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For: The Commissioners

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Subject: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1997

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Maine Yankee

On April 21, 1997, Maine Yankee began around the clock outage work. For the past two months, the licensee has reviewed more than 5000 work orders to identify the outage scope and to develop work plans. Approximately 2500 work orders have been identified within the outage scope. The licensee continues to project a restart date in mid-July.

The current outage scope does not include about two dozen engineering projects that have not been fully defined. These projects include additional requirements for the inservice testing and motor-operated valve programs. The licensee is near completion of a revised high energy line break analysis for the turbine building. The facility was originally licensed assuming that the largest break, for which the building walls are blown out, was limiting. The revised analysis will address smaller breaks for which the building remains intact, possibly resulting in a harsh environment. The results of the analysis will dictate what design changes will be needed to ensure that the equipment in the turbine building is appropriately qualified. The licensee should have the scope of the engineering outage work identified by late May.

Seabrook Station Unit 1 -- Property Tax Liens

The towns of Seabrook and Hampton Falls, NH have served notice of intent to record tax liens against Seabrook Station because aggregate tax bills have not been paid in full. The Town of Seabrook's lien took effect April 18, 1997, and Hampton Falls' took effect on April 21, 1997. The Town of Hampton has not yet issued notice but is expected to do so. Each town issues an aggregate tax bill to North Atlantic Energy Corporation, et al. Great Bay Power Corporation, one of the joint owners of Seabrook Station, is in litigation with the towns seeking separate tax assessment and tax abatement. Great Bay has declined to pay its share of the latest installment of taxes pending outcome of the litigation. The remaining owners have paid their allocated share of the installment.

The liens for taxes, interest, and costs are \$1,455,300 and \$19,300 for Seabrook and Hampton respectively. Under NH law, the towns cannot take any action pursuant to the liens until two years after the execution of the liens.

Planned Civil Demonstration

A demonstration of civil disobedience is planned at Seabrook

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Station on

April 26, 1997. Twenty years ago on April 30, 1414 persons were arrested when more than 2000 marched onto the Seabrook site to halt construction. The event is being portrayed as a non-violent demonstration of civil disobedience. The event has been given free air time by the local media and flyers have been widely distributed at area businesses. The event is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Seabrook Race Track with 2 hours of non-violence training. From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a rally and speeches followed by a march to the south gate of the Seabrook Station. At 3:00 p.m. there will be more speeches followed by the civil disobedience.

The event is organized by "The Forces of Nature" and includes the Seacoast Antipollution League and the Clamshell Alliance. There is no information as to how many persons are expected to attend.

Station security has been working with the local police in preparation for the event. Starting today, security patrols will be increased, and all persons entering the property will require badges. The licensee held a press briefing on April 23 and intends to invite media representatives onto the site prior to the event to observe from the inside.

Deregulation Initiative

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC) has suspended most of its utility deregulation plan following legal challenges from Public Service of NH, Northeast Utilities, and several consumer and environmental groups. The NHPUC plans to review the challenged portions of the plan and has promised rehearings starting next week. A temporary restraining order against the plan has been issued by a federal court.

Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2, and 3

On April 21, 1997, at approximately 10:45 p.m., indications of increased leakage from the primary system into the reactor building (containment) on Unit 2 were observed. The leak rate was calculated to be 2.36 gpm. Normal leak rate is only a few tenths of a gpm. In addition, reactor building radiation monitors showed a slight increase in gas and particulate activity. A containment entry revealed a spraying leak in the cavity area near the 2A1 reactor coolant pump and appeared to be from the high pressure injection (HPI) connection to the reactor coolant system (RCS) cold leg. It could not be better defined because the water impinging on the surrounding RCS piping was being turned to steam. Unit 2 shutdown was started at 3:52 a.m. on April 22 (leak rate at this time was 3.41 gpm), while the licensee continued to closely monitor the leak indications. When the leak rate increased to 10 gpm, an Unusual Event was declared in accordance with the Emergency Plan at 4:00 p.m. and exited at

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8:32 p.m., when indications showed that the leakage was sufficiently below 10 gpm. With reactor pressure approximately 250 psig, an entry into the reactor building revealed that the leak was from the weld in the 2.5-inch HPI line connection to the RCS and extended approximately half-way around the pipe. The reactor is in cold shutdown and the licensee is analyzing the failure. NRR and Region II staffs are following the licensee's activities.

LaSalle Units 1 and 2 -- Projected Restart Extended

LaSalle has moved its projected restart date from September 1997 to May 1998 (both units have been shutdown since September 1996). This is an economic decision based on a substantial increase in the operating budget that would have to be required to return the lead unit to operation by the projected date of September 1997. The licensee has determined that because they will not be operating for this summer's peak, they will focus on returning to operation for next year's peak season. The cutbacks will involve the elimination of 450 of the 700 contractors at LaSalle. No ComEd employees will be affected. The licensee will continue to implement its restart plan and there has been no change to the scope of activities to be completed prior to restart.

Quad Cities Units 1 and 2 and Dresden Units 2 and 3

On April 1, 1997, Quad Cities identified cracks on an auxiliary switch mounted in a 4 Kv Merlin-Gerin breaker which resulted in the switch physically separating from its mounting. The inspection of 14 other breakers resulted in finding 12 breakers with cracked auxiliary switches. On April 9, 1997, the licensee declared all Merlin-Gerin breakers inoperable and commenced shutdown of Unit 1. Unit 2 was already down for a refueling outage. On April 10, 1997, ComEd shutdown Dresden Unit 2 after discovery of similar failures in their Merlin-Gerin breakers. Unit 3 is also shutdown for a refueling outage. These breakers were supplied to ComEd for Quad Cities and Dresden originally through Golden Gate Switchboard and then through Pacific Breaker Systems over the past three years. Most of these breakers are installed in locations to feed or receive power to or from the station main buses; (bus 13, 13-1, 23, 23-1, 14, 14-1, 24, and 24-1). A ComEd investigation team has provided a preliminary finding that concluded that the cracking of the phenolic switch contact block is due to unevenness of the switch mounting plate and flexing of the plate during operation of the breaker.

After testing some of the suspect breakers at ComEd's System Material Analysis Department (SMAD) in Bollingbrook, Illinois, the licensee in consultation with the breaker manufacturer proposed an interim fix by placing a nylon strap inside tygon tubing around each switch block and mounting plate after assuring the switch block is currently intact with no missing pieces. If

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the switch block does have missing pieces the breaker would be replaced. Seismic testing has been completed on a breaker with a cracked switch and a nylon strap in place and the licensee reports acceptable results. The root cause of the cracking; however, has not been finalized. As of April 23, 1997, all breakers required to be repaired on Quad Cities, Unit 1, and Dresden, Unit 2, have been completed. Plant startup for Quad Cities, Unit 1 is scheduled for April 23, 1997, and Dresden, Unit 2 on April 26, 1997. R-III and NRR are following this issue.

Zion Units 1 and 2 -- Decision not to Replace Steam Generators

On April 17, 1997, the licensee issued a press release stating that it will not invest the \$400 million necessary to replace Zion's steam generators. In an information bulletin to the station, the licensee stated that since the steam generators have a useful life of less than 8 years and since the decision has been made not to replace them, Zion will probably be retired prior to its 2013 license expiration date, and probably before 2005. ComEd's Chairman, James J. O'Connor, said that the decision is a result of ComEd's assessment of the economic viability of its generating assets, which addresses all options, including sale, retirement or continued operation of the plants.

Change in Unit 2 Startup Schedule

In late March 1997, ComEd announced its intention to startup Unit 2 in 100 days, which would have been in early July. On April 17, 1997, in a memorandum to the Zion employees, ComEd announced that there is too much training and performance demonstration still remaining to be accomplished to meet the 100 day goal. On April 18, 1997, the Chief Nuclear Officer, Tom Maiman, and the Site Vice President, John Mueller, held all hands meetings at which they announced the Unit 2 schedule change and that ComEd was dropping the goal of start-up in 100-days. The licensee's current intent is to restart Unit 2 in the fall of 1997. Sustained operation of both units by summer 1998 is its long range plan.

Assessment of Operations Personnel Complete

On March 24, 1997, ComEd issued an announcement describing its program to improve operations and overall site performance. The first step in this program was an assessment of the operations department personnel. On April 17, 1997, ComEd announced the results of the assessment. A total of 187 employees, both management and bargaining, licensed and unlicensed, were assessed. Some of the assessed employees were not assigned to operations at the time, but held licenses, and, hence were evaluated. Of the assessed personnel, 141 were selected for the operations department. The personnel not selected for the operations department were either placed in a

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remediation program, assigned other positions at the site outside of operations, or will be employed elsewhere at ComEd or will be terminated.

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Meeting with Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board Managers

On April 22, 1997, managers of the Directorate of Fuel Cycle and Materials Regulation, Atomic Energy Control Board (AECB) of Canada met with counterpart managers in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) to discuss regulatory issues of mutual interest. NMSS managers made presentations on current regulatory issues and plans for their resolution. AECB managers presented similar topics, and included discussion of recently-approved legislation, The Nuclear Safety and Control Act, which provides comprehensive regulatory control of nuclear materials. This Act and the implementing regulations are expected to become effective in 1998. Following the meeting, the AECB managers met with NMSS staff members for more detailed discussions.

Trilateral Cooperation on Excess Fissile Material

On April 18, 1997, a member of the Regulatory and International Safeguards Branch participated in a U.S. Trilateral Initiative working session at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Trilateral Initiative is a joint effort between the U.S., Russia, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to address verification of excess weapons-origin fissile materials. During the working session, which included participants from U.S. Government agencies and national laboratories, a number of technical issues were discussed, including: attributes of the fissile materials covered by the Initiative, material container designs, and possible verification and monitoring techniques. Issues addressed during the April 18 meeting will be discussed during the upcoming May meetings between Russian and IAEA counterparts in Vienna, Austria, during which the Progress Report on the Trilateral Initiative will be finalized.

Inspection at Precision Components Corporation

On April 15-17, 1997, Spent Fuel Project Office staff conducted a safety team inspection of dry storage system fabrication activities at Precision Components Corporation (PCC) in York, Pennsylvania. PCC is the fabrication vendor to Transnuclear, Inc., for the TN-32 dry spent fuel storage system. PCC is fabricating 14 TN-32 units for Virginia Power Company (VPCO), Surry and North Anna Plants. VPCO staff identified a pinhole leak in the loaded TN-32, Unit No. 1, at the Surry Plant in December 1996. While grinding out the non-safety significant weld to repair the leak, VPCO staff found intermittent lack of fusion along 36 inches of the weld. The empty Unit No. 2 was

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inspected at Surry and found to be acceptable. However, PCC found and repaired leaks in the partially complete Units No. 3 and 4. PCC performed a root cause analysis to establish the factors leading to the lack of fusion in the welds. PCC has instituted several weld process changes to improve weld quality, however, at the time of the NRC inspection the lack of fusion problem was not yet solved.

PCC is continuing to work on the solution. The inspection team had other findings of minor safety significance. An exit meeting was held on April 17, 1997, to present the preliminary inspection findings.

Meeting with Palo Verde Regarding Dry Cask Storage

On April 23, 1997, members of the Spent Fuel Project Office staff met with Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) staff regarding dry cask storage of spent fuel under the general license provisions of 10 CFR Part 72. PVNGS plans to utilize the Nuclear Assurance Corporation International (NAC) Universal Multi-Purpose Canister System (UMS), a dual-purpose storage and transport design. The NAC-UMS design is similar to currently certified NAC-storage/transportation cask technology. The NAC-UMS transport application is expected on April 30, 1997, to be followed by the storage application on June 30, 1997.

The PVNGS presentation included licensing strategy, quality assurance oversight, public outreach, and the spent fuel storage implementation schedule. Based on preserving full-core off-load capability, PVNGS plans to commence loading spent fuel into the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation in the Year 2000. PVNGS also plans to submit an application to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for boron credit in spent fuel pools. Approval of this 10 CFR Part 50 amendment request could extend PVNGS' full-core off-load capability until the year 2002.

Department of Energy Exploratory Studies Facility

The Department of Energy (DOE) announced that the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) is 3.9 meters (12.8 feet) from completing its approximately 7800 meter (5 mile) excavation of the Exploratory Study Facility (ESF) and is ready to "daylight". DOE indicates that the TBM will officially daylight between 10:00 and 11:00 am Friday, April 25, in a special ceremony at the South Portal. This activity began in September 1994 and represents a significant milestone in completion of the main loop of the ESF. Additional work will continue in the ESF, including on-going scientific testing and excavating test alcoves.

Videoconference on Atlas Final Environmental Impact Statement

On April 18, 1997, staff from the Division of Waste Management and its contractor, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, met via

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videoconference with representatives of the National Park Service (NPS) and other Department of the Interior staff to discuss a preliminary version of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed reclamation of the Atlas mill tailings site in Moab, Utah. NPS is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Atlas FEIS. The preliminary version of the Atlas FEIS had been sent to NPS for comment in late March. The NPS has expressed concern over Atlas' proposal to stabilize the tailings in place, preferring instead that the tails be moved to a location away from the Colorado River floodplain.

Prior to and during the videoconference, NPS identified general areas of concern. These general concerns, which include the characterization of the tailings pile and the data on current conditions in the Colorado River, have been raised by NPS in the past. NPS expressed its view that the Summary and Conclusions section should contain a discussion of the current conditions in the Colorado River and that the section did not accurately portray the uncertainties in some of the conclusions identified in the text of the FEIS. NPS agreed to provide specific examples to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and NRC agreed to consider revising the Summary and Conclusions section.

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Accident Sequence Precursor (ASP) Program Report

The Accident Sequence Precursor (ASP) Program Report on 1995 operational events, NUREG/CR-4674, Volume 23, was approved for publication on April 20. A total of ten 1995 events were identified as precursors. Eight of the ten involved the unavailability or degradation of equipment or systems; the other two involved event initiators. Events and conditions related to electric power continued to be a significant contributor to the fraction of precursor events (six precursors involved problems with electrical equipment, although none involved a total loss of offsite power). The 1995 precursor with the highest conditional core damage probability (CCDP) was the August 2, 1995 complex event at St. Lucie 1, which had a CCDP of 1.1×10^{-4} , involving failed pressurizer power-operated relief valves, multiple failures of the stages of a reactor coolant pump seal, and other equipment problems. Beginning with the 1995 precursors, the final analysis of each precursor was transmitted to the licensee and made publicly available as soon as it was completed. Consequently, the 1995 Precursor Report was restructured to present a compilation of the precursor analyses which had been issued during the past year.

ANS Meeting

An IRD staff member attended the ANS meeting in San Francisco on April 24, 1997 to give a presentation on "Protective Action Decision-Making."

National Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Conference

IRD staff attended this conference to discuss current issues in emergency response with representatives of Federal and State agencies and licensees. The IRD Director presented an overview of NRC's response to radiological emergencies including the use of DOE facilities and response to events at gas diffusion plants.

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATIONS (PNs)

- a. PNO-I-97-023, Merck and Company, Inc., LOSS OF 880 MICROCURIES OF IODINE-125.
- b. PNO-I-97-024, GPU Nuclear Corp. (Oyster Creek 1), OYSTER CREEK EQUIPMENT FORCED SHUTDOWN.
- c. PNO-II-97-021, Westinghouse Electric Corp., TWO LOW ENRICHED

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URANIUM FUEL RODS INADVERTENTLY SHIPPED BY WESTINGHOUSE TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

- d. PNO-II-97-022, Florida Power & Light Co. (Saint Lucie 1), PLANT SHUTDOWN DUE TO RCS LEAKAGE.
- e. PNO-II-97-023, Duke Power Co. (Oconee 2), EXTENDED SHUTDOWN - OCONEE UNIT 2.
- f. PNO-II-97-023A, Duke Power Co. (Oconee 2), EXTENDED SHUTDOWN - OCONEE UNIT 2 (UPDATE).
- g. PNO-III-97-035, Commonwealth Edison Co. (Zion 1 2), LICENSEE COMPLETES ASSESSMENT OF OPERATIONS STAFF.
- h. PNO-III-97-036, GME Consultants, Inc., STOLEN MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE.
- i. PNO-III-97-037, Steelastic Company, MISSING GENERAL LICENSED GAUGE.

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Contract Award

On April 23, 1997, a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract was awarded to Scientech, Inc., for an effort entitled, "RELAP5 Thermal-Hydraulic Code Maintenance." The contractor will provide code configuration control, correction of code error, code improvements, developmental assessment, documentation updates, and user support to NRC, its contractors, and CAMP members for the RELAP5/MOD3 codes. The contract period of performance is April 24, 1997 - April 23, 1998, with four one-year renewal options and additional option tasks that may be exercised in each year of the contract. The estimated cost, inclusive of optional tasks and option years, is \$7,482,351.04. The following streamlining measures were utilized: electronic submission of SOW; waiver of CBD notice; deadline set for proposers' questions; and simplified evaluation criteria/past performance.

Earth Day Observance

Earth Day 1997 was observed in Headquarters on April 22, 1997. Over 125 employees visited the Earth Day Information Center set-up in the TWFN Building lobby. Representatives from the NRC Administrative Services Center (ASC), Montgomery County, White Flint Commuter Shuttle, North Bethesda Transportation Management District and MARC Rail provided information and answered questions about transportation, recycling and conservation. Interested employees were also introduced to the new Council of Governments' Commuter Connections Ridematching System which can now be accessed by contacting the ASC.

Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO)

During the period April 23-24, 1997, NRC was inspected by Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) to determine NRC's compliance with Executive Order 12958, "Classified National Security Information." This was the first NRC inspection since the EO became effective in October 1995. The ISOO inspector conducted interviews with classification officials in NRR, OIP and FOIA; reviewed approximately 40 classified documents for proper classification and markings; reviewed NRC's security awareness program required by the EO; and was briefed on NRC's progress under its declassification management program. During the exit interview with the Deputy Director of Facilities and Security, the inspector commented very favorably on all aspects of NRC's program and discussed the challenges NRC faces in monitoring the additional classification actions and activities from the gaseous diffusion plants. A final report should be submitted by ISOO in approximately 45 days.

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Technical Security Counter Measures (TSCM) Briefing

On April 22, 1997, DFS staff attended a Technical Security Counter Measures (TSCM) briefing with the representatives from CIA, FBI, NSA and DOD, in which these agencies made presentations regarding their current and future TSCM initiatives. DFS intends to examine its existing TSCM program in light of current TSCM initiatives at other agencies and new technologies to ensure that NRC has a cost-effective program.

Restack Project

Phase 2 of the Restack Project (OWFN 3rd floor) is 95% complete. The floor will be occupied beginning May 7, 1997. The occupants of the third floor are the Office of State Programs, the Office of Investigations and the Personnel Satellite Office. Phase 3 of the Restack Project will begin the week of May 12, 1997. Phase 3 consists of the 17th floor, excluding the Chairman's suite. The 17th floor Restack work will occur after-hours, between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

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Significant FOIA/PA Requests Received During the Week Ending
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Materials License Tracking System (MLTS) database on disk.
(FOIA/PA-97-0145)

Nuclear non-proliferation policy record referred by DOE.
(FOIA/PA-97-147)

Senior Management Meeting related documents for 6/93 through 1/95
regarding the Cooper Nuclear Station. (FOIA/PA-97-148)

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Office of Personnel
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Public Service Recognition Week Planning Meeting Attended

On April 23, 1997, Henry Rubin attended the final planning meeting for Public Service Recognition Week, which will take place on the Mall on May 8-10, 1997. Topics discussed included details on the program schedule, tent layout, parking arrangements, and other logistical matters. NRC will have a display booth and representatives at this event.

University of Maryland Career Fair Attended

On April 24, 1997, Karen Carrier and Abe Eiss, from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; and Henry Rubin, from the Office of Personnel, attended the University of Maryland Spring Fair. This career fair attracted students from all academic disciplines. The recruiters met with several excellent entry-level applicants.

Service Academy Career Conference Attended

On April 25, 1997, Sandy Johnson, Office of Personnel; and Santiago Parra, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, attended the Service Academy Career Conference in Arlington, Virginia. This career fair attracted alumni from the various service academies.

Arrivals

BURNS, Thomas	REACTOR ENGINEER (PFT)	RI
FRANOVICH, Michael	RESIDENT INSPECTOR (PFT)	RII
HIGGINS, William	REACTOR ENGINEER (PFT)	RI
NEIH, Ho	REACTOR ENGINEER (PFT)	RI
SMITH, Craig	PROJECT MANAGER (PFT)	NRR

Departures

ALESSANDRINO, Matthew	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR (PFT)	OIG
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Office of Small Business & Civil Rights
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Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

On April 17-18, 1997, Edward Tucker, Civil Rights Program Manager, attended Alternative Dispute Resolution Training sponsored by Cornell University, New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

"Bring Your Children To Work Day"

On April 21, 1997, SBCR and the Federal Women's Program Advisory Committee sponsored the Agency's "Bring Your Children To Work Day." The Program began in the TWFN Auditorium with a film entitled, "Public Safety at the NRC." Four optional tours of the Library, File Center, Training Center, and Fitness Center followed. Approximately 70 children joined their parents to learn about NRC specific job assignments, responsibilities, and work environment.

Office of Enforcement
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TVA's Employees Concerns Programs

On April 29, 1997, the Director of OE and other senior NRC managers met with the Tennessee Valley Authority's Inspector General, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations and a TVA IG Auditor to discuss TVA's Employees Concerns Programs. The discussion involved the TVA's Employee Nuclear Safety and Quality Concerns Questionnaire developed by the TVA's Office of the Inspector General and the results of the TVA IG audit for both the Concerns Resolution Programs for TVA Nuclear and for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant.

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

The office hosted a two-day workshop for reporters on current issues which may be the focus of upcoming articles. Topics included reactor technology and aging issues, accessing information at NRC, dry cask storage, decommissioning, the allegation process, procedures for OI and IG investigations, international activities, deregulation, and the "watch list." Reporters were briefed by high-level headquarters employees, and toured the Operations Center.

Inside NRC interviewed Sam Collins.

Myron Pollycove, NMSS, was interviewed by AP Television/Videowire regarding low levels of radiation.

Charles Haughney, SFPO, was interviewed by Bonneville Broadcasting in Utah regarding the Goshute Indian Tribe's proposed interim storage facility for high-level nuclear waste and spent nuclear fuel.

School Volunteers Program

Dan Schwartz, IRM, Tad Marsh, NRR, and Bill Dean, OEDO, judged a science fair at St. Peter's E.S.

Press Releases

Headquarters:

97-064 Note to Editors: ACRS Reports on 50.59 guidance; Risk-based Regulatory Acceptance Criteria; and Benchmark on Risk During Low-Power and Shutdown Operations

Regions:

I-97-42 NRC Staff to Meet With Pennsylvania Company to Discuss Apparent Violations of Requirements

II-97-34 NRC Commissioner Diaz to Visit Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant

II-97-35 McGuire Nuclear Plant Rated "Superior" in Two Areas, "Good" in Two Other Areas of NRC Assessment Report

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Office of International Programs
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IAEA Vacancy Notices

The following notices from the International Atomic Energy Agency have been posted on NRC bulletin boards:

P-3 Computer User Liaison Specialist	97/014	
Nuclear Energy		
P-3 Food Irradiation Specialist	97/015	
Research and Isotopes		
P-5 Senior Safeguards Analyst	97/016	
Safeguards		
P-5 Unit Head		
97/017		
Safeguards		
P-5 Senior Safeguards Inspector	97/018	
Safeguards		
P-5 Head, Tokyo Regional Office	97/019	
Safeguards		
P-5 Systems Analyst		
97/020		
Nuclear Energy		
P-3 Nuclear Power Training Specialist	97/021	
Nuclear Energy		
P-4 Safeguards Evaluator		97/022
Safeguards		
P-4 Safeguards Analyst		97/023
Safeguards		
P-4 Nuclear Physicist		

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Research and Isotopes

P-4 Training Specialist (Nuclear Safety)
97/600
Nuclear Safety

P-3 Nuclear Safeguards Inspector (several positions) 97/SGO-3
Safeguards

P-4 Nuclear Safeguards Inspector (several positions) 97/SGO-4
Safeguards

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Region I Office Tour By Local Boy Scouts

On April 17, 1997, as part of the Region I outreach to the local community, two representatives of the Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch, DNMS, led a tour of the Region I radiological laboratories and equipment for a Boy Scout troop from Audubon, PA. The Scouts received explanations of the various equipment and instrumentation in the laboratory, and demonstrations of a variety of field survey instruments. The tour satisfied part of the Boy Scout requirement for a Citizenship merit badge.

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WNP-2 Public SALP Meeting

The WNP-2 public SALP meeting was held on April 22, 1997. The meeting was conducted by the Region IV Regional Administrator and Director, Walnut Creek Field Office and the Project Directorate IV-2, NRR. The meeting was conducted at the Supply System Corporate Office.

Entergy (Grand Gulf) Management Meeting

On April 24, 1997, the Regional Administrator conducted a public meeting with the Grand Gulf licensee. During the meeting, the licensee discussed its assessment of current performance.

Office of the Executive Director for Operations
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Patricia Norry, Deputy Executive Director for Management Services; Paul Bird, Director, Office of Personnel; Edward Halman, Director, Office of Administration; and Irene Little, Director, Office of Small Business and Civil Rights visited Region III on Monday April 21, 1997 to discuss management issues. This was the first of several planned visits to the regional offices.

The team met initially with Regional Administrator, Bill Beach and his principal staff. Later a meeting was held with all regional managers and supervisors. A variety of managerial and administrative issues were discussed in these sessions. In the afternoon, Ms. Norry led an "all staff" meeting discussing the new NRC reorganization. The office directors briefly discussed their organizations and areas of responsibility. This was followed by a question and answer session.

Similar visits are planned for the other regions in the coming months.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, No. 15					
OCA ASSIGN- MENT	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Gerke	04/29 2154 RHOB	TBA	TBA	H.Con.Res. 13, Against Delay of Federal Retirement COLAs	Reps. Mica/Moran Civil Service Government Reform & Oversight
Gerke	04/29 538 DSOB	9:30	SEC, FERC, NARUC	S. 621, PUHCA repeal	Senators D'Amato/Sarbanes Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
Keeling	04/29 2123 RHOB	2:00	NRC, DOE, Industry, PUCs	H.R. 1270, amend Nuclear Waste Policy Act	Reps. Schaefer/Hall Energy & Power Commerce
Gerke	04/30 2247 RHOB	9:30	TBA	Federal Employee Group Life Insurance	Reps. Mica/Moran Civil Service Government Reform & Oversight
Gerke	04/30 2154 RHOB	10:00	TBA	Post FTS-2000 Procurement	Reps. Horn/Maloney Gov't Mngmnt, Information, & Technology Government Reform & Oversight
Gerke	05/02 05/09	10:00	Chicago Dallas	Electricity Deregulation Field Hearings	Reps. Schaefer/Hall Energy & Power Commerce
Madden	05/06 366 DSOB	9:30	Betsy Moler	Nomination of Ms. Moler as DOE Deputy Secretary	Senators Murkowski/Bumpers Energy & Natural Resources

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Gerke	05/07 342 DSOB	10:00	TBA	Government Secrecy	Senators Thompson/Glenn Governmental Affairs
Gerke	05/08 216 HSOB	9:30	TBA	Effects of Competition on Fuel Use and Types of Fuel Generation	Senators Murkowski/Bumpers Energy & Natural Resources
Gerke	05/22 216 HSOB	9:30	TBA	Financial Implications of Restructuring the Electric Utility Industry	Senators Murkowski/Bumpers Energy & Natural Resources
Gerke	06/12 216 HSOB	9:30	TBA	Benefits and Risks of Restructuring to Consumers and Communities	Senators Murkowski/Bumpers Energy & Natural Resources

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