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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Items of Interest
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Ginna

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) met with the NRC at Headquarters on October 5 and discussed its plan to replace steam generators (SGs) at Ginna during the 1996 refueling outage.

RG&E intends to replace SGs under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59. RG&E stated that no Technical Specifications (TS) changes are necessary to replace the SGs because the new SGs are not larger than those currently installed and involve (1) no alterations to core operating limits, (2) no changes to reactor trip setpoints, (3) no modifications to departure-from-nucleate boiling parameters, (4) no changes to shutdown limits, and (5) no changes to the engineered safety features actuation system setpoints for SG water levels. RG&E will make the final safety evaluation (analyses) and report available to the NRC.

Hope Creek Generating Station

Following resolution of the October 7 electro-hydraulic control (EHC) system failure, a broad review of recent events (five automatic scrams since May 1994) and the development of proposed actions by station management, Hope Creek commenced a reactor startup on October 11. The turbine subsequently reached 1800 rpm without further EHC difficulties.

Prior to synchronizing the turbine generator to the grid, operators determined that IAFHV-1357C (extraction steam inlet isolation valve to the #3C feedwater heater) could not be properly operated remotely from the control room.

Inspection of the valve indicated severe galling on the valve stem. PSE&G determined that valve binding was occurring due to a cocked lantern ring inside the packing area of the valve yoke. In order to most effectively and safely tag out the valve for repair, the main turbine was tripped.

The licensee held the Unit at 20% power with the turbine tripped. Upon successful completion of packing replacement and stem repairs to IAFHV-1357C, the turbine was restarted. The turbine was synchronized to the grid and Unit raised to 100% power.

The history of the 5 trips following restart from the refueling outage indicates that: two of the trips resulted from inadequate design review of the new Digital Feedwater Control System installed during the 1994 refueling outage; one trip due to faulty test equipment installed for a surveillance test on a power monitor; one trip due to a maintenance error and an operator error during a valve alignment; and the most recent trip on October 7, due to a failed electronic component in the turbine EHC system.

Oconee Units 1, 2 and 3

Oconee Unit 2 - Control Rod Drop Time Testing Finds Two Rods Slower Than Technical Specification Requirements

When performing control rod drop testing after shutdown for a refueling outage, the licensee found two rods with drop times slower than the technical specification (TS) requirement of 1.66 seconds. Eight other rods had drop times significantly slower than normal, but did not exceed the TS limit. Two control rod drive mechanisms (CRDM) had previously been replaced on Oconee Unit 1 due to slow drop times and one CRDM had been previously replaced on Unit 2. The apparent cause of the slow drop times is gradual buildup of a residue on the ball check valves in the thermal barrier of the CRDM. When these check valves foul to the point that they cease to function, the flow of water to the void area left by the lead screw on a trip is retarded, resulting in the slower insertion times.

The CRDMs in use on Oconee Unit 3 are of a different type with larger clearances and are not as susceptible to this phenomenon. The licensee evaluated the operability of the CRDMs on Oconee Unit 1 and determined that they were operable based on the rod drop testing performed at the end of their most recent outage, including worst case slowing based on trend data.

Currently, Oconee Units 1 and 3 are operating at 100% power.

Washington Nuclear Project 2 (WNP-2) Configuration Management Inspection

Special Inspection Branch is on site this week at WNP-2 conducting a Configuration Management Inspection. The purpose of the inspection is to assess licensee effectiveness in promptly identifying problems, performing root cause analyses and implementing corrective actions. The inspection will be concluded with an exit meeting on October 20, 1994. The team is led by J.D. Wilcox of Special Inspection Branch (TSIB) and includes team members from TSIB, Human Factors Assessment Branch (HHFB) plus a contractor obtained by HHFB, and Region IV.

Kickoff Meeting for National Academy of Science Study of Regulation of Digital Instrumentation and Control Systems in Nuclear Power Plants

On October 11, 1994, members of the Human Factors Branch, RES and Instrumentation and Controls Branch, NRR met with representatives of the National Academy of Science (NAS) to kickoff the study of the NRC staff regulatory approach to digital I&C systems in nuclear power plants. The meeting participants discussed the NAS plan for conducting the study including assembling the study panel and the information needs from the NRC. The first meeting of the NAS panel with the staff is scheduled for early January 1995 with a report on their efforts for Phase I of the study - identification of issues involved in regulation of digital I&C systems in nuclear power plants - due in May 1995.

BWROG Modifications to Emergency Procedure Guidelines (EPGs)

The staff SER on BWR Owner's Group proposed modifications to deal with ATWS/Stability, boron mixing and water level control issues was provided to ACRS for review on October 7. The staff accepts for implementation, with additional guidance, the modifications to EPGs proposed by BWROG in its submittal of March 21, 1994. For BWRs designed to inject boron solution through a standpipe below the core, an alternate level control strategy that deviates from the EPG guidance was also found acceptable. ACRS sub-committee review, with nearly all members attending, has been scheduled for November 3, 1994.

Shutdown and Low-Power Operations Rulemaking

The Commission issued a Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) dated September 12, 1994, approving the publication for public comment of the proposed rule on shutdown and low-power operations with a few changes to be incorporated in the Federal Register notice. The Commission also asked the staff to address several issues related to the regulatory analysis when developing the final rule. The staff will address these issues in a revised regulatory analysis.

On October 11, 1994, the revised Federal Register Notice incorporating the Commission changes was issued to the Office of Administration to publish in the Federal Register. A press release has been developed and will be issued when the rule is published in the Federal Register.

Westinghouse Rod Control Issue

Reactor Systems Branch (SRXB) and Instrumentation and Controls Branch (HICB) made a presentation to ACRS on the Westinghouse Rod Control Issue on October 7, 1994. This issue resulted from an event at Salem Unit 2 where a single failure of the rod control system caused a single rod to withdraw from the core 15 steps with an insert signal applied. The WOG program for resolution included analysis testing and a generic hardware modification. The staff SER on the program for resolution will be issued this month. No letter from the ACRS is expected on this issue.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Medical Industry Meeting

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission sponsored an exhibit booth at the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology. This meeting was held in San Francisco, California, during October 3-6, 1994. The primary purpose of the NRC exhibit was to inform the professional members of this society about current activities of the NRC and the planned revision of 10 CFR Part 35. Several NRC publications were made available and a set of questions about the effectiveness and direction of NRC's regulation of brachytherapy and radiopharmaceutical therapy were given to each individual visiting the exhibit. Additionally, the NRC staff members at the exhibit had opportunities to discuss concerns and/or interest, regarding NRC medical regulations related 10 CFR Part 20, with the members of the society on a one-on-one basis.

Babcock & Wilcox, Naval Nuclear Fuel Division

In an amendment dated September 21, 1994, the Babcock & Wilcox Co. (B&W) Lynchburg Technology Center activities authorized under Materials License SNM-778 were incorporated under the B&W Naval Nuclear Fuel Division Materials License SNM-42. B&W requested consolidation of these licenses to reduce the annual fees paid to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Removal of Nuclear Material From IRT Corporation, San Diego, California

On October 7, 1994, an amendment was issued to IRT's license to facilitate the shipment of 13 mixed oxide fuel pins to the Hanford Engineering Development Laboratory in Richland, Washington. This shipment was expedited by the Department of Energy at the request of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, because the licensee declared bankruptcy and there is a concern for effective protection of the material for a prolonged period. The fuel pins and other small amounts of special nuclear material in the form of sealed sources are scheduled to be removed during the week of October 17, 1994.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2

On September 22, 1994, the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 Fresh Fuel Licenses SNM-1865 and SNM-1883 were terminated. Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) transferred the special nuclear material to the Babcock & Wilcox Fuel Company, Nuclear Regulatory Commission License SNM-1168. In accordance with 10 CFR 70.38, TVA performed a radiation survey and found no contamination. The contamination survey results were verified by the NRC Region II staff.

Participation in National Congress of American Indians Workshop

On October 4-6, 1994, staff from the Division of Waste Management and the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) attended the National Congress of American Indians, hosted by the National Indian Nuclear Waste Policy Committee (NINWPC), in San Diego, California. Also in attendance were members of the NINWPC, and the Department of Energy (DOE) Offices of Civilian Radioactive

Waste Management (OCRWM) and Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (EM). As more tribal governments become aware of the ramifications of DOE/OCRWM and EM programs, they are seeking greater participation in the high-level radioactive waste disposal and cleanup processes. Presentations were given by various OCRWM and EM staff members regarding monitored retrievable storage, transportation, stakeholder involvement, and other tribal concerns. OGC staff made a presentation summarizing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's high-level waste program.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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SAPHIRE 5.0 -- Computer Programs for Level 1 PRAs

RES has recently completed and published (NUREG/CR-6116) a new version of a suite of personal computer programs for the performance of Level 1 probabilistic risk assessments (PRAs). This suite of programs, known as SAPHIRE 5.0, allows an analyst to perform many of the functions necessary to create, quantify, and evaluate the risk associated with a facility or process being analyzed. These programs include software to define the database structure, to create, analyze, and quantify the PRA models, and to display results and perform sensitivity analyses. The programs currently included in this suite are MAR-D (the database manager), IRRAS (for creating PRAs), SARA (for performing sensitivity analyses), and FEP (the graphical construction tools). Each of these programs performs a specific function in taking a PRA from the conceptual stage all the way to providing outputs associated with results in preparation for publication.

This version was used to create, analyze, and publish (this past summer) the low-power and shutdown PRAs as NUREG/CR-6143 (Grand Gulf) and CR-6144 (Surry). It is currently being used by staff to examine the advanced reactor PRAs submitted by industry to the NRC, and has also been applied to examine plant events using the twenty Level 1 PRAs already loaded into the MAR-D database. SAPHIRE 5.0 has been sent to the Energy Science and Technology Software Center (ESTSC) located at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. This new version has been made available for distribution within the United States and the previous version (SAPHIRE 4.17) has been made available for foreign distribution.

Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data
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Incident Response Division (IRD)

Frank Congel, Director, IRD and Ken E. Brockman, Chief, Emergency Response Branch (ERB) met with their Regional counterparts in Regions III and II, respectively, to discuss mutual items of interest regarding incident response and incident response coordination.

Diagnostic Evaluation and Incident Investigation Branch (DEIIB)

Cooper Nuclear Station Special Evaluation

The Cooper Special Evaluation Team (SET) met with the Cooper Site Manager and Licensing Manager on October 17, 1994, to close out questions remaining from the assessment activities on site. The evaluation team's efforts are proceeding on schedule for a public exit on November 17, 1994.

Technical Training Division (TTD)

A planning meeting was conducted in Moscow, Russia September 19-28, 1994 between (GAN) of Russia and USNRC leadership and other personnel associated with Russian Priority 5 (Establishment of Regulatory Training Program) of the Lisbon Initiative. This meeting was necessary to develop the implementation plan for the third year of this priority. The discussions for this planning meeting were conducted at the facilities of GAN of Russia headquarters in Moscow and the facilities of the Don Region of GAN of Russia in Novovoronezh. Discussions centered on the topics of establishment of a regulatory training system for GAN personnel and establishment of a training center for GAN regulatory personnel. As a result of this planning meeting, most major activities (including assignments, and meetings) for 1995 were projected. Those making the trip were the Director, Technical Training Division; Chief, Reactor Technology Branch; Chief, Specialized Technical Training Branch; and Technical Program Specialist. Results of this meeting are documented in the Memorandum of the Meeting signed on September 28, 1994 by the NRC and GAN RF Co-Leaders for Priority 5.

Safety Programs Division (SPD)

Ernie Rossi, Director, Safety Programs Division, gave a presentation on AEOD's "TRTR Operating Event Survey" at the Organization of Test, Research, and Training Reactors 1994 Annual Meeting on October 12, 1994, in Sacramento, California. He communicated the purpose, methods and preliminary observations of the study to date. The purpose of this study is to independently assess TRTR safety performance over the past 5 years, assess adequacy of feedback of operating experience within the TRTR community, and gain insights about safety attitudes. The study includes both reactor visits and document reviews. The talk identified the important feedback mechanisms used in the TRTR community, viz., phone calls, TRTR Newsletter, NRC inspectors and project managers, meetings and E-mail. Preliminary findings included that safety attitudes were fundamentally formed by engineering professors, practical reactor laboratory

work, and engineering ethics courses. He noted that improved thoroughness of root cause analysis and corrective actions, safety review committee discipline diversity, and preventative maintenance programs may have prevented reoccurrence of several events reviewed.

Ernie Rossi, Director, Safety Programs Division, attended the Annual Technical Committee Meeting of the Incident Reporting System (IRS) national coordinators at the International Atomic Energy Agency headquarters in Vienna from October 3 through October 5. The agenda consisted of discussions of recent events presented by representatives of the countries in attendance, a review of a variety of IRS sub-projects including actions taken in response to nuclear power plant events, the identification of causes of events, the full text and image incident report database being developed by IAEA, and IRS leaflets being developed to explain IRS activities to the public. Mr. Rossi gave a presentation on the Salem Unit 1 reactor trip with multiple safety injections which occurred on April 7, 1994, and also briefly discussed loss of off-site power events and events involving degradation of systems and equipment needed following loss of offsite power included among the Accident Sequence Precursor events for 1993.

In response to a Commission SRM an interoffice staff effort lead by AEOD has produced a recommendation to revise the criteria for reporting abnormal occurrences (AOs) to Congress. This included revising the Commission policy statement for reporting AOs to Congress and involved extensive changes in the criteria that raised the reporting threshold for medical misadministrations; public overexposures; and lost, stolen, and abandoned sources. In addition, new guidelines for reporting "Other Events of Interest" have been developed that will capture some events that just miss the new AO reporting criteria.

Preliminary Notifications

- a. PNO-I-94-055A, Amersham Corp., LOSS OF IODINE-125 SEEDS DURING TRANSIT (UPDATE).
- b. PNO-I-94-056, Ambric Engineering, Inc., STOLEN PORTABLE NUCLEAR DENSITY GAUGE.
- c. PNO-II-94-046, Apac-Virginia, Inc., DAMAGED MOISTURE/DENSITY GAUGE.
- d. PNO-III-94-81B, Cammenga Associates, Inc., MISSING TRITIUM SOURCES (SECOND UPDATE).

Office of Administration
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Performance-Based Service Contracting Pledge Ceremony

Patricia G. Norry, Director, Office of Administration, attended the Presidential signing ceremony for The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, on October 13, 1994. One significant change which is effective immediately is the creation of a new category of "micro-purchases" under \$2,500 which permits streamlined purchases from both large and small businesses. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is to include coverage for these purchases within 60 days. The new legislation authorizes implementation of most other changes after publication of final rules in the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Following the signing ceremony, Mrs. Norry represented NRC at a pledge ceremony at which 27 agencies, including NRC, pledged to participate in a pilot program with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy for performance-based service contracting. Contract statements of work developed under the pilot program emphasize objective, measurable performance and quality standards to improve contractor performance.

Standard Form 86 (SF 86), "Questionnaire for Sensitive Positions"

The widely used SF 86 serves as the basis for background investigations to determine an individual's eligibility for a personnel security clearance. The Federal government has been striving to streamline the SF 86, making it less intrusive, but yet achieve its objective to provide the basic relevant information on which to conduct a background investigation for a sensitive position. In August 1994, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) solicited comments from Federal agencies on proposed OMB revisions to the form. Raymond Brady, Director, Division of Security, and James Dunleavy, Chief, Personnel Security Branch, attended a meeting on October 11, 1994 hosted by OMB, to discuss the comments received and to brief attendees on the current status of the final form. Based on the meeting, SEC is preparing additional comments. OMB plans to publish the revised form in the Federal Register for public comment.

Significant FOIA Requests Received by the NRC For 4-Day Period of
October 7 - October 13, 1994

Request for unit pricing information for solicitation No. RS-SEC-94-299.
(Neal Gross, Neal R. Gross and Co., Inc.,
FOIA-94-438)

Request for a copy of the training video on the implementation and use of the revised Title 10, Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
(Edward Stevenson, Liberty Mutual, FOIA-94-439)

Request for records relating to West Virginia University. (Bryan Moffett, The Daily Athenaeum, FOIA-94-441)

Request for a copy of the Regulatory Impact Survey that was mailed to approximately 600 material licensees on August 26, 1994. (Joseph Felton, Nuclear Licensing Reports, FOIA-94-443)

Request for a copy of the revised Inspection Manual Chapter 2800, "Materials Inspection Program," that was recently sent to Agreement States for comment. (Joseph Felton, Nuclear Licensing Reports, FOIA-94-444)

Request for records on the Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Company, Ohio. (Muriel Arnold, NES, Inc., FOIA-94-445)

Request for copies of the inspection results for St. Luke's Medical Center, Syncor Pharmacy and Mallinckrodt Diagnostic Imagine Services of Cleveland, Ohio. (Barbara Knecht, HZW Environmental Consultants, Inc., FOIA-94-446)

Request for records that formed the basis of Chairman Selin's testimony regarding the number of licensees practicing sanitary disposal of radioactive material within the Cleveland area. (Thomas Lenhart, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, FOIA-94-447)

Request for a copy of the Emergency Plan, Implementing Procedures for TMI. (Richard Webb, Studies of Nuclear Hazards and Constitutional Law, FOIA-94-448)

Request for information concerning contracts in the telecommunications industry. (Dennis Harris, Telecommunications Services Company, Inc., FOIA-94-449)

Office of Information Resources Management
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Computer Security

The Master Inspection Planning System, the Technical Assistance Program Support System, the Property and Supply System, the Personnel System, and the Inspection Follow-Up System have been accredited for continued operation by the Office of Information Resources Management.

Draft Certification Reports have been received from the contractor for the Workload Information and Scheduling Program (WISP) and the Contracts Information System.

AUTOS Windows Installation

Planning continues for AUTOS Windows installations for the agency. Before implementation in each office, meetings will be held with the Information Technology Coordinators to provide information about the AUTOS Windows installations in their respective offices. Coordination is continuing with the Professional Development Center to ensure training classes will be available for Windows.

Commission Guidance for IT Strategic Plan

In the Office of Information Resources Management (IRM) briefing to the Commission on the Information Technology Strategic Plan for FY 1995-1999, the Commission directed IRM to seek the Commission's guidance early in the next planning cycle. IRM met with the Information Technology Council (ITC) on October 5, 1994 to discuss how best to involve the Commission in the planning process. The ITC suggested that, while the existing strategic plan is sound, we should evaluate the impact of two major trends on the plan. The trends selected by the Council are: 1) Increased emphasis on making NRC information more readily available to the public and 2) The changing roles of IRM, offices/regions, and contractors - to be sure each is performing the role in which it is most efficient and effective. IRM and the ITC will forward their proposal to the Commission, through the Executive Director for Operations, to request the Commission's endorsement and further guidance for the current planning cycle.

Forms Automation

The Information and Records Management Branch (IRMB), Office of Information Resources Management, has prioritized the first 50 forms to be automated. IRMB is currently prioritizing the next 150 forms for automation. The pilot software and guide books have been sent to Region III for installation. The new projected date for purchase of software and installation on the LAN of the first 50 forms with automated fill-in and printing capability is February 1995.

Office of Personnel
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1994 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Kickoff Held

On October 11, 1994, NRC's 1994 CFC Kickoff was held in the Two White Flint North Auditorium. The rally featured remarks by Chairman Selin, presentation of awards for last year's campaign, the NRC Chorus, and songs by the NRC Child Development Center children. This event was coordinated by Henry Rubin, the 1994 CFC agency coordinator.

Arrivals

AYRES, David	PROCESS SAFETY ENGINEER (PFT)	NMSS
SANTOS, Cayetano	GENERAL ENGINEER (GRAD. FELLOW) (PFT)	RES

Departures

ANDERSON, Karen	OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANT (PFT)	NMSS
EPPS, Bonnie	SECRETARY (OA) (PFT)	ADM

Office of Small Business and Civil Rights
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Observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week

NRC participated in the 12th National Conference observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week. The Program featured remarks from the top officials of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce. The Conference was from October 10-13, 1994 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. On the last day of the National Conference, SBCR managed a booth at the function called, "Market Place" where minority businesses could discuss possible procurement opportunities with corporate America and government agencies. SBCR was joined at the Market Place by the Division of Contracts, who participated in the Small Purchase Spot Award activity.

Additional highlights of the Minority Enterprise Development Week included the presentation of national awards to minority businesses by a member of the White House Staff and the President signing into law the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994. This comprehensive reform bill is intended to streamline the government's \$200 billion a year acquisition system.

Office of Enforcement
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Significant Enforcement Action

A Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$80,000 was issued on October 12, 1994 to Commonwealth Edison Company. The action was based on the failure to promptly suspend an individual's unescorted access and test him for cause following reports by two employees that the individual appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The violations were categorized in the aggregate at Severity Level II. (EN 94-106)

Office of International Programs
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International Visitors

French Visit to NRC

On Tuesday, October 11, Dr. Claude Birraux, French parliamentarian and his assistant, Mr. Michel Bermond, accompanied by the Counselor for Nuclear Affairs at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. met with the Chairman, Commissioner Rogers, Frank Miraglia and Anthony Markley, NRR, to discuss dismantling and decommissioning of nuclear sites. Dr. Birraux has prepared a number of reports on nuclear safety and control in the past and is now in the process of preparing for the French Parliament a report on decommissioning in connection with future French plans to decommission five of its reactors.

IAEA VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following vacancy notices have been posted on NRC bulletin boards:

P-4 Nuclear Environmental Scientist
Department of Nuclear Energy and Safety

P-5 Technical Standards Specialist - Unit Head
Department of Safeguards

P-4 Environmental Protection Specialist
Department of Nuclear Energy and Safety

Region I
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Shoreham Press Conference

On October 12, 1994, the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) chairman announced in an onsite press conference that the physical decommissioning of Shoreham had been completed, and that the licensee was filing its Final Termination Survey Plan with the NRC. The licensee is seeking termination of Shoreham's license and release of the site for unrestricted use. The plan will be reviewed by the NRC staff and considered in the development of NRC's final confirmatory survey plan. Region I is coordinating the conduct of ongoing confirmatory radiological surveys of the site with its survey contractor, the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). The onsite confirmatory survey work is expected to be completed within the next two months, with evaluation of the samples and completion of the ORISE report expected in January 1995. NRC staff review of the confirmatory survey results, and a decision regarding termination of the license, would follow. In the meantime, LIPA will maintain the plant as a radiological controlled area.

Loss of Iodine-125 Seeds during Transport

On October 4, 1994, NRC was notified that a package containing 85 iodine-125 seeds was damaged during transport from Arlington Heights, Illinois to New York City. The carrier, Federal Express, concluded that the damage occurred at its facility located on 34th Street in Manhattan. The City of New York's Bureau of Radiological Health (BRH) responded to the 34th Street facility and located 60 of the missing seeds. An additional seed was located at the New York University Medical Center loading dock, the destination of the package. At least one seed was broken when the package was damaged and that seed is still contained inside of the package. Surveys of the 34th Street facility, the vehicles assigned to that facility, and the trucks that transported the package from Memphis, Tennessee to the 34th Street facility, have failed to identify additional seeds. In addition, surveys of a Federal Express facility located at the Newark, New Jersey airport, which had handled the package, resulted in one seed being found. Federal Express believes this seed was transported back from Manhattan after the package was damaged.

Federal Express is currently surveying the vehicles and homes of the 34th Street facility employees who were most likely to have come into contact with the seeds. Thyroid bioassays were to be performed on employees who actually handled the damaged package. All surveys performed thus far have failed to identify additional missing seeds and all thyroid bioassays have proven negative.

Region II
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Carolina Power and Light Company

On October 12, the Region II Administrator and other members of the regional staff toured the H. B. Robinson site and attended a public meeting to discuss the status of the licensee's Near Term Improvement Plan and recent operator performance. Material condition improvements were noted at the plant and the licensee continues to address personnel issues.

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company

On October 12, the Region II Administrator toured the V. C. Summer facility and observed the Steam Generator Replacement Project. At the present time, three new steam generators have been placed in containment. Welding is ongoing on the A and C steam generators and preparations are being made to set the B steam generator in place. The licensee is approximately eight days ahead of their outage schedule.

General Accounting Office in RII

A three member team from the General Accounting Office (GAO) was in the Region II office on October 13 and 14. The purpose of the visit was to continue the GAO's review of the implementation and effectiveness of the NRC inspection process. The team interviewed the Regional Administrator and several managers and members of the resident staff. The team also tested a survey form that is intended to be sent to all NRC resident inspectors as part of the GAO review.

Duke Power Company - Oconee

The licensee initiated special Eddy Current examinations on the Unit 2 reactor vessel head during the week of October 9-14, 1994; the examinations are scheduled to be complete by October 20, 1994. The examinations are being performed to inspect control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) penetrations for cracking similar to those found at the Bugey 3 facility in France in 1991. The examinations are part of an industry effort to address the problem in plants in the U.S. Region II staff observed the licensee perform examinations on October 13, 1994. As of October 17, 1994, the licensee had completed the inspection of the first ten of sixty-nine (10 of 69) of the CRDM penetrations. The licensee has reported that there have been no indications of cracking found.

Region III
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Dresden Nuclear Power Station

On October 13, 1994, Mr. J. B. Martin, RIII Regional Administrator and Mr. R. Zimmerman, Associate Director for Projects, NRR, met with Mr. M. Wallace, Vice President, Chief Nuclear Officer, and Mr. S. Perry, Acting Site Vice President to discuss the readiness for start-up of Dresden Units 2 and 3.

Prairie Island Nuclear Plant

On October 12, 1994, approximately 125 people were involved in an organized protest at the Northern States Power (NSP) corporate office in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The protest centered around spent fuel dry cask storage at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. The protest primarily consisted of members from the Prairie Island Coalition Against Nuclear Storage (PICANS) and Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) organizations. Twenty-three individuals were arrested for trespassing on NSP property. Spokespersons for both PICANS and WAMM indicated that protest activities would continue both at the Prairie Island site and the NSP corporate office.

Region IV
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South Texas Project Management Meeting

Houston Power & Lighting management representatives met with the Regional Administrator, Region IV Division Directors, and other NRC staff members in the NRC Region IV office on October 11, 1994. The licensee discussed planned changes to the South Texas Project corrective action program. The meeting was open for public observation.

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MEETING NOTICES

Effective November 1, 1994, meeting notices will no longer appear in this report, but they will be available through the Public Meeting Announcement System. Beginning on this date, notices of public and nonpublic meetings will be distributed to the Commission through the agency's mail system. Meeting notices can also be accessed through the agency's 800 number (1-800-952-9674).

NRR Meeting Notices

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Attendees/ Applicant</u>	<u>NRR Contact</u>
10/26/94 10:30 am	50-029	One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD Room 0-1 F5	To discuss impact of decommissioning schedule on the cost of decommissioning and to present the latest cost estimate.	NRC YAECO	M. Fairtile (301) 504-1442
10/26/94 1:00 pm	50-155	Big Rock Point Annex 10269 U.S. 31 North Charlevoix, MI	To discuss Big Rock Point decommissioning issues.	NRC CPCO	L. Olshan (301) 504-3018
10/27/94 8:30 am	N/A	Two White Flint North 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD Room T-2 B3	To discuss regulatory issues regarding the new experimental data on reactivity insertion transients with high burnup fuel.	NRC WESTINGHOUSE GE ABB-CE B&W SIEMENS WOG CEOG BWO BWROG	S. Wu (301) 504-3284

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10/26-28 ALL DAY	N/A	Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel - Cascades Rooms I and II Information Center Drive Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185	Fall meeting of the Low-Level Waste Forum	NRC Other Gov't agencies Private Industry Licensees etc...	M. Knapp (301) 415-7437
11/01 9:00 a.m.	72-8(50- 317/318)	U.S. NRC TWFN 9F5 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852	To discuss amendment request to revise technical specifications to exempt the first two dry shielded canisters at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant's Independent Spent fuel Storage Installation	NRC Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.	E. Shum (301) 415-7903
11/02	72-1004	U.S. NRC TWFN 9F5 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852	To discuss potential modifications on NUHOMS design and add-on spent fuel technical specifica tion request	NRC Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.	E. Shum (301) 415-7903
11/7 & 11/9	N/A	U.S. DOE Bank of America Bldg. Room 450 101 Convention Cntr Dr. Las Vegas, NV	Bi-Monthly Exploratory Studies Facilities (ESF) meeting between NRC and DOE	NRC DOE	M. Delligatti (301) 415-6620

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RES Meeting Notices

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10/18/94- 10/21/94		Idaho Falls, ID	CAMP Meeting	D. Solberg	D. Solberg
10/21/94 9:00-5:00		NRC Auditorium 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD	Public Workshop on the Seismic Revisit of the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities.	NRC staff NRC contractors Licensees Licensee consultants Public	John Chen
10/24/94- 10/26/94 8:30-5:00		Bethesda Marriott Hotel 5151 Pooks Hill Road Bethesda, MD	22nd Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting	NRC staff U.S. & international research participants Public	C. Bonsby
11/07/94 8:30-5:30 11/08/94 8:30-5:00		NRC TWFN/Rm T-2B3 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD	Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee Meeting [The main purpose of this meeting is to review plans for confirmatory research in support of certification review of the CANDU 3 nuclear power plant design.]	NSRRC Members NRC staff Reps. of the applicant (AECL Technologies, Inc.)	George Sege

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10/24-25/94 8:00 am	NA	Portland, ME	All Agreement States Meeting	Agreement States	L. Bolling (301) 504-2327
10/24-26/94 8:00 am	50-275 50-323	Sacramento, CA San Luis Obispo, CA	Meeting with California EP Officials & Diablo Canyon SALP Meeting	State EP Licensee	C. Hackney/ D. Kunihiro (817) 860-8267
11/1/94 7:00 pm	NA	Cambridge, OH	Public Meeting on Results of Off-site Radiological Surveys	Public	R. Lickus (708) 829-9660
11/1-3/94 8:00 am	NA	New York, NY	New York City Radiation Control Program Review	NYC Program	C. Gordon (610) 337-5216
11/8-10/94 8:00 am	NA	Atlanta, GA	Georgia Radiation Control Program Visit	GA Program	R. Woodruff (404) 331-5553
11/12-16/94 6:00 pm	NA	Reno, NV	NARUC Annual Convention	PUCs	S. Droggitis (301) 504-2367
11/14-23/94 8:00 am	NA	California	California Radiation Control Program Field Offices Routine Review	CA Field Offices	J. Hornor (510) 975-0224
11/15/94 8:00 am	NA	Rockville, MD	Compatibility Workshop	Workshop Participants	C. Maupin (301) 504-2312
11/16-17/94 8:00 am	NA	Rockville, MD	LLW Regulators Workshop	Workshop Participants	S. Salomon (301) 504-2368

Region I Meeting Notices

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10/26/94 7:00 p.m.	70-135 70-364	Apollo Hose Company No. 3 Fire Hall North Fifth Street at Hose House Alley Apollo, PA	To review findings of the latest NRC inspection of the decommissioning of the former B&W facility in Apollo and Operations at the Parks Township facility.	RI/B&W	RRagland 610-337-5083
10/26/94 8:00 a.m.	Various	Park Ridge Hotel King of Prussia, PA	Discussion of motor-operated valve issues with Region I licensees. Special emphasis will be placed on the principal technical issues, expectations for completion of programs, and the process for closure of Generic Letter 89-10, "Safety- Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance."	RI/B&W	EKelly 610-337-5111
10/28/94 11:00	50-245 50-336 50-423	Region I 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA	Licensee will have General Discussions with the Regional Administrator of NRC	RI/NNEC	LNicholson 610-337-5128
11/07/94 10:00 a.m.	50-219 50-289 50-320	Region I 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, Pa	The purpose of this meeting is to become aware of GPU's Nuclear Plans for Performance Improvements at Oyster Creek and Three Mile Island Plants.	RI/GPU	JRogge 610-337-5146
11/10/94 11:00 a.m.	50-247	Region I 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA	NRC requested meeting for Consolidated Edison to present scope and plans for primary system decontamination scheduled for late February, early March, 1995.	RI/ConEd	LDoerflein 610-337-5378

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Region II Meeting Notices

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10/17/94 10:30 a.m.	50-261	RII Office	Enforcement Conference CP&L - Robinson	RA, RII Staff and Licensee	S. Ebnetter (404) 242-5500
10/21/94 2:00 p.m.	50-400	RII Office	Enforcement Conference (OPEN) CP&L - Harris	RA, RII Staff and Licensee	S. Ebnetter (404) 242-5500
11/01/94	50-325 50-324	Southport, NC	Full-Scale Emergency Response Exercise - CP&L - Brunswick site	RII & HQ Staff, FEMA (observe only)	L. Reyes (404) 242-5500

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10/24/94	50-331	RIII	Iowa Electric (Duane Arnold) Management Meeting	Regional Administrator and selected RIII Staff	E. Greenman (708) 829-9600
10/28/94	50-461	RIII	Illinois Power Company (Clinton) Management Meeting	Regional Administrator and selected RIII Staff	E. Greenman (708) 829-9600
10/31- 11/1/94	- - -	Site	Paducah Site Visit	Regional Administrator	E. Greenman (708) 829-9600
11/07- 11/08	50-266 50-301	Site	Wisconsin Electric (Point Beach) SALP	Deputy Regional Administrator	E. Greenman (708) 829-9600

RIV Meeting Notices

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10/21/94 8:30	50-344	RIV	Introduction Meeting	Trojan	M.Vasquez 817/860-8121
10/21/94 10:30	50-397	RIV	Management Meeting	WNP-2	D.Kirsch 510/975-0290
10/26/94 1:00	50-275 50-323	San Luis Obispo, CA	Public SALP Meeting	Diablo Canyon	D.Kirsch 510/975-0290
10/27/94 2:00	50-313; 50-368	Russellville, AR	Status Meeting	ANO	T.Westerman 817/860-8145
11/17/94 TBA	50-498 50-499	Bay City, TX	Public SALP Meeting	South Texas Project	B. Johnson 817/860-8148
12/15/94 TBA	50-298	Brownville, NE	Public SALP Meeting	Cooper Station	P.Harrell 817/860-8250

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