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ENDING DECEMBER 3, 1999

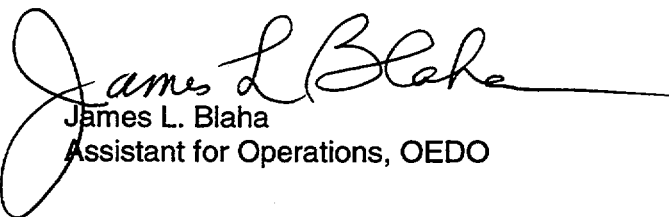
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Items of Interest
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Reactor Oversight Process Improvements

On November 22-23, 1999, headquarters and regional representatives conducted a feasibility review of the revised oversight event follow-up procedure/process including initial determination of agency response and analysis of significance of identified issues, and identification of appropriate agency actions based on the action matrix. Recent events at Beaver Valley, Indian Point 2, and Hatch plants were selected for review.

Farley

On November 30, 1999, the staff issued license amendments which replace the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 technical specifications in their entirety with new technical specifications based on the improved Standard Technical Specifications (STS). These are the 51st and 52nd units that have been approved to convert to the improved STS. The licensee will implement these revised technical specifications by March 31, 2000. Issuance of these amendments completes an item in the Commission Tasking Memorandum.

Palisades

On November 30, 1999, the staff issued a license amendment which replaces the Palisades technical specifications in their entirety with new technical specifications based on the improved Standard Technical Specifications (STS). This is the 53rd unit that has been approved to convert to the improved STS. The licensee will implement these revised technical specifications by October 31, 2000. Issuance of this amendment completes an item in the Commission Tasking Memorandum.

NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 99-05 Implementing Procedure for Power Reactor NOED's Processed During the Y2K Transition Dated December 1, 1999 - Intent

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to advise addressees that the staff has prepared the attached implementing procedure for power reactor Year 2000 (Y2K)-related and other Notices of Enforcement Discretion (NOEDs). This procedure contains the process for granting or denying any NOEDs during the Y2K transition (December 31, 1999, through January 3, 2000), and implements the Commission's Enforcement Policy, Appendix E, published in the *Federal Register* on July 30, 1999.

NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 99-06 - Voluntary Submission of Performance Indicator Data Dated December 1, 1999 - Intent

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this regulatory issue summary to document the agreement between the Nuclear Energy Institute and the NRC for power reactor licensees to voluntarily submit to the NRC in January 2000, in electronic format, a historical report of selected reactor facility performance attributes, i.e., performance indicator data, for their respective reactor facilities.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Meeting Concerning the International Atomic Energy Agency's "Action Plan for the Safety of Radiation Sources and Security of Radioactive Materials"

On December 1, 1999, representatives of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and the Office of International Programs attended and made presentations at a meeting of the International Radioactive Source Management (IRSM) Committee held at the Department of State. The meeting was a follow-up to the August 26, 1999, IRSM Steering Committee meeting and was held to allow each IRSM subcommittee to make presentations to Mr. Abel Gonzales, of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), concerning U.S. capabilities and experience with each of the action items specified in IAEA's "Action Plan for the Safety of Radiation Sources and Security of Radioactive Materials" (the Action Plan). Also in attendance were representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy (DOE) and DOE Labs, the U.S. Customs Service, representatives from the metal recycling and manufacturing industry, and the recently selected cost free expert to the IAEA for orphan sources (Mr. James Yusko).

IAEA's Action Plan identifies six areas/initiatives necessary for the implementation of a program to address the safety of radiation sources and the security of radioactive material.

Mr. Gonzales discussed IAEA's current activities with respect to each item of the Action Plan, and indicated the types of U.S. assistance that could facilitate IAEA addressing the Action Plan. One of the primary goals of IAEA is establishing a basic regulatory infrastructure for the safety of radiation sources and security of radioactive materials in as many countries as possible to greatly diminish the potential for future orphan source problems in the countries. Mr. Gonzales indicated that the U.S. could assist in this effort by providing experienced staff who could work with the countries that are attempting to establish their basic regulatory infrastructure for source control. Other areas where U.S. assistance was emphasized include education and training, establishment of databases for incidents and source categorization, and increasing the awareness of the need to address the orphan source problem internationally, especially in countries that have no basic regulatory infrastructure for source control. Mr. Gonzales was very appreciative of the opportunity to discuss this topic, and felt that this was a very positive meeting.

U.S. Enrichment Corporation to Remain as Government Agent for Purchase of Russian Enriched Uranium

On December 1, 1999, the U.S. Enrichment Corporation (USEC) announced that its Board of Directors had decided to continue to serve as the U.S. government's Executive Agent for the purchase of enriched uranium fuel derived from Russian nuclear warheads in the Megatons-to-Megawatts program. December 1, 1999, was the deadline which USEC needed to indicate its intention to continue in this capacity beyond 2000. USEC indicated its decision was based on various factors including near-term enrichment pricing and opportunities for improving the balance of market supply. They also indicated that the Russians are prepared to enter into market-based pricing post-2001. USEC estimates its earnings for fiscal year 2000 to be \$110-115 million, down from \$120 earned in fiscal year 1999 as a result of losses from the Russian

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contract. Before this decision, USEC had attempted to receive \$200 million from the U.S. government to offset its losses; the Administration had indicated that if USEC was not interested in continuing as Executive Agent, the government would transfer the responsibility elsewhere.

Management Meeting with the U.S. Enrichment Corporation to Discuss Portsmouth Loss of Moderation Control Event

On December 1, 1999, management and staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards met with the U.S. Enrichment Corporation (USEC) to discuss Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concerns with a Portsmouth event involving the loss of moderation control in a portion of the process cascade. This event involved discovery of an unknown compound of uranium that increased the expected moderation level in the cascade. USEC staff made a presentation regarding how the compound was identified in the cascade; why they do not feel it constitutes an unreviewed safety question; why the facility remains in a safe configuration; and what future actions they plan. As a result of the meeting, NRC received technical information that will help it assess USEC's actions in response to the discovery of the compound.

Department of Energy Publishes Yucca Mountain Site Suitability Guidelines

On November 30, 1999, the Department of Energy (DOE) published 10 CFR Part 963 in the Federal Register for public comment. Part 963 is DOE's revised criteria and methodology for evaluating relevant geological and other related aspects of the Yucca Mountain site, based on the Commission's recently proposed regulations for disposal of high-level radioactive waste in a proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain. In 1984, the Commission concurred on the original version of DOE's guidelines (designated Part 960), and the staff later commented on a proposed amendment in 1997, which was never finalized. DOE committed to obtain Commission concurrence on future guideline revisions when they were originally issued in 1984. The public comment period ends February 14, 2000. Prior to the end of the public comment period, DOE has indicated it will hold two public hearings on its proposed revisions. The staff is in the process of preparing a review schedule to support DOE's public comment timetable.

Private Fuel Storage Safety Evaluation Report Completed

On November 30, 1999, the Spent Fuel Project Office completed the site-related Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for the Private Fuel Storage (PFS) facility. Issuance of the SER is being delayed to ensure consistency with positions taken by the staff with regard to contentions that are to be filed before the Atomic Safety Licensing Board by December 15, 1999. The site SER addresses only those matters related to the site; it does not include the evaluation of the cask-specific or cask-dependent aspects of the facility. The dry cask storage systems proposed for the facility, the HI-STORM 100 and the TranStor™ Storage cask systems, are currently under review for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, Subpart K. To minimize duplication, review of either cask system for site-specific use at the facility is being delayed until one of the cask systems is approved and a certificate of compliance is issued. Before a license for the facility is issued, PFS will have to demonstrate that one of the proposed cask systems is acceptable for use at the facility under the site-specific license provisions of Part 72. The final SER and licensing basis for the facility will

include consideration of at least one of the cask systems. The site SER also identified open items on seismicity and aircraft crash probability. The evaluation of these issues could not be completed because PFS did not provide sufficient information. Staff anticipates issuance of a supplement to the SER to address those open items by April 2000.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Meetings on Research on Health Effects Related to the Chernobyl Accident

RES staff members attended two meetings hosted by the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. The first meeting on epidemiological studies of thyroid cancer and other thyroid diseases in Ukraine and Belarus was held on November 9-10, 1999. Its purpose was to conduct a program review with the U.S., Ukrainian, and Belarusian project directors and discuss any needed changes to the scientific protocols. Forty thousand of a possible 100,000 study participants from Belarus and Ukraine were selected for inclusion into these epidemiology studies. Of these, over 8000 study participants have been screened for thyroid diseases. The goal for calendar year 2000 is to complete the health screening of the entire 40,000-member study group and develop the initial dose estimates for each study participant.

A second meeting on the epidemiological study of leukemia among Ukrainian clean-up workers was held on November 15-16, 1999. Its purpose was to review the first phase of the pilot study and discuss required changes to the scientific protocols. The U.S. and Ukrainian working group members concluded that the uncertainty in estimated doses and in the ascertainment of leukemia cases necessitates a substantial modification of the next phase of the study. A binational committee was formed and charged with developing a new research protocol. U.S. funding for both programs currently is provided by the Department of Energy and the National Cancer Institute. The NRC initially provided funds for the procurement of equipment and supplies to support these projects.

Public Meeting on Steam Generator Tube Erosion and Leakage under Severe Accident Conditions

RES held a public meeting on November 19, 1999, at Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) on steam generator tube integrity under severe accident conditions. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together experts from outside organizations and to obtain their input on developing a plan for steam generators. This plan would address two questions that have arisen during the staff's evaluations of risk related to various steam generator tube integrity and repair actions. One of these questions relates to the possibility that the jet of superheated steam, hydrogen, and entrained particles emanating from a cracked tube may penetrate the neighboring tube during severe accident transients. The other question relates to estimates of leak rates during severe accidents from tubes that contain tight throughwall or near-throughwall cracks before the severe accident. Issues related to this question have to do with whether and how creep, creep crack growth, and the escaping jet influence the crack opening area during severe accident transients. Knowledge of the crack opening area is key to reliable estimates of leak rates.

The meeting was sponsored by the Materials Engineering Branch of RES and included short presentations on (a) thermal hydraulic boundary conditions by the Safety Margins and Systems Analysis Branch of RES, (b) high temperature behavior of flawed steam generator tubing by ANL, and (c) assumptions and uncertainties in ANL's analysis of erosion damage and leak rates of steam generator tubes under severe accident conditions. In addition, experiments

initiated at ANL on creep crack opening in steam generator tubes were described, along with planned erosion tests that may be conducted at the University of Cincinnati on steam generator tube material. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to open discussion related to the above questions, issues, modeling, and important parameters to be considered in the experimental work. Meeting participants included experts from RES, NRR, the Electric Power Research Institute, ABB/Combustion Engineering, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The knowledge gained at the meeting is being used by the RES staff to develop an experimental plan for conducting research using appropriate parameters and values to address the above questions and provide useful results for severe accident evaluations. Also, knowledge gained at the meeting indicates that erosion or cutting of adjacent steam generator tubes, caused by the jet of leaking tubes, will be unlikely during severe accidents. Initial results from the planned research should be available by the end of FY 2000 and will be used to validate assumptions made during earlier licensing decisions and to provide improved technical bases for future licensing issues.

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Incident Response Operations
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Briefing by the FBI on The National Domestic Preparedness Office

IRO arranged a briefing from the FBI on the National Domestic Preparedness Office (NDPO). Senior staff from the NDPO gave the briefing at TWFN on November 30th to approximately 15 IRO, NRR, and NMSS staff. The NDPO is a service organization established by the U.S. Attorney General in October 1998 and assigned the responsibility for coordinating local, State, and Federal government's efforts to prepare for terrorist incidents involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). The briefing was very beneficial in that NRC staff gained a good understanding of the role of the NDPO and the services available from it.

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATIONS:

1. PNO-I-99-052, Best Foods, STOLEN GENERALLY LICENSED GAUGE
2. PNO-II-99-048, Prof. Engr. & Insp. Co., Inc., LOST PORTABLE GAUGE
3. PNO-II-99-047A, Las Piedras Construction Corporation, STOLEN MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE RECOVERED
4. PNO-III-99-051, Fairview Southdale Hospital, Medical Misadministration
5. PNO-IV-99-056, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Waterford 3)

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Office of Administration
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Barry Quigley: Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-26-2)

A document that requests public comment on a petition for rulemaking submitted by Barry Quigley was published in the Federal Register on December 1, 1999 (64 FR 67202). The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations governing fitness-for-duty to establish clear and enforceable working-hour limits that would minimize the impact of personnel fatigue. The comment period for this action closes February 14, 2000.

Relocation of Gude Drive Contractors

The project to relocate the ADAMS contractor from Gude Drive to TWFN by the end of November was successfully completed. The contractor staff were moved on 11/22 and 11/23 and all supplies and equipment were removed from the facility between 11/23 and 11/27.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the 5-Day Period of
November 26, 1999 through December 2, 1999:

Closure of licensed sites or facilities in United States, other than "high-level" radioactive materials left on-site. (FOIA/PA 2000-0066)

Research contracts with Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School or Harvard University, work performed 1945 through 1965 by named individual. (FOIA/PA 2000-0067)

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
ARLT, Hans	HYDROLOGIST	NMSS
GIANTELLI, Adelaide	NUCLEAR ENGINEER	NMSS
LAMBERT, Rebecca	SECRETARY	RES
RANCOURT, Amanda	SECRETARY (OA)	RI
SHELDON, Stuart N.	REACTOR INSPECTOR	RIII
TORRES, Betty A.	HEALTH PHYSICIST	NMSS
Departures		
CHAWAGA, David	SENIOR REACTOR INSPECTOR	RI
LUCAS, Gladys	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	OIG
MARCUS, Gail	ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	NRR
MILLER, Mary	SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR (COOPER)	RIV

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

Chairman Meserve held the first press conference of his term at the Limerick Nuclear Generating Station. Four press reporters and one television reporter attended.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
99-251	NRC Approves Transfer of Clinton Power Plant Operating License to Amergen Energy Company
99-252	International Atomic Energy Agency Safety Review Team to Visit North Anna Nuclear Plant
99-253	NRC Schedules Meetings in Nevada to Discuss Performance of Spent Fuel Transportation Casks in Accidents
99-254	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet in Rockville, Maryland, on December 15-16
99-255	NRC to Hold Workshop on Reactor Entombment Option
99-256	NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste to Meet in Rockville, Maryland on December 14-16
99-257	Pilot Program Evaluation Panel to Meet in Rockville, Maryland, December 8-9
Regions:	
I-99-98	NRC Prehearing Conference Scheduled for Millstone Station
IV-99-39	NRC Monitors Alert at Waterford Nuclear Plant
IV-99-40	Waterford Nuclear Plant Terminates Alert NRC Deactivates Incident Response Center
IV-99-41	NRC to Meet With Public to Discuss License Termination Plans for Trojan Nuclear Plant

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Office of International Programs
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Visit of Alberto Ferreli

On November 30, 1999, Alberto Ferreli, Environmental Agency of Italy (ANPA) representative to the U.S., met with Janice Dunn Lee, Director, OIP, to discuss implementation of our recently concluded bilateral Arrangement. Mr. Ferreli invited an NRC expert to participate in a Dismantlement Conference in Italy in late January at ANPA expense. ANPA plans to send a technical team to NRC in the spring to discuss specific areas for cooperation under the new Arrangement. The focus of the Italian program is on the decommissioning and dismantlement of their four power reactors, the last two of which were shut down in 1987.

Visit of Olena Mikolaichuk

Olena Mikolaichuk, Deputy Head of the Ukrainian State Nuclear Regulatory Administration (SNRA) met with Janice Dunn Lee on December 1. Ms. Mikolaichuk discussed new proposals for nuclear safety assistance. Ms. Mikolaichuk was in the U.S. at the invitation of Sciencetech Corporation to present a seminar on recent developments at SNRA.

International Symposium on Restoration of Environments with Radioactive Residues

The International Symposium on Restoration of Environments with Radioactive Residues was held in Arlington, Virginia November 29-December 3. Sponsored by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), along with NRC, DOE and EPA, this Symposium was attended by nearly 280 participants from IAEA Member States such as China, France, the U.K., Australia, Nigeria, El Salvador and Croatia. Commissioner Diaz chaired Session 2, entitled "Restoration Principles and Criteria," which included a presentation by Carl Paperiello on NRC's restoration principles and criteria, as well as others by DOE, EPA and ICRP Chair Roger Clarke. There were four key policy issues which the Symposium sought to address: the need to determine the significance of the residual radioactivity problem; the necessity for harmonization of criteria for restored land; the need to foster an understanding for the differences between naturally occurring versus artificial radioactivity; and the need to evaluate whether the nuclear industry has done a good job in educating the public regarding restoration issues and if not, what needs to be done to improve education. Results of discussions will tie closely to the March 2000 IAEA Waste Conference being hosted by the Spanish government at Cordoba.

Visit of Abel Gonzalez

On December 1, Abel Gonzalez, director of the Division of Radiation and Waste Safety at the IAEA met with Chairman Meserve, EDO William Travers, and NMSS Deputy Director Marty Virgilio. Gonzalez, who was in Washington to participate in his Division's Symposium on Restoration of Environments with Radioactive Residues, raised several issues with NRC officials: KI prophylaxis issues between the World Health Organization (WHO) and IAEA, follow-up to the Japanese accident at Tokaimura, and the safety of radioactive sources. Gonzalez also met with the State Department-organized International Radioactive Source Initiative (IRSM) group and subcommittees to learn more about IRSM capabilities to support the IAEA in its implementation of the Action Plan on the Safety of Radioactive sources and Security of Radioactive Material. NRC staff participated in the meeting.

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Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-99-258	11/30/99	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 10 CFR Parts 71 and 73 - "Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transportation of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste
Commission Voting Record on 99-258	11/30/99	(same)
2. Supplemental SRM on COMSECY-99-031	11/30/99	Additional Information Concerning Staff Requirements - SECY-99-070 - Implementation Plan for the Public Communications Initiative (DSI-14)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-99-265	11/10/99	SECY-99-265 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending November 5, 1999
2. SECY-99-270	11/17/99	SECY-99-270 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending November 12, 1999

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress, dated November 19, 1999, provides the October monthly report on the status of the NRC's licensing and regulatory duties

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Decommissioning Criteria for the West Valley Demonstration Project (M-32) and West Valley Site; Draft Policy Statement and Notice of Public Meeting
2. 10 CFR Part 72; List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: (VSC-24) Revision, Delay of Effective Date (to January 5, 2000)
3. Waste Confidence Decision Review: Status
4. Application for a License to Import Radioactive Waste (Starmet CMI)1.

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Beaver Valley

The Beaver Valley Power Station asset transfer from Duquesne Light Co. to First Energy was completed on December 3, 1999, after a one-day delay to resolve related financial and legal issues.

Management Meeting with New York Department of Labor

On November 23, 1999, the Regional State Agreements Officer (RSAO) and the New York Agreement State Project Officer, Office of State Programs (OSP), held a periodic meeting with New York Department of Labor (NYDL) management to discuss the current status of their Agreement State Program. NYDL is one of four New York agencies responsible for radioactive materials within the scope of the Agreement under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) between the State of New York and NRC. Topics discussed during this meeting included NYDL actions on recommendations from the 1998 IMPEP review, NYDL request for interpretations of the sections to the AEA related to NRC oversight of Agreement States, and the status for replacing the recently retired program director.

Commissioner Merrifield Tour of Haddam Neck

Commissioner Merrifield, accompanied by his Technical Assistant, the Region I Chief of the Decommissioning & Laboratory Branch, and the Region I Public Affairs Officer, toured the Haddam Neck site on December 2, 1999. The tour of the permanently-shut down reactor included the spent fuel island and its new self-contained control room, the containment building, and the outdoor storage area for the steam generators. Three of the four steam generators have been removed from the containment and are in storage, awaiting shipment to Barnwell, SC in the spring of 2000. Commissioner Merrifield was also accompanied on his tour by members of the Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company Board of Directors. Following the tour, Commissioner Merrifield met to receive input on decommissioning issues with several stakeholders, including the First Selectman of Haddam, the State Liaison Officer, the State Nuclear Advisory Council, and the Community Decommissioning Advisory Committee.

Millstone One Decommissioning Project Team Meeting

On November 29, 1999, Region I hosted a meeting of the NRC's Millstone One Decommissioning Project Team, including staff from NRR, NMSS, and Region I. The meeting's purposes were to enable team members to review lessons learned from other decommissioning projects, and plan the coordination of project activities and communications.

Region II
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Framatome Cogema Fuels

On November 30, the Director of the Division of Nuclear Materials Safety and a representative of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards met with representatives from Framatome Cogema Fuels in Lynchburg, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of the recent Licensee Performance Review (LPR). The LPR identified that the licensee has made significant improvements in identifying problems and following through on corrective actions. There was local television and newspaper media coverage.

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company - V. C. Summer

On December 2-3, the Deputy Director of the Division of Reactor Safety visited the V. C. Summer facility for a site tour and presented NRC Operator Licensing certificates to operators.

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Region III
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Meeting with American Electric Power Company

The Regional Administrator and members of the Region III and Headquarters staffs met December 2, 1999, at the D. C. Cook Nuclear Power Station with representatives of American Electric Power Company to discuss the status of the Case Specific Checklist items (issues identified by the NRC oversight panel and the licensee as requiring resolution before the plant resumes operation.) The meeting also covered the licensee's progress toward restart of Unit 2, the lead unit, and the current schedule.

Quad Cities Pilot Plant Inspection Exit Meeting

On December 3, 1999, the Regional Administrator participated in the exit meeting for the resident inspectors' inspection at the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station. Quad Cities is one of the plants in the pilot inspection and assessment program, and normally a senior regional manager attends the inspection exit meetings.

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Pilot Program Feedback Meeting

On December 1, managers from Cooper and Fort Calhoun met at Fort Calhoun Station with NRC personnel from Region IV and NRR to provide feedback on the implementation of the Pilot Inspection Program. Three managers from Cooper and five managers from Fort Calhoun provided comments to NRC managers and staff from Region IV and NRR. Representatives from eight other Region IV plants observed the meeting. In general, the licensees concluded that the Revised Reactor Oversight Program effectively focused inspection results and enforcement activities on risk significant issues. The licensees identified some major challenges that still require resolution, such as achieving a balance between timeliness and accuracy in Performance Indicator reporting. They concluded that the Revised Reactor Oversight Program successfully reduced licensee resource expenditures in response to inspection findings. Overall, the Region IV licensees that participated in the program stated that they embraced the new program, and were very encouraged by the effective dialogue brought about by implementation of the new program.

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