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Subject:	WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1991

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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1991

#### Browns Ferry - Technical Specification Amendment Requests

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- o Reporting positives for licensed operators to the NRC
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#### EPA-State Soil Standards Conference

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#### Scheduled Removal of Last 17 WESF Sources from RSI, Westerville, Ohio

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#### Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

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## Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3

Three requests for a hearing have been received regarding an Arizona Public Service (APS) amendment request to lower the required shutdown cooling flowrate from 4000 gpm to 3780 gpm. The amendment request is an outgrowth of GL 88-17, "Loss of Decay Heat Removal," and is intended to reduce air entrainment during "half-loop" operation during cold shutdown. The requests have been received from 1) Linda Mitchell, currently an employee of APS and Allan Mitchell, a former staff engineer for the Arizona Corporation Commission, 2) Myron Scott and Barbara S. Bush (Scott's wife) and 3) the Coalition for Responsible Energy Education (CREE).

#### Three Mile Island, Unit 2

On Thursday, January 24, 1991, the evaporator system used to decontaminate and dispose of the accident generated water (AGW) at Three Mile Is and Unit 2 (TMI-2) discharged water vapor for the first time. Previous operations were done on a test basis in a closed cycle mode with the distillate returned to a storage tank. The evaporator system removes radionuclides other than tritium with a decontamination factor of 1000 or greater.

The operation of the evaporator follows a period of modification, maintenance, and testing. The final test was a 20,000 gallon batch of AGW in a closed cycle mode. Following verification that the system met design and regulatory specifications during the test, the system was operated in the open cycle mode with the distillate being vaporized and released. As of Wednesday, January 30 more than 32,000 gallons had been vaporized. The evaporation of the 2.5 million gallons of AGW in storage is expected to take 1.5 to 2 years.

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#### Update of Reactor Wead Closure Studs at Dresden Unit 2

A previous highlight reported that 2 cracked studs were discovered at Dresden Unit 2 during an ASME Code Section XI 10 year inspection. The cause of failure was identified as stress corrosion cracking of the overly hard AISI 4340 steel studs.

No inspection of closure studs was planned for Dresden Unit 2 during the current outage. The area where the studs are located was 115 to 125°F and would result in 2.5 man-rem for examination of 5 studs. After discussions with the NRC staff, the temperature in the vicinity of the studs was reduced to 100°F and 10 studs were inspected. No indications were identified. The studs examined ranged in hardness from Rc 34 to Rc 39 (cracking has previously been observed in studs with hardness greater than Rc 36). The staff has reviewed the licensee's inspection plan and is in agreement with the plan. No additional action is planned at this time.

#### Standard Technical Specifications

Tuesday, January 28, 1991, marked the achievement of a major milestone in developing the new Standard Technical Specifications (STS). The Technical Specifications Branch issued the new STS (final draft) to the public, the industry, and the NRC staff for final comment.

The five sets of the new STS, containing three volumes each, are as follows:

NUREG-1430, "Standard Technical Specifications, Babcock and Wilcox Plants." NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications, Westinghouse Plants." NUREG-1432, "Standard Technical Specifications, Combustion Engineering Plants." NUREG-1433, "Standard Technical Specifications, General Electric Plants, BWR/4." NUREG-1434, "Standard Technical Specifications, General Electric Plants, BWR/6."

The NRC staff has established a comment period of 30 working-days from receipt of the NUREGs, has provided specific guidance for submittal of comments and their justification, and has provided specific points of contact in the Technical Specifications Branch for each section of the new STS.

Following the 30 working-day period, the Technical Specifications Branch will resolve comments and obtain NRR management approval of the new STS. We anticipate issuing the new STS in the spring.

#### Pilgrim EP Task Force

Three Pilgrim Task Force Teams are gathering data this week (January 28 - February 1) in the towns around Pilgrim Station. They will be meeting with

local officials in Marshfield and Duxbury, with State officials in Framingham and with the Director, FEMA Region I, in Boston. They will also meet with local citizens, Jane Flemming and Mary Lampert, in Duxbury, Mass.

PLANT			SHUTDOWN	COMMISSION BRIEFING	PLANT RESTART	
BROWNS	FERRY	2	9/15/840	4/91	4/91*	

RESTART SCHEDULE 2/1/91

\*Commission decision prior to restart authorization.

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#### Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

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#### High-Level Waste Management and Licensing Meeting

On January 24, 1991, staff from the Division of High-Level Waste Management met with representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss subjects related to the high-level waste repository that are of mutual concern. Topics discussed at the meeting included: (1) the status of the meeting scheduled for May 1991 on experience learned by DOL'S Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant; (2) an overview of DOE's management system improvement strategy; (3) an overview of the recent DOE strategic principles meeting at which DOE solicited a wide variety '. views on the OCRWM strategic principles; (4) the need to provide information identified by 10 FR Part 60 in the Site Characterization Plan (SCP) Progress Report; (5) a status by DOF on the next SCF Progress Report; and (6) a request by the staff for an integrated program schedule from DOE.

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## Notification By Five States That They Continue to Comply With LLRWPAA

On January 29, 1991, the staff was informed by a representative of the Washington Department of Ecology that five states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New

Jersey, and New York) have attested to being in compliance with the Low-Level Waste Policy Amendments Act (LLRWPAA) of 1985. The determination was a coordinated effort among the three sited States, Washington, Nevada, and South Carolina. The action means that the five States will continue to have access to disposal in the sited States until January 1993. This action is the culmination of an initiative, begun several months ago, whereby the five States were asked to provide evidence that they were making satisfactory progress in developing low-level waste disposal capacity.

#### Meeting with South Africa on Uranium Recovery

On January 30, 1991, members of the Division of Low-Level Waste Management and Decommissioning (LLWM), the Division of Industrial Medical and Nuclear Safety (IMNS) and the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs (GPA) staff, met with M. P. Metcalf, Manager of the Standards Department of the Republic of South Africa's Council for Nuclear Safety. South Africa is beginning to develop a regulatory program for its uranium mines and mills, and Mr. Metcalf was interested in NRC experience in this area. We discussed aspects of our uranium mill regulatory program, including standards for operation and for closure. Mr. Metcalf was provided copies of relevant NRC documents on this subject.

#### Revision 1 to Technical Position on Waste Form

The Technical Position on Waste Form has been revised, as of January 1991. The original Technical Position was developed in 1983 to provide guidance to low-level waste generators on waste form test methods and results acceptable to the staff for implementing the 10 CFR Part 61 waste form requirements. S usequent field experience and laboratory testing of cement-solidified low-level waste have indicated that chemical and physical interactions can occur between the cement and the waste constituents, interactions that can affect the waste form stability. To provide more comprehensive guidance on cement stabilization of low-level waste, an appendix has been added to the Technical Position. This appendix addresses cement waste form specimen preparation, statistical sampling and analysis, waste characterization, process control program specimen preparation and examination, surveillance specimens, and reporting of mishaps. Copies of the revised Technical Position are being distributed to licensees, Agreement States, Non-Agreement States, State Liaison Officers, and others who are on the NRC's Compact Discribution List. A Notice of Availability of the Revised Techn cal Position on Waste Form appeared in the Federal Register on January 28, 1991 (56 FR 3123).

#### Petition For Rulemaking PRM-73-9

A petition was received January 11, 1991, requesting an expedited rule change to modify the design basis threat for radiological sabotage in 10 CFR 73.1 to include (a) explosive-laden surface vehicles and (b) a larger number of attackers using more sophisticated weapons. The Division of Safeguards and Transportation is preparing the NRC response.

A notice of receipt of petition for rulemaking was published in the Federal Register on January 29, 1991. The public comment period ends on February 28, 1991.

NRR and RES were asked to develop responses to certain technical issues raised by the petition.

#### Strengthened Training For Physical Security Inspectors

On January 29, 1991, the Division of Safeguards and Transportation issued the first Headquarters Physical Security Training and Qualification Journal. The journal sets forth physical security training requirements for personnel assigned as physical security inspectors within the Domestic Safeguards Branch.

#### Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

# Meeting of the Mitigation and Adaptation Research Strategies (MARS) Working Group

A meeting of the MARS Working Group was held on Thursday, January 31, 1991. This meeting was attended by Jack Heltemes (RES), and was chaired by Gary Evans, Department of Agriculture, MARS Chairman. The MARS Working Group is charged with development of a coordinated Federal research strategy for mitigation of, or adaptation to, global change and with assessment of economic, social, and environmental effects of proposed responses.

The purpose of the January 31 meeting was the development of a 25-page or so public document that will identify research programs and resources of Federal agencies directed to global environmental changes, viz., climate changes due to greenhouse gases. This document will consolidate by program element, e.g., by greenhouse gas, ongoing and planned activities of Federal agencies. No NRC programs fall within the scope of MARS.

The document being developed is to help formulate and influence coordinated activities within the government and between government research programs and those of universities and the private sector. The target dule is completion by March 1, 1991. The document will be presented to Dr. D. Allen Bromley at that time and will be issued to all agencies for use in the FY 93 planning process.

#### Public Meeting on Proposed Quality Assurance Rule

The NRC staff plans to hold a public meeting on the proposed Quality Assurance Rule on Thursday and Friday, February 7 and 8, 1991, at the Residence Inn, 2000 Winward Way, San Mateo, CA. This meeting will be a round-table discussion with representatives of the Agreement States on the Commission's proposed rule addressing quality assurance in the medical use of byproduct material, the accompanying draft regulatory guide, and other relevant guidance. In addition, the NRC staff is interested in discussing medical use quality assurance standards developed or being developed by the Agreement States. Representatives from 10 Agreement States are expected to participate in the meeting. A transcript of the meeting will be taken. This meeting will be the last in the planned series of meetings the staff has held on this rule with the medical professional societies and the Agreement States. For more information, contact John Telford at 492-3796.

#### §50.55a Amendment

A proposed rule to amend §50.55a has been published (January 31, 1991) in the Federal Register to incorporate by reference the 1986 Addenda, 1987 Addenda, 1988 Addenda, and 1989 Edition of Section III, Division 1, of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), and the 1986 Addenda, 1987 Addenda, and 1989 Edition of Section XI, Division 1, of the ASME Code, with a specified modification. The proposed amendment would impose augmented examination of rector vessel shell welds, and would separate in the regulations the requirements for inservice testing from those for inservice inspection by placing the requirements for inservice testing in a separate paragraph. The ASME Code addenda and edition being incorporated by reference provide updated rules for the construction of light-water-cooled nuclear power plant components, and for the inservice inspection and inservice testing of those components. Adoption of this proposed amendment would permit the use of improved methods for construction, inservice inspection, and inservice testing of nuclear power plant components. The amendment would also require expedited implementation of the expanded reactor vessel shell weld examinations specified in the regulations and the requirements for inservice testing from those for inservice inspection.

#### Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### Incident Response Branch (DEIIB)

On January 29, IRB staff attended the regional State Liaison Officers meeting and discussed plans for increased interactions with the states in emergency response exercises and a projected schedule for workshops to be held on the Response Training Manual.

On January 30, IRB staff attended a meeting of the National Response Team (NRT) Training Committee to discuss NRC's participation in the Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990.

On January 31, IRB staff attended a meeting of the Federal Response Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC) Training Subcommittee as well as the regular monthly meeting of the RT. Support of the various Federal Agencies for the Radiological Emergency Response Course (RERC) was a major item of discussion. The RERC is considered an excellent course for State and local officials with response authority around power plants. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has requested the NRC and other agencies for support. This issue is being reviewed within NRC and will be coordinated with SP and NRR.

#### Division of Safety Programs (DSP)

AEOD Case Study Report "Solenoid-Operated Valve Problems at U.S. Light Water Water Reactors (90-01) was transmitted to NRR. It will be issued in February 1991 as NUREG 1275, Volume 6.

The report presents information on over 20 representative events in which commom-mode failures or degradations of SOVs affected, or had the potential to affect multiple safety systems or multiple trains of individual safety systems. The report discusses the root causes of common-mode failures and degradations that have been observed and provides recommendations to reduce the occurrence of common-mode SOV failures. The report provides an in-depth evaluation of the root causes of many SOV failures.

#### Preliminary Notifications

- a. PNO-I-91-08, NRC Region I, "Telephone Bomt Threat To NRC Region I."
- b. PNO-III-91-03, Hutzel Hospital, "Diagnostic Misadministration with Doses in Therapeutic Range.

#### Office of Governmental and Public Affairs Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### RSLO Counterpart Meeting

State, Local and Indian Relations conducted a Regional State Liaison Officers (RSLO) counterpart meeting on January 29-30, 1991 at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The counterpart meeting provided an opportunity for the RSLOs to discuss pending policy and programmatic issues with Headquarters staff. Topics included emergency planning issues with a representative from the Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data; Agreement State compatibility with a representative from the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs: low-level waste issues with Low Level Waste Management; and a Congressional update with representatives from Congressional Affairs. Other topics discussed included updates on State activities; State involvement with American Society of Mechanica? Engineers (ASME) inspections at nuclear power plants; updates on BRC, Part 20 training and the proposed economic performance incentive policy statement; as well as internal management and coordination issues.

#### Meeting on Decontamination of Chemetron Site in Newburgh Heights, Ohio

Roland Lickus, Chief, Region III State and Government Affairs, participated in a public meeting on the decontamination of Chemetron's Bert Avenue site in Newburgh Heights, Ohio on January 31, 1991. The Mayor of Newburgh Heights gave opening remarks and a representative from the Chemetron Corporation provided a history of the site and a discussion of current issues. NRC representatives discussed regulatory issues and radiation concerns. State representatives discussed the Ohio radiation health program and hazardous materials. There was opportunity to address questions from the public.

#### International Policy Review Group Meeting

On January 30, the International Policy Review Group (IPRG) met to discuss a large number of international-related matters. The subject of official foreign travel in light of the Persian Gulf hostilities and associated White House and Department of State guidance was extensively discussed. Chairman Carr's trip to Argentina and Brazil, Commissioner Rogers planned tr/p to Mexico, the approval process for routine staff travel to Canada and the forthcoming visit of a Czech and Hungarian delegation, inter alia, were discussed also.

#### ANS Workshop in Eastern Europe

In a December 17, 1990 letter to Chairman Carr, Dr. Ohanian, ANS President, requested NRC participation in the ANS-sponsored seminars on nuclear carety which will be held in April 1991 in Prague, Czechosiovakia, and Budapest, Hungary. Since the NR° is already planning to hold a series of meetings in the U.S. on a broad range of nuclear safety topics in combined technical teams from these countries, Chairman Carr informed Dr. anian that the NRC would be able to provide only partial support to the proposed ANS seminars, including possible participation by RES and a contractor in the planned Budapest seminar.

#### International Visitors

On Tuesday, two senior IAEA officials met with GPA/IP, NMSS and OCM staff to discuss IAEA safeguards and budgetary issues. Mohamed ElBaradei, IAEA Legal Advisor, and Demetrius Perricos, First Officer, covered such topics as the application of safeguards in Iraq, IAEA safeguards planning activities, and the impact of continued zero-growth budgeting.

On Wednesday, January 30, a six-member team from Taiwan, with representa ives from the Atomic Energy Council and Tsing Hua University, met with staff from RES to discuss 10 CFR Parts 20 and 51, BRC policy and medical misadministrations of byproduct material. Taiwan regulatory officials are preparing for the day when Taipower submits applications to build two additional power reactors (units 7 & 8), and mentioned that they will use public hearings in their licensing process (for the first time). They were particularly interested in the length of time that the U.S. hearing process takes.

#### IAEA Appointment

David Allen Smith, Jr., NRR, has accepted a position at the International Atomic Energy Agency as Unit Head, Field Accounts and Commercial Claims Unit, Division of Budget and Finance, Department of Administration. He will report to the IAEA on February 28.

#### U.S.-U.S.S.R. Cooperalist.

Working Group 8 on Exchange of Operational Experience held a working session here during the period January 22-31, involving a visit by six Soviet engineers to share power reactor operating experiences.

A month-long visit of three Soviet reactor safety inspectors to the U.S. to learn U.S. regional regulatory practices is in its third week, with a visit to Region I to review site inspections having begun January 17.

On January 30, a GOSSAT meeting at the State Department indicated continued U.S. Government support for the activities of the JCCCNRS. At the meeting DOE reported on a recent visit by Dr. Sol Rosen of DOE to a Soviet fuel reprocessing plant in connection with the DOE/USSR cooperation in the waste management area.

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FEBRU,				CONGRESSIONAL HEA	RINGS SCHEDULE (CA)	
RUAR	OCA ASSIGNMENT	DATE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Υ,	Gerke	02/06/91	9:30	Non-NRC	Fedl Employees and Honoraria	Sen. Glenn/Roth Senate Governmental Affairs
1991		02/07/91	10:00	Non-NPC	H.R. 325, Fedl Employees and Honoraria	Rep. Frank/James Admin Law & Govtl Relations House Judiciary
	Callahan	02/19/91	2:00	Sec. Watkins	Natl Energy Policy	Senators Johnston/Wallop Senate Energy & Natl Resources
	Gerke	02/21/91	9:00	Mon-NRC	Ethics & Procurement	Senators Levin/Cohen Oversight of Govt Mgmnt Senate Governmental Affairs
	Madden	03/13/91	10:00	Commissioners, IG	NRC's FY92 Budget	Rep. Bevill/Myers Energy & Water Development House Appropriations

Note two changes from the previous schedule: House Judiciary Committee's hearing on honoraria has been changed from February 5 to the 7th, and Senate Energy Committee's Energy Policy hearing has been changed from February 5 to February 19.

#### Office of Administration Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

# Significant FOIA Requests Received by the NRC for 5-Day Period January 25 - 31, 1991

Request for information on Ferret Exploration Co. of Nebraska, Inc.'s transporting of uranium. (Maureen Sinnott, FOIA-91-42)

#### Office of Information Resources Management Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### 1. Software Quality Assurance (SQA) Program

Tom Brandt and Watts Humphrey of the Software Engineering Institute (SEI), Carnegie-Mellon University, will be the speakers at the Office of Information Resources Management's next SQA Seminar. The presentation is scheduled for February 13, 1991, in OWFN 2F21 at 1:30 p.m. The Executive Director for Operations plans to make the welcoming remarks. The speakers will present an overview of SEI and discuss advanced software engineering processes and quality programs.

#### 2. Computer Security

A computer virus was found on an agency Local Area Network. Staff from the Office of Information Resources Management and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research participated in both the detection and cleanup activities. The National Institute of Standards and Technology provided virus detection software and will perform an analysis of the virus for NRC. An announcement to all NRC employees is being prepared to increase staff awareness of computer viruses and how to protect against them.

#### Office of Personnel Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### BIG Meets To Develop Strategies

On January 25 and 26, OP staff members Barbara Williams, Kim Lancaster, and Jackie Jacks n attended a Blacks in Government (BIG) retreat to develop strategies for implementing career development initiatives for Black employees at NRC.

#### CPR Instructors Honored

On January 31, Paul Bird, Director of Personnel, awarded certificates of appreciation to 9 NRC employees who serve as in-house instructors for the course Basic CPR and First Aid. As a result of this training, 80 NRC employees have been certified by the American Red Cross.

#### NRC Participates in United Nations Compensation Study

Barbara Williams of the Workforce and Organizational Analysis group coordinated NRC participation with the United Nations compensation study of program manager, nuclear engineering and public affairs officer positions.

## Drug Testing Training Conducted in Region III

On January 29 and 30, training sessions on drug testing were conducted in Region III for supervisors and bargaining unit employees. The training was presented by staff 1 om OP, OGC, and ADM (Security).

#### Arrivals

DAVIDSON, William	Health Physicist (PFT)	RI
DONOGHUE, Joseph	Project Fugineer (PFT)	NRR
DROZD, Andrzej	Reactor Systems Engineer (PFT)	NRR
GROSSMAN, Naomi	Risk Assessment Engineer (OPFT)	RES
SOCOL, Ruth	Secretary (PFT)	NMSS
THOMAS, Charles	Electrical Engineer (PFT)	NRR
VAN DER MEL, Karen	Technical Librarian (PFT)	SECY
Retirements		
BAILEY, Inez	Section Chief (PFT)	IRM
BLAUFELD, Lorraine	Secretary (OPFT)	OC
BROWNING, Robert	Division Director (PFT)	NMSS
LANGFORD, David	Project Engineer (PFT)	NRR
Departures		
PEACOCK, Karen	Office Resident Assistant (OPFT)	RI
WARREN, Clay	Sr. Resident Inspector (PFT)	RIV

#### Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and Civil Rights Items of Interest Week Enring February 1, 1991

The Director, OSDBU/CR, joined other Federal agencies in attendance at a conference sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management. The conference, "Progress Through Partnerships," offered the opportunity to discuss mutual concerns with representatives from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). The highlight of the conference was the signing of an agreement between Constance Berry Newman, Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and Dr. Samuel L. Myers, President, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), one of the purposes of which is "...to commit to the establishment and execution of a series of activities designed to increase the recruitment and employment of students from historically Black educational institutions into the Federal workforce."

Office of Enforcement Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### Significant Enforcement Actions

- A Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$3,750 was issued on January 29, 1991 to Veterans Administration Medical Center, Albany, New York. The action was based on numerous violations that in the aggregate, represent a significant lack of management control of licensed activities. The base civil penalty was escalated 50% because NRC identified the violations. (EN 91-001)
- 2. A Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 was issued on January 29, 1991 to Commonwealth Edison Company. The action was based on deficiencies in the performance of the operating crew and management that resulted is prize of procedural violations during the conduct of a special turbine torsional test which led to a reactor scram on October 27, 1990. No mitigation was applied for licensee identification and reporting as the reactor scram was a selfidentifying evant that was required to be reported under 10 CFR 50.72. Additionally, no mitigation was applied for the licensee's corrective action because 1, was not sufficiently directed toward management of control room operations during special tests or evolutions. (EN 91-002)
- 3. A Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$87,500 was issued on January 30, 1991 to Commonweal th Edison Company. The action was based on violations involving the failure of the control room operation staff and Technical Staff Engineer to adhere to various administrative and surveillance procedures during the performance of multiple Residual Heat Removal system tests on October 4, 1990. These violations resulted in an unexpected loss of reactor coolant from the primary system and the contamination of several operators. The civil penalty was mitigated by only 25% for identification and reporting as this was considered a self-disclosing event. The civil penalty was escalated by 100% due to poor past performance in that the licensee has experienced similar problems with regard to how licensed responsibilities were discharged in the control room during non-routine evolutions. (EN 91-003)
- 4. An Order Modifying License (Effective Immediately) was issued on January 28, 1991 to the above licensee. The Order modifies the license to prohibit Western Stress, Inc. from utilizing Roland Dellaciprete, a radiographer, as a Radiation Safety Officer, radiographer, or other supervisor of NRC-licensed activities on behalf of the licensee for a period of one year. This action was taken in response to an incident that occurred on October 5, 1990 in Bordentown, New Jersey in which a radiographer received a serious overexposure to his right hand and an overexposure to his whole body. The results of an inspection indicate that following a problem with radiography equipment, the radiographer failed to perform a confirmatory radiation survey to ensure that the source was in a

safe and shielded position before approaching the source. The radiographer also removed his personal dosimetry to prevent recording an overexposure. Enforcement action against the licensee is pending. (EN 91-004)

A Notice of Viclation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the 5. amount of \$13,000 was issued on January 3, 1991 to Process Technology North Jersey, Rockaway, New Jersey. The action was based on a violation involving inaccurate and incomplete statements by current and former members of the licensee's staff and a number of violations which represent a significant lack of attention to and carelessness for licensed responsibilities by supervisors and managers at the licensee's facility. By memorandum dated January 29, 1991, the Commission approved issuance of a proposed civil penalty in this case. Discretion is being exercised in this case and only base civil penalties are being proposed because the licensee's performance has been good subsequent to these violations, the violations were identified and/or occurred shortly after a new President and CEO had been appointed by the licensee and he had had minimal opportunity to re-orient the licensee's operations, and for the most part managers involved in these violations have been removed. (EN 9,-006)

#### Civil Penalty Paid

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin paid the civil penalty in the amount of \$7,500. The action involved two Severity Level III violations based on failure: to have trained operators present on two occasions while treating patients with the High Dose-Rate Afterloader (HDR Unit), to verify treatment time calculations on 35 occasions (one of which led to a therapy misadministration), to have a second person check approximately 35 treatment plans to check for possible errors (one of which led to a therapy misadminitration). (EA 90-098) Office of Consolidation Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### Second Building Status

On January 29, Tom Sherman of GSA's National Capital Region called the Director, CONS, to say that Administrator Austin had reviewed the NRC analysis of the added costs of separation if the second building is not adjacent to OWFN. Mr. Sherman said that Mr. Austin had directed the GSA staff to proceed with the TWFN negotiations based on the Partnership's January 3 offer letter.

On Friday, February 1, the GSA negotiator, Roy Eckert, called Theodore Lerner, a managing general partner of the WFN Limited Partnership, in Palm Springs, California, to arrange a meeting or conference call on the subject of TWFN. Mr. Lerner was not immediately available but was expected to return the call on February 4.

#### Region I Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

## 1. Unauthorized Installation and Use Of a High Dose Rate Afterloader Unit At St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

On January 23, 1991, Region I office staff were informed by the Acting Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) that a letter had been sent to Region I requesting that he be authorized as the RSO. The Acting RSO also requested information as to what would be required to relocate the High Dose Rate (HDR) afterloader unit to another location. He was informed that a license amendment would be required before relocating the unit.

Later, on January 23, 1991, Region office staff received an allegation that a HDR unit at an undisclosed licensee had been moved without NRC authorization. The HDR machine contains 10 to 20 Curies of Iridium-192 and it is used to remotely treat cancer patients. Enough information was provided so that it could be reasonably surmised that the licensee in question was St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center (St. Joseph's), Patterson, N.J.

An NRC inspector was dispatched to St. Joseph's to conduct a limited inspection of the HDR unit program on January 24, 1991. The inspector determined that the HDR unit had been moved three times without authorization. On September 24, 1990, the HDR unit was moved to a radium storage room but was not used on patients. On September 26, 1990, the HDR unit was moved back to its original location and use of the unit was started again. At an undetermined time in late December 1990 or early January 1991, the HDR unit was moved to a linear accelerator room and was used to treat patients. On each occasion, the HDR unit was moved by licensee personnel who were not authorized by the NRC to perform the relocation or installation of the unit. Based on these limited findings, it was determined that a full inspection should be performed of the entire program and a Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) was immediately issued on January 25, 199?, confirming the licensee's commitment not to use the HDR unit until an amendment request was sent to the Region I office and it was reviewed and approved.

NRC inspectors performed a full review of the program on January 25 and 28, 1991. The inspectors identified numerous violations of the regulations and determined that the Acting RSO did not have a full understanding of what the duties of the RSO were, of what the licensee had committed to in their license, or of what the regulations were. A license amendment request, per CAL commitments, was submitted to Region I, requesting authorization for HDR relocation and naming a qualified RSO.

#### 2. Three Mile Island

The Soviet delegation continued its visit in Region I this week, with a tour of Three Mile Island. The tour included: observation of licensed operator examinations and discussions with resident inspectors and utility management.

#### Region II Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### 1. University of Florida

On January 29, the Regional Administrator; the Deputy Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards; and other members of the Regional staff attended a Management Meeting at the University of Florida's Test and Research Reactor in Gainesville, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the licensee's performance, regulatory issues, and other matters of mutual interest. Region II has now had this general type of meeting with all research reactor licensees in the Region. Licensees indicated they thought this was a positive initiative by Region II.

#### 2. Entergy, Inc.

On January 29, representatives from Entergy, Incorporated, were in the Region II Office to present a self-assessment of the performance of their Grand Gulf facility.

#### 3. Tennessee Valley Authority

On January 29, the Chief, TVA Projects, and a TVA Projects Branch Chief were at the Browns Ferry facility to review preparations for fuel loading and the entrance of the NRC Operational Readiness Team Inspection.

On January 31 and February 1, the Deputy Regional Administrator, accompanied by the Chief, TVA Projects, toured the Watts Bar and Sequovah facilities.

#### 4. Humana Hospital Greenbriar Valley

On January 30, representatives of the Humana Hospital Greenbriar Valley, West Virginia, were in the Region II Office for a management meeting with the Regional Administrator; the Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards; and other members of the Regional staff. Discussion focused on licensee management control over licensed activities, involvement of the radiation safety officer in nuclear medicine activities, and problems associated with the way the hospital handled the recent turnover of authorized users.

#### 5. Virginia Electric and Power Company

VEPCO Vice President Jim O'Hanlon and Corporate EP Manager Ed Collins presented an updated status of EP program upgrades at Surry and North Anna to regional staff on January 30, 1991.

#### Region III Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### 1. Iowa Electric Company, Duane Arnold

On January 31, 1991, Mr. A. Bert Davis, Regional Administrator, and members of his staff met with Mr. Richard McGaughy, Vice President, Iowa Electric Company, to discuss matters of mutual interest concerning Duane Arnold. Major items that were discussed included management changes, the results of the recent Institute of Nuclear Power Operations evaluation, any concerns the licensee had regarding interaction with Region III, and the visit of selected Iowa Electric Company corporate and plant personnel to a Russian nuclear power plant under the auspices of the World Association of Nuclear Operators. The Russians are going to return the visit in the near future.

#### 2. Zion Nuclear Power Station

Mr. A. Bert Davis, Regional Administrator, and members of the Region III and Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) staffs conducted the Zion Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) on January 31, 1991, at a location near the Zion Station. The Mayor of Zion, Illinois, made some opening remarks and met with the Regional Administrator at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss her questions and concerns regarding the performance of Zion Station.

#### 3. Chemetron, Newburgh Heights, Ohio

On January 30, 1991, Mr. Charles E. Norelius, Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, along with other selected regional and headquarters staff met with representatives from the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to discuss their involvement in the cleanup activities at the Chemetron facility located in Newburgh Heights, Ohio. This meeting was in preparation for the January 31, 1991, public meeting which was called by the Mayor of Newburgh Heights to discuss the status of the decommissioning activities.

#### 4. D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant

A routine quarterly management meeting was held in the Region III office on February 1, 1991, among selected members of American Electric Power/ Indiana Michigan Power, NRR Project Directorate III-1, and Region III staff. Topics discussed included Residual Heat Removal heat exchanger seismic design, Bulletin 79-14 followup program, and other engineering and technical support matters.

#### 5. Chicago Area Combined Federal Campaign

On January 28, 1991, Region III received a Gold Award for its participation in the Chicago Area Combined Federal Campaign. It was one

of five federal agencies receiving the Gold Award, which is the highest Combined Federal Campaign recognition. The award goes to offices with average employee contributions of \$100 or more. About 144 federal offices participated in the Chicago Area Campaign.

#### Region IV Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### 1. Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS) Enforcement Conference

The President and Chief Executive Officer of Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation and other members of the WCGS staff met in the Region IV office on January 30, 1991, for an enforcement conference. The purpose of the enforcement conference was to discuss the inoperability of both emergency core cooling system safety injection (SI) pumps which resulted when the common recirculation line to the refueling water storage tank became blocked with ice after the failure of the nonsafety-related heat trace system.

#### 2. Meeting in Headquarters to Discuss Sequoyah Fuels Corporation

The Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, and members of his staff met in Headquarters on January 30, 1991, with NMSS personnel and representatives of Sequoyah Fuels Corporation to discuss issues related to recent plant activities and characterization of the site.

#### 3. River Bend Station (RBS) Enforcement Conference

On January 31, 1991, the Senior Vice President, River Bend Nuclear Group, and other members of his staff attended an enforcement conference in Region IV on concerns over the RBS automatic depressurization system to meet its design basis functions under certain conditions.

#### Electrical Distribution System Functional Inspection Exit Meeting with Waterford-3

An EDSFI exit meeting was held on February 1, 1990, in the Region IV office with repres. Latives of Entergy Operations, Inc. to discuss inspection findings for the inspection conducted from January 7 through January 25, 1991 at Waterford-3.

The exit meeting and enforcement conference were held in the region instead of at the site because the enforcement conference was rescheduled from January 28, 1991 due to weather conditions that prevented licensee travel. The enforcement conference was attended by representatives of Entergy Operations, Inc., to discuss problems associated with the control room ventilation system at Waterford-3.

#### Region V Items of Interest Week Ending February 1, 1991

#### 1. NRR Regional Assessment Team Visit

An NRR Regional Assessment Team is in Region V (January 28 - February 1, 1991) to audit the region's implementation of the inspection program. The Assessment Team will exit with Regional Management at 9:00 a.m. on February 1.

A. STAFF REQUIREMENTS - PERIODIC BRIEFING ON OPERATING REACTORS AND FUEL FACILITIES, 1:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1991, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE) - SECY to James M. Taylor, EDO dated 1/30/91

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the current status of operating reactors, fuel facilities, and other materials licensees.

Commissioner Remick requested information on the extent to which the licensee for Nine Mile Point still relies on outside consultants for training. The Regional Administrator committed to respond to this item.

B. STAFF REQUIREMENTS - AFFIRMATION/DISCUSSION AND VOTE, 3:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1991, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE) - SECY to William C. Parler, GC dated 1/31/91

#### SECY-90-407 - Requests for Hearing and Petitions to Intervene Regarding Request for "Possession Only" License for Shoreham

The Commission, with Commissioners Rogers, Curtiss, and Remich agreeing, approved an Order responding to requests for hearings and petitions to intervene regarding a request by the Long Island Lighting Company for an amendment to its license to authorize LILCO to "possess, [and] use but not operate the ... " Shoreham Nuclear Plant. The Order determines (1) that the requested amendment would indeed transform the Shoreham operating license into a "Possession Only License" (POL); (2) that such a POL may be issued without any preliminary or final decommissioning information; and (3) that the petitions should be forwarded to the Licensing Board for consideration under the Commission's normal Rules of Practice, e.g., 10 CFR 2.714, consistent both with this Order and the Commission's recent decision (CLI-90-C8) on other petitions filed by the same petitioners. Chairman Carr disapproved the Order; he believes that a "preliminary plan" containing sufficient information to provide the Commission the necessary assurance that adequate funding for safe decommissioning will be provided on a timely bas. must be submitted prior to issuance of a POL.

The additional concurring views of Commissioner Curtiss and the dissenting views of Chairman Carr are attached to the Order.

#### NRR MEETING NOTICES

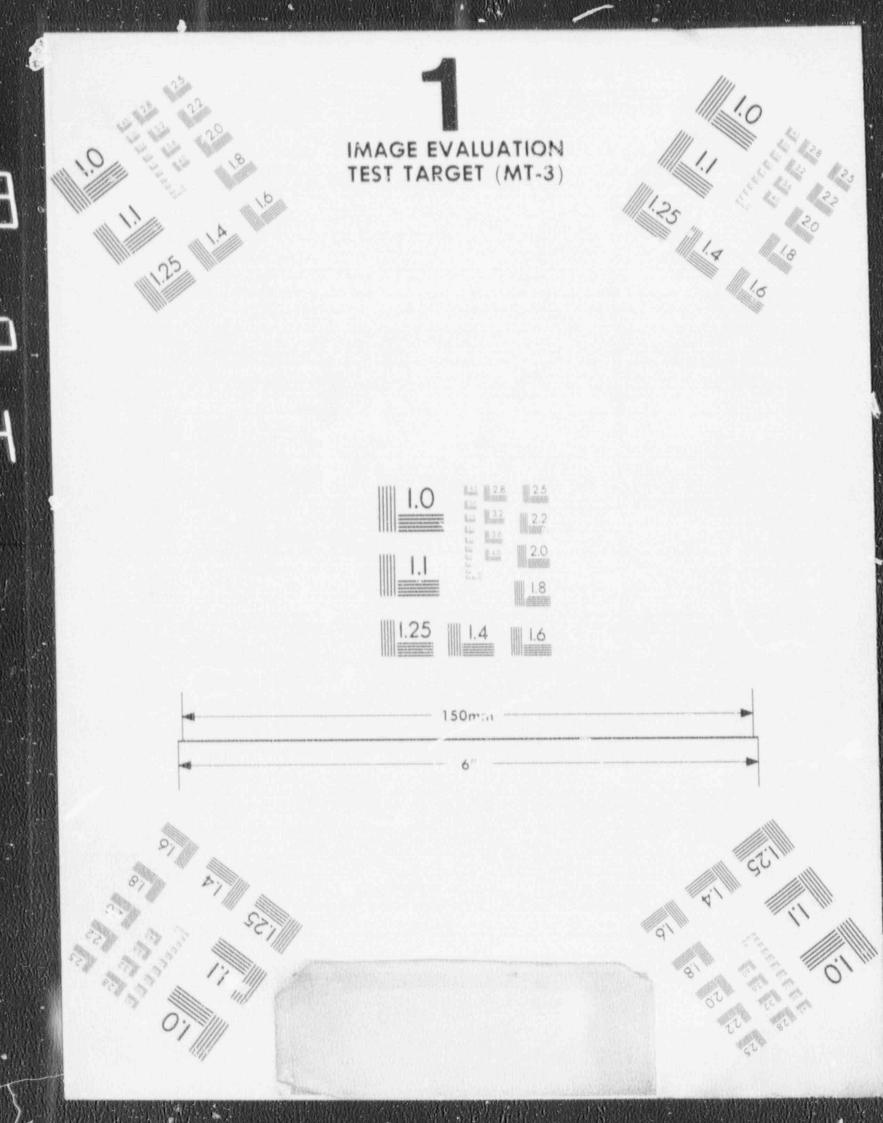
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DATE/TIME	NUMBER	LOCATION	PURPOSE	APPLICANT/ ATTENDEES	NRR CONTACT
02/11/91 1:00-3:00	50-54	One White Flint North Room 16B-11	Meeting with Cintichem to present dismantling sequence after approval of decommission- ing plan, if fuel is on site.	NRC/Cintichem	T. Michaels
02/13/91 9:00	50-322	Days Inn - Congressional Park Georgetown Room 1775 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland	Meeting with Lilco & Long Island Power Authority to discuss license transfer of Shoreham from Lilco Pi to Lipa & to discuss decommissioni plans for Shoreham.	ke	S. Reynolds
02/14/91 10:00	50-334 50-412	Region I Office DRP Conference Room King of Prussia, PA	Meeting with SALP Board to discuss Systematic Assess- ment of Licensee Performance.	NRC/SALP	W. Ruland

\* 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 Low-Level Waste Management and Decommissioning

Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
2/1-7		Las Vegas, NV	To attend and partic- ipate in DOE Low-Level Radiation Waste Performance Assessment visit to Beatty Low-Level Waste site	NRC DOE	F. Ross
2/24-28		Tucson, AZ	Present papers at WM 91	NRC	J. Greeves
3/4-7		Las Vegas, NV	To participate in DOE/States/Tribe UMTRAP Coordination meeting	NRC DOE	J. Surmeier
3/12-14		Needles, CA	To visit CA LLW Disposal Site	NRC	J. Greeves
		Div	ision of Safeguards and Trans	portation	
Date/Time None	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	<u>NRC Contact</u>
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Date/Time	Docket Number	Location		Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
2/5	Humber	OWFN 6B-11	American National Standard N540: Classification of Racioactive Self- luminous Light Sources under evaluation by the subcommittee	NRC Vendors, users & regulators of products	S. Baggett
2/5-6	72-10	Livermore, CA	Meeting with Northern States Power to discuss questions re TN-40 cask to be used at Prairie Island	NRC NSP State of Minnesota	J. Schneider
2/7	M-55	Livermore, CA	Meeting at LLNL with Nuclear Assurance Corp. re NAC-STC Dual Purpose Storable/transport cask	NRC NAC LLNL Contractors	S. Ruffin
2/7		OWFN 8B-11	To provide the NRC staff with more information on the Army's DU testing program and to answer staff questions related to licensing issues	NMSS GPA RI, III & V OGC & RES	P. Vacca
2/12		Tucson, AZ	To discuss NRC Requirements on Import of Irradiated Gems	NRC Representatives of Gem Trade Association	J. Hickey
2/13		Las ¥egas, NV	Discussion of radiography with Non-Destructive Testing Association	NRC	J. Hickey

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		R	ES Meeting Notices		
Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
		D	irector's Office		
2/27-28/91		Albuquerque, NM	Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee Meeting		R. Meyer 492-3904
		Division o	of Regulatory Applications		
2/12-13/91		Woodfin Suites Hotel Rockville, MD	Irradiator Rule Workshop. The public is invited to discuss a proposed rule on large gamma irradiators published on December 4, 1990. (55 FR 50008).	NRC/Public	S. McGuire 492-3757

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## Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data

Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
02/08		Operations Center	Discuss Role of Lead Federal Agency in a Radiological Emergency	AEOD, Federal Agencies	Lee Spessard
02/12		White Flint	CRGR Meeting - Appendix J Rule	Members, RES	Dennis Allison
02/20		Lexington, Kentucky	Discuss NRC Lessons Learned/ Information Sharing Programs	DOE Facility Operators and Contractors	Ed Jordan
02/26		RIV	Regional Assessment	AEOD, RIV	Eric Weinstein
02/26-27		Las Vegas	Meeting to Develop FRMAC Procedures	IRB, DOE	Rosemary Hogan
02/28-31		San Diego	Workshop to Discuss Protection of People and Their Food Supply During a Radiological Emergency	IRB, USDA, FEMA	Rosemary Hogan
03/13		RII	Regional Assessment	AEOD, RII	Eric Weinstein
03/20		Operations Center	St. Lucie Exercise	Utility, State, IRB	Don Marksberry

			Region I Meeting Notices		
Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
02/14/91 10:00 a.m.	50-334 50-412	Region I	SALP Board Meeting DLC - Beaver Valley	Selected NRC Staff Members	Ruland
02/26/91 10:00 a.m.	50-29	Region I	SALP Board Meeting YAEC - Yankee Rowe	Selected NRC Staff Members	Rogge

#### RII MEETING NOTICE

DATE/TIME	DOCKET NUMBER	LOCATION	ATTENDEES/ PURPOSE	APPLICANT	NRC CONTACT
02/04/91 3:30 p.m.		RII Office	Enforcement Conference Union Carbide	RA, Regional Staff, and Licensee	Ebneter
02/05/91 1:00 p.m.		RII Office	Enforcement Conference Stuart Circle Hospital	Same as above	Ebneter
02/07/91		Pt. Gibson, MS	Com. Curtiss will tour Grand Gulf facility	Commissioner, Tech. Asst., and Director, DRS	Gibson
02/08/91 10:00 a.m.		RII Office	Enforcement Conference FPC - Crystal River	RA, Regional Staff, and Licensee	Ebneter
02/08/91		Columbia, AL	Com. Curtiss will tour Farley Facility	Commissioner, Tech. Asst., and DRP Dep. Dir.	Merschoff
02/13/91		Mineral, VA	Chairman Carr will tour the North Anna Facility	Chairman, Tech. Asst., and DRP Director	Reyes
02/28/91 10:00 a.m.		RII Office	Pre-SALP Self-Assessment VEPCO - Surry Facility	RA, Regional Staff, and Licensee	Ebneter

#### RII MEETING NOTICE

DATE/TIME	DOCKET NUMBER	LOCATION	ATTENDEES/ PURPOSE	APPLICANT	NRC CONTACT
02/14/91 9:00 am	50-483	Region III	Union Electric Co., Callaway - Management Meeting	Licensee, Regional Administrator and selected members of RIII Staff	Miller
02/14/91 1:00 pm	50-237 50-249	Region III	Commonwealth Edison Co., Dresden - Enforcement Conference	Licensee, Deputy Regional Administrator and selected members of RIII Staff	Miller
02/25/91	50-440 50-441	Perry	Site Visit	Commissioner Carr, Regional Administrator	Miller
02/28/91 1:00 pm	50-305	Kewaunee	Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Kewaunee - Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance	Licensee, Deputy Regional Administrator and selected members of RIII	Miller Staff

February 1, 1991					
Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
2/27/91	50-313; 50-368	Russellville, AR	SALP Meeting on site		

## Region V Meeting Notice

Date/Time	Docket Number	Location	Purpose	Attendees/ Applicant	NRC Contact
2/28/91		Dallas, TX	Senior NRC Management Meeting	J. Martin	J. Martin
3/5/91	50-275 50-323	Diablo Canyon	Management Meeting at Diablo Canyon	J. Martin R. Zimmerman	R. Zimmerman