Civil Rights Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1950

W. B. Kerr, Director, OSDBU/CR, and Jorge Mestre, NRC's Hispanic Employment Program Manager, joined the Secretary, Department of Education, Secretary, Veteran's Affairs; Secretary, Department of Treasury; Director, Office of Personnel Management; Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and others in the opening ceremony of the National Hispanic heritage Month activities at the Rayburn House Office Building. The National Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "Education Excellence - Key to our Future," and is celebrated from September 15 through October 15, 1990.

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Office of Enforcement Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

Significant Enforcement Actions

- A Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$875 was issued September 17, 1990 to General Motors Corporation, Saginaw, Michigan. This action followed the licensee's reporting of the loss of a level gauge from its Grey Iron Plant at Saginaw, Michigan. The gauge contained a 17 millicurie cesium-137 sealed source. An NRC inspection identified a number of additional violations, including inadequate training of staff, absence of warning labels on gauges, and the removal of the device by unauthorized persons. (EN 90-086)
- 2. An Order Imposing a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$240,000 was issued September 20, 1990 to Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar). This action was based on a violation involving harassment of NSRS employees as a consequence of their raising safety concerns. The licensee responded to the Notice in letters dated May 14, 1990 and July 20, 1990. After careful consideration of the licensee's response, the staff has concluded that the licensee did not provide an adequate basis for reduction of the Severity Level or mitigation of the civil penalty. (EN 90-46A)
- 3. An Order Modifying License was issued September 20, 1990 to Sequoyah Fuels Corporation, Gore, Oklahoma. The action requires the licensee to characterize the site, take actions to prevent further releases of contaminated water, and conduct appropriate monitoring of ground water. The Order was based on the concerns that uranium contaminated water seeping from underneath the main process builing may contaminate ground water and the environment in the plant's unrestructed area. (EA 90-162)

Civil Penalties Paid

- Duke Power Company (Oconee) paid the civil penalty in the amount of \$25,000. The action was based on the licensee's failure to take prompt corrective action regarding a design error in the penetration room ventilation system. The base penalty was mitigated by 50% for the licensee's prompt and extensive corrective action once it fully recognized the problem. (EA 90-119)
- 2. Potomac Valley Hospital, Keyser, West Virginia paid the civil penalty in the amount of \$6,250. The action was based on violations involving failure to hold radiation safety committee meetings and fabrication of NRC-required records to make it appear that the meetings had been held. A contract nuclear medicine technologist was responsible for the fabricated records. The base penalty was escalated because NRC identified the problem and there were multiple examples. (EA 90-127)

Office of Consolidation Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

Second Building Status

On September 18, the Director, Office of Consolidation (CONS), participated in a 'focus group" sponsored by GSA inquiring about how GSA might improve its service delivery to client agencies, particularly in the leasing of buildings. The other agencies participating in the focus group were IRS, NARA, NASA, and NOAA. Interestingly, these five agencies all are involved in consolidation projects and the five individuals invited are consolidation directors for their respective agencies. The consensus of the focus group was that GSA staff of the National Capital Region tries hard but lacks the resources and training in depth needed to deal with the number and complexity of consolidation projects underway in the Region.

On September 20, Dewberry & Davis delivered a prototypical floor plan/office layout for Two White Flint North (TWFN) to the Office of Consolidation using a portion of the Office of Research as the model. CONS will me, t with Dewberry & Davis space planners and Tower's managing architect, Kar' Kaufman, on September 25 to discuss the prototype.

On September 21, the GSA contracting officer for TWFN informed the Director, CONS, that GSA expected to receive the updated appraisal on TWFN by October 9, 1990. He anticipated it would take GSA about a week to review the appraiser's report before notifying the NRC about the outcome.

New Reg Cafe

Replacement equipment for the Cafe's beverage/cashier line arrived during the week and will be installed during the week beginning September 24. This new equipment will permit the installation of the double-sided coffee urns already on hand and additional beverage dispensers. It also will make the use of two cashiers more efficient and convenient.

Region I Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

1. Below Regulatory Concern - Public Meeting

Region I hosted a public meeting on September 18, 1990, to discuss the Below Regulatory Concern policy with interested members of the public and the technical community. The meeting attendance totalled approximately 250 individuals, and it is estimated that one-half of those attending supported the BRC policy, and the other half did not support the policy. Frity-four individuals made presentations, and seven of these were considered to be in favor of the BRC policy. These seven were all licensees. A number of protestors (approximately 30) picketed the meeting location and subsequently brought signs and banners into the meeting room. Once cautioned, the protestors were not unruly and did not disturb the meeting to a large degree.

2. Vermont Yankee and Yankee Atomic

Commissioner James R. Curtiss visited Vermort Yankee on September 19 and Yankee Rowe on September 20. He was accompanied by Mr. Wayne Hodges, Region I Director of the Division of Reactor Safety and Mr. David C. Trimble, Technical Assistant to the Commissioner. The visit will included a tour of each plant, a briefing on ongoing plant activities, and a presentation on Yankee Rowe's plant life extension initiatives.

CY Haddam Neck Reactor Water Storage Tank (RWST) Leakage and General Implications

Over the past two years, aluminum reactor water storage tanks (RWST) at Vermont Yankee (containing non-borated water) and Yankee Rowe (concaining borated water) experienced leaks due to a corrosion mechanism in the tank wall or tank bottom. More recently, in the past week, leaking was ciscovered in the aluminum RWST of the Connecticut Yankee Haddam Neck plant at a rate of approximately 5 gallons per day through the tank bottom. The licensee is investigating the nature of the leak and evaluating possible corrective actions. Region I is investigating the disposition of the tank leaks, by the licensee and reviewing the status of other aluminum RWSTs in the region. Considering the possible generic implications of leaking aluminum RWSTs, Region I is considering the necessity for inspection of aluminum PWST bottom plates and shell welds for wall reduction and cracking during plant outages.

Region II items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

1. INPO Evaluation

On September 18 - 20, the Regional Administrator was at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in Region III to observe an INPO evaluation.

2. Tennesses Valley Authority

On September 19, a small scale emergency exercise was conducted at the Browns Ferry facility with limited participation by State and local governments. The exercise was considered fully successful with no exercise weaknesses identified.

3. Carolina Power & Light Company

Or September 19, a small scale emergency exercise was conducted at the Shearon Harris facility. The exercise was considered to be fully successful.

4. Georgia Power Company

Representatives from the Region II staff, and C. Barth of OGC, attended a Licensing Hearing (Vogtle) with Georgians Against Nuclear Energy (GANE) on a diesel generator Technical Specification change in Atlanta. The panel's optimion is not expected until November 1990, after additional submittals from the intervenor and GPC are received and reviewed.

5. Below Regulatory Concern

On September 20, the Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safequards, accompanied by representatives from RES, NMSS, and other Headquarters personnel conducted the Region II Below Regulatory Concern Public Meeting in Atlanta. A press conference was held in the Region II Office. Twenty eight people made oral statements, 27 of which were opposed to the Policy. A transcript will be available.

6. Georgia Institute of Technology

On September 20, the Georgia Institute of Technology conducted its annual graded emergency exercise at their Nec y Nuclear Research Center on campus. This exercise was fully successful.

7. Babcock and Wilcox Company

On September 20, the Babcock and Wilcox - NNFD - Research Laboratory conducted its annual graded emergency exercise in Lynchburg, Virginia. During the exercise, several exercise weaknesses were identified including pour command and control of personnel responding to the casualty, ineffective accountability, and excessive prompting by players. The licensee conducted a good exercise critique and self-identified the need for a remedial exercise.

8. Tennessee Valley Acthority

On September 21, the Regional Administrator and staff met with TVA represertatives at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant to discuss their Restart Sciedule.

9. Virginia Electric and Power Company

On September 21, representatives from the Virginia Electric and Power Company were in the Region II Office to discuss their Commitment Management Program.

10. Entergy Operations, Inc.

On September 16, the Grand Gulf facility scrammed from 93 percent power on turbine control valve fast closure (TCV). The TCV closure was caused by loss of power. The loss of power was caused by a failure of the division one load shead sequencer due to a shorted indicating light bulb causing a circuit card to fail. All safety systems functioned as required. The ind sequencer was repaired, associated circuit cards were replaced, and mactor was restarted on September 19, 1990.

Region III Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

1. Perry Nuclear Plant

On September 15, 1990, the licensee reported that the outboard main steam line drain valves were found closed for unknown reasons during performance of MSIV leak rate testing. The test procedure required the valves be in the open position. This was verified by three different individuals. A later step in the test procedure required the drain valves be closed. When the operator went to close the valves, he found the valves were already closed. The licensee determined the three individuals performed the verification by checking valve position indicators in the control room rather than checking the valves locally. The position indicators were incorrect due to system tag out. The MSIVs failed the local leak rate test because leakage exceeded the Technical Specification allowable limits.

2. Duane Arnold Energy Center

On September 18, 1990, Duane Arnold experienced a reactor trip when three MSIVs closed unexpectedly during a routine RPS surveillance test. Region III contacted licensee senior management and requested the NRC have prior review to any troubleshooting activities. In addition, the licensee was requested to obtain Region III management concurrence in the root cause analysis prior to plant restart. Subsequently, the licensee determined that a loose connection of common wire to the MSIVs caused the event. The licensee has committed to check all control room front panel terminations prior to restart.

3. LaSalle Power Station

Mr. R. Barrett, Director, Project Directorate III-2, NRR, and staff met on September 18, 1990, with the LaSalle plant manager, G. Diederich, at the site for a site tour and indoctrination.

4. Zion Power Station

Mr. A. Bert Davis, Regional Administrator, Region 111, William Forney, Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Projects, R. Barrett, Director, Project Directorate III-2, NRR, and other staff members met with licensee senior management on September 17, 1990, to discuss the status of the Performance Improvement Program and DET is ues.

5. MQS Inspection, Inc

On September 18, 1990, Mr. A. Bert Davis, Regional Administrator, and Mr. E. Baker, Deputy Director, Office of Enforcement, conducted an Enforcement Conference to discuss the violations identified during a recent inspection. The violations include failure to follow established radiation safety procedures. The licensee also discussed their corrective actions, including the development of an incentive awards program for safe operations.

6. St. Mary Medical Center

On September 18, 1990, Mr. A. Bert Davis, Regional Administrator and representatives from the Office of General Counsel and Office of Enforcement, conducted a Management Meeting to discuss delays in the licensee's completion of an audit of their brachytherapy program as required in the April 27, 1990 Order suspending brachytherapy activities and modifying license. Agreement was reached on a course of action to resolve the audit provisions of the Order.

7. Monticello Nuclear Power Station

On September 20, 1990, Mr. J. H. Miller, Director, Division of Reactor Safety made a presentation to engineers and management of Northern States Power Company at the Monticello plant. He spoke on the topic of engineering and technical support at operating plants based on NRC inspection experience.

8. Davis Besse Exercise

On September 19, 1990, Regional III participated in an exercise with the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station. In an attempt to better reflect actual conditions, the Region's Incident Response Center was staffed real-time with no preselected players, while the Site Team was partially staffed with personnel who were onsite for simulated meetings and inspections. / though the Regional Base Team experience some communications difficulties with the licensee, overall the NRC and licensee performances were considered very good.

Region IV Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 1990

1. Sequoyah Fuels Facility

On Friday, September 14, 1990, the Sequeyah Fuels Facility restarted, reaching about 50 percent plant capacity by Monday, September 17. The licensee expects to reach 100 percent capacity later this week. Also, as a result of followup to NRC commitments, on September 14, the licensee reported an apparent leak of low pH liquid, containing about 6 grams uranium per liter, to the ground beneath the main process building floor. The liquid, apparently the result of an old or longstanding leak from the yellowcake digesters, appears in a well that extends about 70 inches below the building floor. The liquids have been pumped back to the process system periodically since the well was installed in 1976. The licensee is taking some soil borings to determine the extent of underground migration of these liquids. Region IV inspectors are on site each day and, as necessary, during the off shifts.

2. River Bend Station Refueling Outage (RF-3) Briefing

The Regional Administrator and members of his staff met at the River Bend Station on September 17, 1990, for a briefing on the upcoming refueling outage scheduled to begin on September 29, 1990.

Post-Emergency Tabletop Exercise

The NRC participated in an integrated post-emergency tabletop exercise at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on September 18, 1990. The Region IV Regional Administrator led the NRC team consisted of RIV and HQ staff. The tabletop exercise was oriented toward the post emergency period and explored inter-governmental relationships and discussions of issues leading toward recovery from the impacts of a hypothetical major nuclear accident.

Comanche Peak SES, Unit 1

As a result of the recent number of reactor trips caused by problems with balance-of-plant (BOP) systems, TU Electric formed a task team on September 19, 1990. This task team is in addition to corrective action investigations taken for each individual event. The purposes of the task team are to investigate the causes of reliability problems with the secondary plant and recommend interim and long-term actions to enhance reliability. The licensee task team plans to complete its actions by October 3, 1990. Region IV intends to hold a management meeting with the licensee to discuss the results of this task team. This management meeting is expected to be held during the middle of October 1984.

5. Regional Utilities Group Meeting

On September 19, 1990, the Regional Utilities Group (RUG) engineering design managers met in Irving, Texas. Region IV counterparts were invited and attended the afternoon session.

6. Ambrosia Lake Mill Reclamation Plan

The Director of URFO and select members of his technical staff met with Marvin Freeman, Vice President, Rio Algom Mining Corp., on September 20, 1990, concerning the status of the Ambrosia Lake Mill reclamation plan and the impact on the required surety amount. URFO has completed its review and is prepared to issue an amendment approving the reclamation plan with exceptions which could affect the required surety amount.

7. URFO Meeting with Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

The NRC, Uranium Recovery Field Office, and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality will meet with representatives of Power Resources, Inc. to discuss elevated levels of selected ground-water constituents as well as the remedial actions to be taken by the licensce.

Region V Items of Interest Week Ending September 21, 1990

1. Veterans Administration Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington

On September 13, 1990, Robert Pate, Chief of Nuclear Materials and Fuel Fabrication Branch and selected members of the Region V staff held an Enforcement Conference with the Director of the Veterans Administration Medical Center and his staff, in Tacoma, Washinton. Nine items of noncompliance, their causes and the proposed corrective actions were discussed.

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NRR MEETING NOTICES

September 21, 1990

DATE/TIME	NUMBER	LOCATION	PURPOSE	APPLICANT/ ATTENDEES	NRA	CONTACT
10/2/90 1:00-5:00 10/3/90* 8:30-3:00	None	One White Flint North Room 68-11 Room 88-11*	BWROG presentation on efforts to to provide resolution and closure of problems related to long term stability solutions and the effects of instability on ATWS analyses.	ORNL	н.	Richings
10/3/90 8:30-3:00	675	One White Flint North Room 4B-13	Meeting with ABB Combustion Engineering, Inc. to discuss System 80+ Seismic Envelope and Design.	NRC/ABB CE	т.	Wambach
10/3/90 9:30	50-244	DRP Conference Room, Region I Office, King of Prussia, PA	Ginna SALP Board Meeting.	NRC/Rochester Gas and Electric Company	E.	McCabe
10/10/90 9:00-5:00	None	Days Inn Penn State 240 South Pugh Street State College, PA	NRC Non-Power Reactor Seminar.	NRC/Non-Power Reactor Licensee		Michaels
10/30/90 9:00	None	One White Flint North Room 68-11	Meeting with NUMARC to discuss the resolution of NRC staff comments on the subject Industry Report.	NRC/NUMARC	N.	Markisohn

* Copies of summaries of these meetings will be made publicly available and placed in the respective docket file(s) in the NRC and local public document rooms.

A listing of these meeting notices can be obtained by calling 492-7424.

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NMSS Meeting Notices

Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety

<u>Cate/Time</u>	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
9/24		King of Prussia, PA	To present lecture on safety issues	NRC	G. Sjoblom
9/25		Lynchburg, VA	To visit ARECO for licensing meeting	NRC	G. Sjoblom
9/25		Arlington, TX	Public Meeting on BRC	NRC	J. Hickey
9/27		Oakland, CA	Public Meeting on BRC	NRC	J. Hickey
9/28 9:00 a.m.		OWFN 68-13	To meet with Pacific Nuclear Fuel Services (PNFS) to discuss spent fuel storage and PNFS designs to meet the provisions of Part 72	NAC PNFS	J. Roberts
9/28 2:00 a.m.		OWFN 68-13	Meet with Pacific Nuclear Fuel Services (PNFS) to discuss spent fuel storage cask certification	NRC PNFS	J. Roberts

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Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
9/25		OWFN	LLW Forum Agenda Plan Session	NRC	P. Lohaus
9/30-10/4		Knoxville, TN	Attend Spectrum 90	NRC	J. Greeves
10/17		OWFN 88-11	Battelle Columbus/DOE Decommissioning	NRC	P. Loysen
10/17-19		miami, FL	Attend LLW Forum Meeting	NRC	P. Lohaus
10/21-22		Agusta, GA	Attend ASL8P Annual Panel Meeting	NRC	R. Bangart
11/15		Washington	Mixed Waste	NRC	J. Austin

Division of Safeguards and Transportation

Date/Time	Docket <u>Number</u>	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
9/23-27		Providence, RI	International Meeting on Reduced Enrichment for Research and Test Reactors	NRC	B. Horn
10/03	71-9231	OWFN 14B-11	Meeting on NAC-CTC Spent Fuel Transport Cask, Structural Analysis	NRC DOE NAC	E. Easton

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BER 21,	Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
0661	9/26-27		Denver CO	NRC/DOE Unsaturated Zone Testing Technical Exchange	NRC DOE/State of Nevada/ Affected Local Governments	K. Stablein
	10/12		Rockville, NØ	NRC/DOE Calico Hills Characterization Technical Exchange	NRC DOE/State of Nevada/ Affected Local Governments	K. Stablein

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Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data

Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Apr`icant	NRC Contact
09/26-27 Baltimore, MD		State Emergenry Response Workshop		Tom McKenna	
09/27-28		Region II	Backfitting and Event Reporting Workshops	NRC and Industry personnel	Jim Conran Dennis Allison
10/1-2		Region I	Backfitting and Event Reporting Workshops	NRC and Industry personnel	Jim Conran Dennis Allison
10/15-16		Region III	Backfitting and Event Reporting Workshops	NRC and Industry personnel	Jim Conran Dennis Allison
11/7-9		Region IV/V Arlington, TX	Backfitting and Event Reporting Workshops	NRC and Industry personnel	Jim Conran Dennis Allison

SEPT				Region I Meeting Notices		August 31, 1990		
SEPTEMBER 21	Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact		
, 1990	10/0. °0 9:30 a	50-244	RI Office	SALP Board Meeting Ginna - RG&E	Selected RI Staff Members	Johnson		
	10/16/90 19:00 a.m.	50-354 50-272/3	Harcocks Bridge, NJ 311	SALP Management Mtg. Salem/Hope Creek	Selected RI Staff Members & Licensee	Swetland		

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RII MEETING NOTICE

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10 31	09/24/90		RII Office	Brunswick Self-Assessment	Licensee (CP&L), RII Staff	Reyes
1000	09/24/90		RII Office	Florida Power Corp. Mgmt. Meeting - St. Lucie	Licensee, RII Staff	Reyes
	09/2/-28/90		Holiday Inn- Airport Atlanta, GA	Regional Backfit Workshop/ Reporting Requirements Workshop	Public Meeting	Reyes
	10/4/90 6:30 p.m.		Miami, FL	Turkey Point Operator Certificate Presentation	Regional Administrator, Licensee	Ebneter
	10/5/90 9:00 a.m.		Miami, FL	Turkey Point SALP Presentation	Regional Administrator, selected RII & NRR Staff, Licensee	Ebneter
	10/16/90 10:00 a.m.		RII Office	Brunswick Enforcement Conference	Regional Administrator selected RII & NRR Staff, Licensee	Reyes
	10/18/90 10:00 a.m.		Seneca, SC	SALP Presentation - DPC - Oconee	Regional Administrator, selected RII & NRR Staff, Licensee	Ebneter
	10/24/90		Columbia, AL	Fuil Scale Emergency Exercise - APC - Farley	Regional Administrator, and selected RII Staff	Ebneter

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Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees Applicant	NRC Contact
09/24/90	50-282 50-306	Prairie Island	Site Visit	Commissioner Curtiss, Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Safety and Licensee	Martin
09/24-28/90		Lyon, France	European Nuclear Conference	Regional Administrator	Davis
09/25/90	50-263	Monticello	Site Visit	Commissioner Curtiss, Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Safety and Licensee	Martin
09/25/90	30-05064	Region III	St. Louis Testing Labs, Inc., - Enforcement Conference	License, Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards	Norelius
09/25-27/90		Region III	Resident Inspector Seminar	Director, Division of Reactor Projects	Greenman
09/27/90		Akron, Ohio	Nuclear Non-Operating Owners' Group Conference	Deputy Regional Administrator	Paperiello
09/28/90	50-216 50-36	Point Beach	Routine Management Meeting	Licensee, Director, Division of Reactor Projects	Greenman
10/02/90	50-346	Davis Besse	Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance	Licensee, Deputy Regional Regional Administrator	Greenman

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10/03/90	50-461	Clinton	Management Meeting	Licensee, Deputy Regional Administrator	Greenman			
10/04/90	50-266	Region III	Visconsin Electric Power Company, Point Blach - Enforcement Conference	Licensee, Deputy Regional Administrator	Miller			
10/04/90	50-331	Duane Arnold	Management Meeting	Licensee, Director, Division of Reactor Projects	Greenman			
10/05/90	030-12467	Region III	North Detroit General Hospital - Enforcement Conference	Licensee, Deputy Regional Administrator, Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards	Norelius			

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Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
10/9/90 1:30	50-298	Blair, NE	Cooper SALP meeting.	NPPO management	R.Azua
10/10/90	50-285	Ft.Calhoun, NE	Fort Calhoun SEP meeting.	OPPD management	
10/11/90 9:00	50-482	Burlington, KS	Wolf Creek SALP meeting.	WCNOC management	W.Jones

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Region V Meeting Notice

Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
10/10/90	50-275 50-523 (Diablo Canyon)	Region V	Follow-up of PG&E's efforts in identifying and correcting problems.	J. Martin R. Zimmerman P. Morrill J. Shiffer, PG&E J. Townsend, PG&E & Appropriate Personnel	P. Morrill
10/11/90	50-397 (WNP-2)	Region V	SALP Board meeting	R. Zimmerman R. Scarano K. Perkins S. Richards D. Kirsch P. Johnson C. Sorenson P. Eng	P. Johnson
*0/24/90		Headquarters	J. B. Martin attending a pre-brief management meeting with T. Murley, HQ.	J. Martin R. Zimmerman S. Richards	R. Zimmerman