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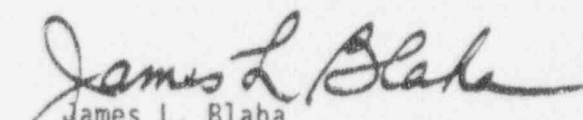
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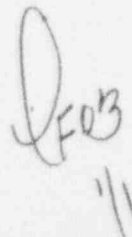
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending August 5, 1994

NEI Meeting

On July 26, 1994, NRR senior managers met with senior representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute to discuss Thermo-Lag issues. The topics of discussion included: The Staff Requirements Memorandum of June 27, 1994, which provided the Commission's direction on options to resolve the Thermo-Lag issues; staff plans to issue plant-specific letters to licensees still relying on Thermo-Lag to meet Appendix R requirements; and the content of these letters which includes a request to supplement responses to the 50.54(f) letter of December 1993. The staff plans to issue the letters within six weeks. NEI suggested that the ampacity issue be addressed promptly before individual licensees perform corrective actions for Thermo-Lag barriers. The participants agreed on meeting within a month with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to discuss the ampacity issue and the ampacity testing performed by TVA. The staff also discussed the preparation and review of exemption requests and its feasibility study of nuclear power plant fire severity curves.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Tutorial on Digital Instrumentation and Control System Issues

On August 2 - 3, 1994, LLNL, under contract to the Instrumentation and Controls Branch presented the second of three tutorials on digital instrumentation and control (I&C) system regulatory review issues. LLNL is assisting the staff in the development of digital I&C system review criteria for incorporation in the Standard Review Plan update. The topics presented in this tutorial were real-time system performance, formal methods, and software audits. Approximately 25 staff from NRR, RES, the regions, AEOD, and ACRS attended the tutorial and provided feedback for consideration by LLNL in its criteria development effort.

Public Workshop on NRC Knowledge and Ability Catalogs

On August 2 - 4, 1994, HOLB, held public workshops to discuss draft revisions to the BWR and PWR Knowledge and Abilities (K/A) Catalogs that are used by NRC examiners to validate operator license examinations. Representatives from all the NRC regional offices and over 50 percent of facility licensees participated in the workshops. After being briefed on the scope of the proposed revisions, the participants were asked to rate a number of new and modified knowledge and ability elements based on staff and industry experience gained during the eight years since the catalogs were originally published. HOLB will evaluate the participants' ratings and incorporate the appropriate changes into the upcoming Catalog revisions.

Intervenor Withdraws from Hearing on Rancho Seco Decommissioning Plan

On August 1, 1994, counsel for the Environmental and Resources Conservation Organization (ECO) submitted a notice of withdrawal from the hearing on the Rancho Seco decommissioning plan. Accordingly, the NRC staff has halted efforts to respond to hearing interrogatories. The staff will await action by the licensing board to terminate the hearing.

A newspaper article in the Sacramento Bee indicated that a settlement was reached between the licensee and the intervenor in which ECO received a payment of \$100,000. For the next three years ECO will be allowed to review final drafts of decommissioning cost information and to make comments before the recommendations are submitted to the licensee's Board of Directors.

### Indian Point 3

#### PLANT STATUS & SITE ACTIVITIES:

The unit has been shutdown since February 26, 1993, for a performance improvement outage. A Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) documents the licensee's restart commitments. The New York Power Authority (NYPA) has not yet officially issued a restart date; however, the latest outage schedule shows tentative plant restart on January 6, 1995.

#### MANAGEMENT MEETING:

A meeting between NYPA and the NRC was conducted on August 3, 1994, in the Region I office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NYPA's plans and progress to date to ensure that the control room ventilation system can perform its design safety function. Also discussed were the licensing basis, the control room heat loads, and planned modifications to the ventilation system. Ensuring the adequacy of the control room ventilation system is a specific restart issue for Indian Point 3.

### Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

Both Limerick units are operating at 100% power, with no significant problems.

On July 27, 1994, a tornado with winds of 150 mph, and a 100-yard path, struck in the vicinity of the site. No damage or detrimental effects to the operation of the plant were observed by the licensee or the NRC resident; however, considerable damage was done to nearby areas. The tornado claimed the lives of two adults that were employed at the plant, and their infant. The staff has answered inquiries from newspaper correspondents addressing the tornado design criteria for the various safety structures and components at the site. The design basis criteria consider winds with a rotational velocity of 300 mph and a translational velocity of 60 mph, resulting in a combined velocity of 360 mph. Further, the design criteria account for a negative pressure of 3 psi, and the impact of postulated tornado missiles like heavy pipes, telephone poles, metal rods, and automobiles.

The licensee is expected to complete moving spent fuel from the Unit 2 spent fuel pool to the Unit 1 spent fuel pool during the week of August 1, 1994. This operation started on July 20, 1994. The licensee next plans to commence high density re-racking of the Unit 2 spent fuel pool. When reracking is completed, the Unit 2 spent fuel pool will have a total storage capacity of 4117 fuel assemblies. The staff's evaluation of the licensee's request for an amendment to permit storage of spent fuel is in progress. The high density reracking is expected to be completed during the upcoming Unit 2 refueling outage scheduled for January, 1995. On August 3 and 4, 1994, the staff conducted an audit of the structural engineering calculations at PECO's office in Wayne, PA.

## Washington Nuclear Project No. 2

The licensee restarted WNP-2 on July 27, 1994, following an outage of about 90 days. The licensee had originally scheduled the outage for 60 days. Significant accomplishments included completion of jet pump cleaning, installation of the reactor pressure vessel level instrument backfill modification, replacement of 4 of the 11 containment purge valves, replacement of jet pump beams, inspection of the core shroud (no indications were found), repair/replacement of 9 main steam relief valves, completion of the replacement of scram solenoid pilot valve diaphragms, and the containment integrated leak rate test.

Emergent problems identified during the outage included significant degradation of containment electrical penetrations, bending the new refueling mast, lift of the moisture separators twice with a holddown bolt not released, overlift of a fuel assembly, breaking off two work lights from the refueling bridge that dropped into the reactor vessel with one subsequently ingested into the RHR pump, inadvertant LPCI injection during excess flow check valve testing, misoriented fuel assemblies, personnel working in the drywell with no dosimetry, and two personnel driving around site in a golf-type cart while wearing ski masks. In addition, the licensee notified the staff of significant errors in its fire protection analysis that had originally been identified by the licensee's QA organization in November, 1992. These issues were the subject of a management meeting with the licensee on July 21, 1994.

### Cooper

On July 29, 1994, the EDO, Deputy EDO, Region IV Regional Administrator and other NRC staff met with management and staff from the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) to discuss restart issues identified in the July 1, 1994, revised Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) 4-94-06B. In the meeting, the NRC indicated that the technical issues identified in the CAL had been resolved by the licensee. However, NRC management expressed continuing concern with programmatic issues such as the preconditioning of surveillance tests and the licensee's handling of NRC information and industry operating experience.

An additional CAL (4-94-08) was issued on August 2, 1994, to confirm the licensee's basis for their assurance that an adequate review of their own operational experience, industry experience, and NRC information had been conducted to support plant restart. This additional CAL was prompted by two recent hardware failures that potentially affected the operability of safety-related systems. One instance involved the failure of an SBM control switch and the other instance involved a through-wall leak in the reactor equipment cooling system piping. Similar failures of these components have occurred at the Cooper Nuclear Station in the past and have been the subject of NRC and/or industry generic correspondence. The licensee will respond to these concerns in its supplemental response to Confirmatory Action Letter 4-94-06B, and at a public meeting to be held with the NRC at the Cooper site prior to restart.

On July 31, 1994, Mr. John Meacham, Senior Manager of Safety Assessment, unexpectedly resigned from the Nebraska Public Power District, apparently for personal reasons. He will be permanently replaced on or about September 1, 1994 by Mr. Raymond Jones, a retired admiral with 30 years experience in the nuclear Navy.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards  
Items of Interest  
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Combustion Engineering, Inc. (CE), Hematite, Missouri

On July 28, 1994, Special Nuclear Material License SNM-33 for the CE Hematite Nuclear Fuel Manufacturing Facility, Hematite, Missouri, was renewed for a 10-year term. This action followed preparation of an Environmental Assessment in March, 1994 and publication of a "Finding of No Significant Impact" in the Federal Register on March 28, 1994. The license authorizes CE to fabricate enriched uranium into fuel elements for light-water reactors.

United States - Australia Bilateral Safeguards Exchange

On July 25-26, 1994, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff participated in the U.S.-Australia safeguards technical safeguards exchange. Of particular interest were measures which are under consideration for the detection of undeclared nuclear materials or activities. Those measures include environmental sampling for nuclear materials and analysis of information to test the consistency of information about a country's nuclear program with the declared nuclear program of that country.

United States - EURATOM Bilateral Safeguards Discussion

The United States participated in a bilateral technical exchange on nuclear materials safeguards as implemented by the International Atomic Energy Agency on July 28-29, 1994. Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff participated in the U.S.-EURATOM safeguards technical information exchange. Of particular interest to the EURATOM participants were: (1) the legal status of vitrified highly radioactive waste containing U.S.-origin nuclear materials to be returned to Japan; (2) the status and content of the U.S. program of technical safeguards assistance to the republics of the former Soviet Union; and (3) certain safeguards technical aspects of a possible new U.S.-EURATOM Agreement for Nuclear Cooperation.

International Atomic Energy Agency Consultation on the U.S. Excess Fissile Material Offer

On August 1-2, 1994, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff participated in consultations with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) regarding the selection of excess U.S. fissile material storage facilities for IAEA inspections. Discussions centered on storage vault containing upwards of ten metric tons of highly enriched uranium. Other discussions covered the expected U.S. offer of two plutonium storage sites for potential IAEA inspection. A variety of technical policy and funding issues were raised concerning the application of safeguards at Department of Energy facilities.

Interagency Meeting on Plutonium Disposition

On August 1, 1994, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff attended an interagency working group meeting on surplus fissile materials control and disposition. Topics included: (1) plans and preparation for the

next meeting with the Russians on plutonium disposition and Russian participation in the Reduced Enrichment Reactor Test Reactor (RERTR) program, and (2) schedule and plans for the Department of Energy (DOE) scoping workshops to be held at 12 sites throughout the U.S. beginning in August. In addition, the DOE briefed on results of its review of studies performed on disposition of plutonium in existing U.S. commercial reactors. DOE staff expressed interest in scheduling a meeting with appropriate Nuclear Regulatory Commission representatives to discuss issues related to licensing for the production and use of mixed oxide fuel.

#### Meeting with Portland General Electric

On July 27, 1994, the Storage and Transport Systems Branch staff met with Portland General Electric (PGE) to discuss shipment of four steam generators and a pressurizer from the Trojan Nuclear Plant. The components will be shipped by barge to the U.S. Ecology site on the Hanford Reservation for disposal. Prior to shipment, PGE plans to fill the interior of the components with low density cellular concrete and to attach exterior shielding as necessary. PGE plans to submit an application for approval of the components as low specific activity transportation packages in November, 1994.

#### Risk Assessment Workshop

The Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety is sponsoring a workshop to review past efforts to develop a risk analysis methodology to evaluate the risk of the use of radiation emitting medical devices, and to form a program plan and scoping document for future methodology development. The workshop will be held from August 16-18, 1994, at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The workshop participants include: representatives of the medical community, risk analysis and human factors experts, as well as members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff.

#### State of Wyoming Activities on American Nuclear Mill Site

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission received a letter from the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) dated July 21, 1994, stating that the State is prepared to undertake reclamation of the American Nuclear Corporation's (ANC) Gas Hills site. In addition, the letter stated that, if necessary, Wyoming would become the licensee, replacing ANC. The State also noted that it intends to substantially complete site reclamation during the 1995 construction season. In order to achieve this effort, the State requested that the NRC commit to provide technical assistance and support to this effort. Specifically, timely action was requested on: (1) review of Wyoming's response to staff issues with the ANC reclamation plan; (2) evaluating the groundwater corrective action program, the environmental monitoring program, and tailings settlement and consolidation; and (3) a waiver of all fees associated with NRC staff review, inspection and administration of the license. The State of Wyoming letter was a follow-up to the June 23, 1994, meeting between staff and State to discuss the disposition of the ANC site. The State of Wyoming has already initiated bond forfeiture proceedings for the surety of approximately \$3,000,000 established by ANC, and will use these funds for site reclamation activities.

Quality Assurance Issues Delays Start-up of DOE's Tunnel Boring Machine at Yucca Mountain

Division of Waste Management staff observed a limited scope quality assurance (QA) audit by the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management of its Management and Operating Contractor (M&O). The purpose of the audit was to evaluate the M&O's design package for the Exploratory Studies Facility (ESF) at the Tonopah Spring North Level Ramp. This was the first design package solely done by the M&O.

Construction of the ESF using the tunnel boring machine (TBM) cannot begin operation without DOE approval of the design package. The DOE audit team concluded that the M&O QA program of the design package was ineffective and unsatisfactorily implemented. As a result of the DOE audit, the M&O management has recalled the design package for revision. DOE staff believes that M&O revisions of the design package will cause a delay of approximately two weeks.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research  
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Agreement Between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the OECD/NEA on the RASPLAV Project to Investigate Molten Reactor Fuel-Lower Pressure Vessel Head Interaction

This agreement defines the terms and conditions by which the USNRC and the OECD/NEA will cooperate in the area of severe accident phenomenology research. The OECD/NEA has agreed to assist in the management of this program on behalf of the participants. The NRC will contribute financially to this project and actively participate in its implementation. The RASPLAV test program will provide information related to heat loads on the reactor pressure vessel lower head during severe accidents. This information will then be used to assess and confirm the potential of cooling the reactor pressure vessel by external flooding and stopping the accident progression inside the vessel. This mode of cooling the vessel has been proposed as an accident management strategy by the scientific community. The agreement covers a four year period, beginning July 1, 1994.

Agreement Between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Russian Research Centre "Kurchatov Institute" (RRC KI) Relating to Participation in the Thermal-Hydraulic Code Applications and Maintenance Program (CAMP)

This agreement defines the terms and conditions by which the USNRC and the RRC KI will cooperate in the area of thermal-hydraulic research. Under the terms of the CAMP agreement with RRC KI, both countries agree to exchange information and share research results. In addition, RRC KI will provide three experimental assessment reports each year for the duration of the CAMP agreement to the NRC. The NRC will supply the RRC KI with the latest released versions of the RELAP5 and TRAC/PF1 codes and the Nuclear Plant Analyzer software.

Recently Issued Publication

Regulatory Guide 5.68, "Protection Against Malevolent Use of Vehicles at Nuclear Power Plants," August 1994.  
Contact: R. J. Dube, NRR (301) 504-2912

Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending August 5, 1994

Technical Training Division (TTD)

BWR/4 Simulator Installation

Installation of the BWR/4 Simulator at the Technical Training Center (TTC) took place during the week of August 1, 1994. The simulator, originally built for the Shoreham facility and acquired by NRC from the Long Island Lighting Company, has been in storage at a contractor facility while awaiting procurement and configuration of suitable space at the TTC. After installation, electrical and signal wiring will be reinstalled, and the simulator will be operationally tested by the relocation contractor. This process will require approximately three weeks. Once the testing is acceptably completed the simulator will be accepted by the NRC. The estimated date of NRC acceptance of the simulator is August 26, 1994.

The simulator will then undergo several months of evaluation while the instructors become familiar with it. Also during this period, Technical Training Division staff will develop the training materials and scenarios required to implement training on the BWR/4 simulator. Initial development of BWR/4 technology training materials has been underway for several months following receipt of BWR/4 documentation and training materials.

Implementation of the new BWR/4 training program will allow training on a reactor design representative of approximately 75% of the BWRs in the U. S. The first GE BWR/4 Technology Course utilizing the new simulator will (R-200B) begin on November 28, 1994.

Training Advisory Council Meeting

The Training Advisory Council (TAC) met on August 3, 1994, to discuss issues raised at the prior Training Advisory Group meeting. Major issues discussed included the cumulative effect of training, time available for training, integrated training scheduling, and the incorporation of major new programs and emerging issues into existing training. TAC representatives at this meeting were the Deputy Director, NRR; Regional Administrator, Region III; Deputy Director, OP; Deputy Director, Division of Safety Issue Resolution, RES; and Deputy Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Director, AEOD. Also attending the meeting were the Director, OPP; Director and other principal staff, Technical Training Division, AEOD; and staff from OIG.

Incident Response Division (IRD)

On August 3, Incident Response Division management participated in a meeting of the Catastrophic Disaster Relief Group. The meeting was held at the Hall of States as part of FEMA's ongoing efforts in federal response management. Issues discussed included the integration of the Federal Radiological

Emergency Response Plan (FRERP) with the Federal Response Plan (FRP), the evolution of an integrated Federal response system, and reports by the lead agencies for the various Emergency Support Functions (ESF).

#### Diagnostic Evaluation and Incident Investigation Branch (DEIIB)

The Executive Director for Operations has initiated actions to conduct a Special Evaluation (SE) of the Cooper Nuclear Station located near Brownville, Nebraska, to obtain additional information regarding the performance of the Cooper Station. A meeting is scheduled for August 8 - 9, 1994, at the Cooper facility to discuss evaluation processes, interfaces and logistics. The SE will perform an assessment of the ongoing Cooper Nuclear Station's Diagnostic Self Assessment (DSA), and will also perform an independent assessment of selected safety performance problems and causes. The Team Manager for the SE is Ellis Merschoff, Director, Division of Reactor Projects in Region II. Areas to be evaluated include Operations and Training, Maintenance and Testing, Engineering Support, and Management and Organization.

#### Emergency Response Branch (ERB)

Emergency Response Branch conducted a workshop for the regional Emergency Response Coordinators on August 2-4. The first two days of the workshop consisted of a working level meeting regarding development of revised program assessment criteria and standardized procedures for monitoring anomalous events while in the normal mode of operations. Day three provided an opportunity for the response coordinators and program managers (regional and Headquarters) to address issues of concern and to discuss program plans for the upcoming year. Specific issues included the State Outreach program, Federal Interfaces, the AEOD reorganization, and resource utilization. A functional demonstration of the new Headquarters Operations Center closed out the workshop. A subsequent session, to include discussing strategies to improve efficiency and effectiveness, is planned for this fall.

During the week, high intensity lighting for the new operations center Headquarters Operations Officers (HOOs) work area was installed by Shiftwork Systems, Inc. This lighting is part of an ongoing project with the Office of Research to study the effects of high intensity lighting on adjusting the circadian rhythms of shift workers.

#### Preliminary Notifications

- a. PNO-III-94-57, Palisades Nuclear Plant (Consumers Power Co)., Licensee to Unload Spent Fuel Cask due to Minor Flaws
- b. PNO-III-94-55, Medical Center Hospital, Teletherapy Misadministration (Dose to Unintended Treatment Site)
- c. PNO-III-94-56, Sinai Hospital, Therapeutic Misadministration
- d. PNO-IV-94-039, Unknown Resident in Okarche, Ok., Two Small Tritium Sources Found by a Member of the Public in Private Residence
- e. PNO-IV-94-040, Irigaray Mine, Thickener Tank Spilled 18,000 Pounds of Yellowcake (U308) Supernate on Facility Grounds

Office of Administration  
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Contract Awards

The following contracts have been awarded as a result of the acceptance of competitive proposals submitted in response to NRC's Broad Agency Announcement for Seismological Research Based on National Seismograph Network Data and Other Information:

Boston College - The contract will run for three years at an estimated cost of \$378,085 and will focus on the Correlation of Seismicity with Tectonics in the Central and Eastern United States.

St. Louis University - The contract will run for three years at an estimated cost of \$207,144 and will focus on Horizontally Polarized Surface Wave Excitation, Attenuation and Source Spectral Scaling in Central and Eastern North America.

Woodward-Clyde Federal Services, Inc. - The contract will run for three years at an estimated cost of \$485,187 and will focus on Seismic Modeling Analysis of the Eastern Seaboard of the U.S.

Purchase Orders - TWFN

The following companies have been awarded purchase orders for furniture and equipment for the TWFN Child Development Center:

Smile Makers

Niehuis

School Matters/Current

Childcraft

Lakeshore

Annual Physical Fitness Performance Testing for Tactical Response Team Members, Armed Response Personnel, and Guards at Category I Licensees

A final rule that amends regulations applicable to Tactical Response Team members, armed response personnel, and guards at fuel cycle facilities possessing formula quantities of strategic special nuclear material (Category I licensees) was published in the Federal Register on July 28, 1994 (59 FR 38347). The final rule requires these personnel to participate in a continuing physical fitness program and to pass an annual performance test. These requirements are intended to ensure that the covered personnel are able to perform their assigned duties under conditions of strenuous tactical engagement. The final rule becomes effective August 29, 1994.

#### Temporary Access to Safeguards Information

A final rule that amends regulations concerning requirements for criminal history checks of individuals granted access to safeguards information was published in the Federal Register on July 29, 1994 (59 FR 38553). The final rule corrects a defect in the regulations that limited the Commission's authority to waive certain requirements and allows temporary access to safeguards information pending completion of criminal history checks. The final rule becomes effective August 29, 1994.

#### Protection Against Malevolent Use of Vehicles at Nuclear Power Plants

A final rule that amends regulations for the physical protection of operating nuclear power reactors was published in the Federal Register on August 1, 1994 (59 FR 38889). The final rule modifies the design basis threat for radiological sabotage to include use of a land vehicle by adversaries for transporting personnel and their hand-carried equipment to the proximity of vital areas and to include a land vehicle bomb. The final rule becomes effective August 31, 1994.

#### Land Ownership Requirements for Low-Level Waste Sites

An advance notice of proposed rulemaking that invites public comment on whether the NRC should amend its regulations to allow private ownership of Low-Level Radioactive Waste facility sites as an alternative to the current requirement for Federal or State ownership was published in the Federal Register on August 3, 1994 (59 FR 39485). The comment period for this action closes October 3, 1994.

#### Significant FOIA Requests Received by the NRC For 5-Day Period of July 29 - August 4, 1994

Request for a copy of the final technical letter report dated June 3, 1994, for Task 7, Final Review of the 1987 Report by Oak Ridge Associated Universities, "Improper Transfer/Disposal Scenarios for Generally Licensed Devices." (Toni Nix of Fenton, Fenton, Smith, Reneau & Moon, FOIA-94-340)

Request for records concerning air space violations over nuclear facilities by unknown objects. (George Hickerson, FOIA-94-343)

Request for a listing of all violations against power plant licensees between August 3, 1993, and the present. (Sean Moulton, Council on Economic Priorities, FOIA-94-345)

Request for copies of press releases relating to Oncology Services Corporation, Marlton Oncology and/or Indiana Regional Cancer Treatment Center. (Marcy Colkitt, Oncology Services Corporation, FOIA-94-347)

Request for records related to the approval issued for the Registry of Radioactive Sealed Sources and Devices Safety Evaluation of Sealed Source Number NRC-628-S-105-S. (Lori Podolak, Amersham Corporation, FOIA-94-348)

Request for copies of research presented at "Annual Oak Ridge Radioisotope Conferences" from 1963. (Kevin Corcoran, The News Sentinel, FOIA-94-349)

Request for five categories of records regarding the NRC's ongoing investigation of site-specific issues pertaining to the use of VSC-24 spent fuel storage cask at the Palisades nuclear power plant. (Eric Glitzenstein of Meyer & Glitzenstein, FOIA-94-351)

Request for copies of (1) the transcript of the hearing held before the Atomic Energy Board in Piping Specialists, Inc. and Tulsa Gamma Ray and (2) transcripts of any testimony provided by 10 named NRC employees. (Marcy Colkitt, Oncology Services Corporation, FOIA-94-352)

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ENCLOSURE F

Office of Information Resources Management  
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NRC Headquarters Consolidation

The implementation of the agency's enhanced wide area network has been completed. Expanded services have been provided to all Regional offices and the Technical Training Center. These services include increased network bandwidth, circuit redundancy, and advanced network management capabilities. Network bandwidth has been increased ten-fold from 56 kilobits per second to 576 kilobits per second. These expanded services will support the implementation of client-server applications, expanded network connectivity, and Internet access in the Regional offices during Fiscal Year 1995.

Headquarters Site Reviews

The Office of Information Resources Management (IRM) will conduct its final site review of the Phillips Building after the few remaining occupants vacate the premises later this month. This will complete IRM's review of vacated buildings to ensure that no agency records were inadvertently left behind.

New SES Performance Plan Support Software Available

The Office of Information Resources Management has completed the development of new WordPerfect Macros which will permit the staff to record SES performance plan information into the newly designed SES forms for the coming appraisal year. Copies of the software have been installed on all Headquarters and Region 1 network servers. Software for the remaining Regions will be installed by the end of this week. The new option will appear automatically on the menus of the users of the previous SES form macros. New users should contact the Customer Support Center to have this capability installed at their workstation.

Office of Personnel  
Items of Interest  
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Career Development Workshop Held in HQ

On July 27, 1994, Maria Dolan conducted a career development workshop for secretaries and supervisors in the Division of Freedom of Information & Publications Service, Office of Administration. During this workshop, information was presented on training and developmental opportunities available for secretaries, including the Certified Professional Secretaries Program, the Administrative Skills Enhancement Program, and the Computer Science Development Program.

Region I Career Counselor Visits Headquarters

On July 25, 1994, the Career Counselor for Region I met with the Headquarters Career Counseling Contractor and OP/ODT staff members. The Headquarters Career Counselor provided training to the Region I Counselor, and ODT staff briefed both counselors on NRC developmental programs. Similar briefings will be held for the Region III Career Counselor in mid-August.

Blacks In Government Conference

Espanola Hughes from the Office of Personnel represented the NRC as an exhibitor at the Blacks-In-Government (BIG) Conference which was held August 1-5, 1994, in Washington, D.C. The conference provided an opportunity to network with other Federal Agencies and to discuss career opportunities in the NRC with conference attendees.

AIDS Training to be Held

On Tuesday, August 2, Pat Kaplan and Maria Dolan previewed the AIDS training which will be presented to all HQ personnel, beginning in September. President Clinton signed an Executive Order requiring that all Federal employees be trained or be scheduled to be trained by December 1, 1994. The AIDS training will be presented, along with Drug-free Workplace Training, to both supervisors and staff.

Arrivals

HARRIS, Timothy                      GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER (PFT)                      NMSS

Retirements

GILRAY, John                      SR. ON-SITE LICENSING REP (PFT)                      NMSS  
GONZALES, Raymond                      PROJECT MANAGER (PFT)                      RIV/URFO  
HALL, Ramon                      DIRECTOR, URFO (PFT)                      RIV/URFO  
HAYES, Ben                      DIRECTOR (PFT), SES                      OI  
PRIEBE, Ray                      SR. PROJECT MANAGER (PFT)                      AEOD  
REESE, James                      BRANCH CHIEF (PFT)                      RIV

Departures

CHERN, Shiann-Jang                      GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER (PFT)                      NMSS  
MILLER-CORBETT, Cynthia                      PROJECT MANAGER (PFT)                      RIV/URFO  
VOIGT, Linda                      SECRETARY (PFT)                      RIV/URFO

Office of International Programs  
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INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Visit by Y.Y. Hsu, Taiwan

On August 3, 1994, Y. Y. Hsu, Chairman of the Taiwan Atomic Energy Council (TAEC) visited Commissioner E. Gail de Planque, Commissioner Kenneth Rogers and members of the NRC staff. Chairman Hsu discussed items of mutual interest, including the recent decision to revise the composition of the TAEC. Currently, the TAEC is wholly comprised of government officials and representatives. The revised TAEC will permit non-government related individuals to sit on the Council. The TAEC also plans to open two community relations offices, one in the north and the other in the south. Chairman Hsu also visited the NRC's new operations center during his visit.

CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE

No. 76

OCA ASSIGNMENT	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Combs	TBA 1324 LHOB	TBA	Markup Session	HR 4800, HR 4814, Low-Level Waste Compacts	Reps. Sharp/Bilirakis Comm. on Energy and Commerce Energy and Power Subc Reps. Lehman/Vucanovich Comm. on Nat. Resources Energy and Mineral Resources Subc
Combs	TBA 311 CHOB	TBA	TBA	Federal Service Contracting	Reps. McCloskey/Burton Comm. on Post Off. & Civil Service, Civil Service Subc

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Region I  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending August 5, 1994

West Hudson Hospital

An enforcement conference with the representatives of West Hudson Hospital, Kearny, New Jersey, was held on August 3, 1994, to discuss the nine apparent violations identified during a recent NRC inspection conducted on May 27, 1994 and July 19, 1994. The discussions included the licensee's corrective actions and the NRC's concern regarding the inadequate evaluations of thyroid bioassay data of individuals decontaminating a spill as a result of a patient regurgitating an iodine-131 capsule which initially contained an activity of 12 millicuries.

Meeting With Heritage Minerals

On August 2, 1994, representatives of Heritage Minerals, Inc. and the Region I Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards met at the Region I office. A Division of Waste Management, NMSS, representative participated by telephone. Heritage owns a site in Lakehurst, New Jersey, which is listed in the Site Decommissioning Management Program. The focus of the meeting was a discussion of the options for completing the remediation of the site and Heritage's recent efforts to identify a satisfactory method to disposition the 695 cubic yards of contaminated material remaining on the site. The Heritage representatives strongly stated their desire to remediate the site, transfer all contaminated materials and have the site released for unrestricted use as soon as practical. They agreed to provide, within 30 days, a written schedule of planned actions to support this result. In addition, they agreed promptly provide a schedule for improving the financial assurance applying to the site.

Region II  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending August 5, 1994

1. Florida Power Corporation - Crystal River

On August 5, the Regional Administrator and the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, visited the Florida Power Corporation's Crystal River site to conduct a facility tour and meet with site managers.

2. Duke Power Company - Oconee

On August 4, representatives of Duke Power Company attended an Open Enforcement Conference in the Region II Office regarding issues associated with the June 14, 1994 output breaker lockout emergency power supply from the Keowee hydroelectric plant.

3. Duke Power Company - Catawba

On August 1, representatives from Duke Power Company's Catawba facility attended a Management Meeting in the Regional Office to discuss operator training status.

4. Carolina Power & Light Company - Brunswick

On August 2, representatives of the Carolina Power and Light Company presented their Brunswick 3-Year Plan in the Region II Office.

5. National Program Review

On August 2, J. Stohr and C. Hosey attended a meeting in Headquarters during which the findings of the recent NMSS National Program Review (NPR) of Region II were presented to the Management Review Board.

6. Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) Company - Naval Nuclear Fuel Division

On August 3, 1994, the Director, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS; the Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, Region II; and other representatives from NMSS and Region II met with the B&W Vice President and other members of licensee management to discuss the recent failures of required administrative controls.

Region III  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending August 5, 1994

Blodgett Memorial Medical Center

On August 3, 1994, an Open Enforcement Conference was conducted in the NRC Region III Office with Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to discuss the circumstances surrounding a brachytherapy misadministration with strontium-90 eye applicator that occurred in June, 1994.

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Region IV  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending August 5, 1994

1. Closure of the Uranium Recovery Field Office

Effective close of business, August 1, 1994, the Region IV Uranium Recovery Field Office (URFO) terminated operations. All regulatory functions have been transferred. Licensing functions were transferred to the Division of Waste Management, NMSS, and inspection functions were transferred to Region IV. All official docket files, previously maintained in URFO, have been shipped to the NMSS docket room. By August 5, all URFO staff will either have transferred within the NRC, resigned, or retired. Computers, office equipment, and supplies were sent to Region IV, and the URFO office space will be released to GSA no later than September 30, 1994.

2. Personnel Change in Nebraska Public Power District Management

On July 31, 1994, John Meacham, Senior Manager of Safety Assessment, unexpectedly resigned from the Nebraska Public Power District. Mr. Meacham's duties and responsibilities will be temporarily assumed by Steve Job, Operations Training Program Supervisor, with the exception of the licensing organization. The licensing organization will report directly to John Mueller, Site Manager. The position of Senior Manager of Safety Assessment will be permanently filled, about September 1, 1994, by Raymond Jones, a retired admiral with 30 years experience in the nuclear Navy.

3. Meeting with Public Service Company of Colorado to Discuss Status of Investigations and Assessments

At their request, representatives of the Public Service Company of Colorado met with regional management on August 4, 1994, to discuss the status of their investigations and assessments. This meeting was held in Region IV, Arlington, Texas, and was open to the public.

4. The Queen's Medical Center - Enforcement Conference

A telephonic enforcement conference was held on August 4, 1994, with Region IV management and the management of the Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, to discuss an apparent violation and other matters involving a misadministration with a strontium-90 (Sr-90) eye applicator.

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NRR Meeting Notice

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Attendees/ Applicant</u>	<u>NRR Contact</u>
08/15/94 9:00 am	50-321 50-366	Region II Office 30th Floor Conf. Room 101 Marietta Street, N.W. Atlanta, GA 30323	To discuss Georgia Power Company's submittal dated February 25, 1994, regarding its request to revise Hatch Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications.	NRC GPC	K. Jabbour (301) 504-1496
08/16/94 2:30 pm	50-029	Lecture Hall Greenfield Community College 1 College Drive Greenfield, MA	To discuss responses to NRC requests for additional information on Yankee Rowe Decommissioning Plan and to present current status of decommissioning at Yankee Rowe.	NRC YAECO	M. Fairtile (301) 504-1442
08/16/94 7:00 pm	50-029	Superior Court Room Franklin County Court House Greenfield, MA	Opportunity for public to testify on Decommissioning Plan for the Yankee Rowe Power Station.	NRC YAECO PUBLIC	M. Fairtile (301) 504-1442
08/17/94 8:30 am	50-271	One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 Room 2-F-17	To discuss planned changes to the Appendix J (Containment Leak Rate Testing) program and licensee resolution of anomalies in the In-Service Testing Program which were identified in an NRC letter dated September 3, 1993.	NRC VYNPC	D. Dorman (301) 504-1429
08/17/94 1:00 pm	50-237 50-249 50-373 50-374 50-254 50-265	Embassy Suites Pavilion Hotel 4300 Military Road Washington, DC	To discuss the issues related to resolving the debris blockage of ECCS strainers.	NRC BWROG	M. Lynch (301) 504-1397

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NRR Meeting Notice

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Attendees/ Applicant</u>	<u>NRR Contact</u>
08/18/94 9:30 am	N/A	One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Room 10-B-13	To discuss PTLR Methodology Requirements.	NRC CECO GPC SCECO EOI EXCELL SERVICE CORP	C. Grimes (301) 504-1161
08/18/94 10:00 am	50-155	One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 Room 4-B-13	To discuss Big Rock Point decommissioning issues.	NRC CPCO	L. Olshan (301) 504-3018
08/15-19/94 8:00 am	50-416 50-440 50-458 50-461	One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 Room 6-B-11	To discuss open issues relating to conversion submittals to the BWR/6 Improved Standard Technical Specifications (NUREG-1434).	NRC BWR/ 6 OWNERS	D. Pickett (301) 504-1324
08/31/94 10:00 am	50-325 50-324	One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 Room 1-F-7/9	To discuss the conclusions of the electrical distribution system enhancement design study at the Brunswick facility.	NRC CP&L	P. Milano (301) 504-1457
08/31/94 10:00 am	50-302	One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 Room 1-F-5	To discuss licensee presentation of its proposed submittal to increase power from the current license level 2544 to 2568 Mwt.	NRC FPCO	L. Raghavan (301) 504-1471
09/29/94 9:00 am	50-250 50-251	One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 Room 1-F-5	To discuss the status of the Turkey Point containment reanalysis being performed by Florida Power and Light.	NRC FP&L	R. Croteau (301) 504-1481

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NMSS Meeting Notices

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8/16/94 7:00 p.m.	N/A	Franklin County Courthouse 425 Main Street Greenfield, MA	Public meeting to discuss the Yankee Rowe Decommissioning Plan	NRC Yankee Rowe Interested Public	J. Austin (301) 415-7297
8/19/94 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	N/A	Capitol Theatre in the Vern Riffe Center for Government & the Arts 3rd Flr, 77 S. High St. Columbus, Ohio	To make a presentation at the Ohio Utility Radiological Safety Board Sponsored (URSB) High Level Radioactive Waste Workshop	NRC URSB Industry Representatives Ohio DOE Other interested parties	M. Knapp (301) 415-7319
8/24/94 1:00 p.m.	70-1113	US NRC Room T6A1 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852	Discussion of UF <sub>6</sub> dry conversion plans	NRC General Electric	E. Flack (301) 415-8115

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OSP Meeting Notices

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Attendees/ Applicant</u>	<u>NRC Contact</u>
8/15-19/94 8:00 am	NA	Concord, NH	New Hampshire Radiation Control Program Review (IMPEP Pilot)	State	J. Hornor (510) 975-0224
8/15-19/94 8:00 am	NA	Oak Ridge, TN	Medical Uses Course	States	L. Bolling (301) 504-2327
8/17/94 2:30 pm		Paducah, KY	Meeting with Local/ State Officials on Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Facility	State/Local Officials	R. Lickus (708) 829-9660

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Region I Meeting Notice

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Attendees/ Applicant</u>	<u>RI Contact</u>
08/18/94 10:00 a.m.	50-352 50-353	Region I 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA	Discussion of issues related to Training and Qualification of Maintenance Workers at Limerick	RI/PECo Energy	CAnderson (610) 337-5227
08/18/94 1:30 p.m.	50-286 50-333	Region I 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA	Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Status of the licensees Motor Operated Valve (MOV) program at both IP3 and FitzPatrick. The NRC requested the meeting in order to discuss the licensees plans with respect to Generic Letter 89-10, supplement 6.	New York Power Authority	PEselgroth (610) 337-5224

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Region II Meeting Notice

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Attendees/ Applicant</u>	<u>NRC Contact</u>
08/10/94	50-416 50-417	Grand Gulf, MS	Site familiarization tour of the Grand Gulf facility	NRR Director, RA, RII Staff, and Licensee	S. Ebnetter 404-242-5500
08/16/94 10:30 a.m.	50-302	RII Office	Enforcement Conference FPC - Crystal River	RA, RII Staff, and Licensee	S. Ebnetter 404-242-5500
08/18/94 10:00 a.m.	50-390 50-391	Spring City, TN	SALP Presentation TVA - Watts Bar	RA, RII Staff, Licensee, Local Officials	S. Ebnetter 404-242-5500
08/19/94 10:00 a.m.	50-369 50-370	RII Office	Management Meeting DPC - McGuire	RA, RII Staff, and Licensee	S. Ebnetter 404-242-5500
08/25/94	50-390 50-391	Spring City, TN	Site familiarization tour of the TVA - Watts Bar facility	Com. de Planque, RA, Tech. Asst., and RII Staff	S. Ebnetter 404-242-5500
08/26/94 10:00 a.m.	50-424 50-425	Waynesboro, GA	SALP Presentation GPC - Vogtle	RA, RII Staff, Licensee, Local Officials	S. Ebnetter 404-242-5500

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