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ENCLOSURE A

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 Items of Interest
 Week Ending January 26, 1996

Maintenance Rule Training

During the week of January 22 through 26 the staff of Quality Assurance and Maintenance Branch (HQMB) provided training on the Maintenance Rule, [10 CFR 50.65](#), to NRR personnel. One hour training classes were given to the staff of the Electrical Engineering Branch, the Mechanical Engineering Branch, and Project Directorate IV-2. This class was intended to provide an overview of the requirements of the rule and how its implementation might affect their branch's activities. The HQMB staff has scheduled one- and three-day training classes that will be given in the regions and TTC over the next five months. The HQMB staff is available to provide training to NRC headquarters personnel on request.

Palisades Dry Spent Fuel Cask Unload Procedure Review

Palisades is planning to unload a dry spent fuel cask into the plant spent fuel pool. SRXB staff is supporting a joint review with NMSS and other NRR branches to determine the adequacy of the procedure and the supporting analysis. A main issue is whether dry spent fuel, at approximately 540°F, will become damaged as a result of the rapid cooling resulting from the reflooding of the cask with spent fuel pool water at approximately 75°F. The staff is attempting to ensure that the inputs to the health physics calculations and the dose rate expectations are accurate or conservative and that the spent fuel will not be damaged to the point where future fuel manipulation would not be possible. Current information from the licensee on fuel integrity appears to be incomplete. We are continuing interactions with the licensee to gather information on fuel integrity.

Ginna

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation's (RG&Es) steam generator replacement program (SGRP), to replace both steam generators (SGs) during the upcoming spring 1996 outage, is currently on schedule with construction activities in progress onsite. The SGRP is being managed and coordinated between RG&E and Bechtel, the principal contractor.

The newly fabricated steam generators, manufactured by Babcock and Wilcox International (BWI) in Canada are in transit to the site from Hamilton, Ontario. Each SG will be placed on its own barge and towed across Lake Ontario to Bear Creek Harbor, New York. The dredging and upgrading of the barge slip at Bear Creek Harbor, located two miles east of the site, has been completed.

Construction of a temporary onsite storage facility for the existing SGs has been completed. The facility is a bunker-type concrete enclosure with appropriate radiological controls for storage through expiration of the operating license in September 2009.

A Transi-Lift (Lampson) mobile crane with a 340-foot boom and a 120-foot stringer will be used to lift the new and old SGs through openings in the containment dome that will be made during the replacement. The Lampson crane will be assembled and load tested onsite in the main parking lot and then moved along a haul route to a working location east of the containment. The crane's two large high strength reinforced concrete foundation pads have been completed.

Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

On January 19, 1996, three members of the NRC's Salem Assessment Panel (SAP), J. Stolz, L. Olshan and S. Barber, along with D. Chawaga, State Liaison Officer from Region I, met with representatives from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in Trenton, New Jersey. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the State's concerns with the Salem Restart Plan.

The State expressed concerns in three major areas 1) the process used by the NRC in assessing restart readiness, 2) the licensee's restart action plans, and 3) the physical readiness of the plant. The NRC believes it satisfied the State's concerns in the first area, and committed to review the State's concerns in the two other areas for possible inclusion in the NRC Restart Plan if they are not already adequately covered.

Watts Bar Unit 1

The unit reached initial criticality on January 18, 1996, at 6:48 pm. The staff conducted a management meeting with TVA at the site on January 25, 1996, to discuss the results of TVA's self-assessment and the NRC's assessment of TVA's performance since issuance of the low-power operating license on November 9, 1995.

Wolf Creek Generating Station

Merger of One Co-Owner of Wolf Creek with another Utility

On January 23, 1996, members of the NRC staff met with representatives from Kansas City Power and Light (KCPL) and UtiliCorp. It had been announced on January 22, 1996, that KCPL and UtiliCorp had signed an agreement to merge the two companies. KCPL owns 47% of the Wolf Creek Generating Station. UtiliCorp is a Kansas City based company that was formed in 1985 and serves electric and gas customers in eight states, one Canadian province, New Zealand and Australia. The merger will take from 12 to 18 months to complete and will result in a new company being formed. The NRC staff stressed the need to work with the licensing group at Wolf Creek on preparation and submittal of any amendments that will be required as a result of the merger. The utility representatives assured the staff that the merger would be transparent to the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation and that funding for operations and decommissioning would continue as in the past.

Commonwealth Edison Company

Potential Strike at ComEd Facilities

On 01/18/96, ComEd informed the Region III office that the IBEW Union advised ComEd management that it will request strike authorization from its members. Requesting strike authorization is the first step in allowing the union leaders to announce a strike deadline. The union balloting is expected to take place the first week in February. If a high percentage of the union members vote to strike, the next step would be for the IBEW Local to have the strike sanctioned by the IBEW International. If a strike occurs, the earliest strike date would probably be late February or early March.

ComEd and the union had been negotiating on a new contract since early 1995. The previous contract expired in 04/95. ComEd employees have been working under the company's final offer since 10/30/95 when ComEd informed the union that it considered negotiations to be at a standstill and declared its intention to implement its offer of 10/05/95. The company's action is allowed in "impasse" situations where negotiations have reached a point where it appears that no progress toward agreement is going to be made on important issues.

Region III is in the process of reviewing the licensee's contingency plans for each ComEd site in accordance with Inspection Procedure 92709, "Strike Contingency Plans."

Prairie Island, Units 1 & 2

Northern States Power Company (NSP) entered into an agreement with the Prairie Island Dakota Tribal Council in January 1996. The negotiations were initiated by the tribal council. The tribal council agreed to find a legislator to sponsor a bill in the Minnesota state legislature that would 1) Stop the alternate ISFSI site process, 2) Allow reracking of the pool and storage of 17 casks onsite, 3) Remove the \$500,000/year cask penalty that NSP currently pays to the state, and 4) Remove the requirement for state approval of any spent fuel pool reracking plan.

If the legislation passes, NSP agrees to four provisions. First, NSP will purchase 1750 acres of land for the tribe to be placed in trust as a new reservation, in addition to the existing reservation on Prairie Island. An area in Rosemont, Minnesota, is currently under consideration for this purchase. This would allow for both tribal members who would like to move away from the casks and members who don't presently live on the reservation to move to the new reservation land. The present reservation is too small and too far from jobs in the twin cities area. Second, NSP will make a lump sum payment of \$2 million to the tribe. Third, NSP will pay the tribe \$850,000/year for the life of the plant. Fourth, property taxes of \$350,000/year for the ISFSI pad and \$53,000/year for each cask will go to the tribe rather than the county/city.

If all of the proposed legislation doesn't pass, NSP and the Tribal Council will probably renegotiate the terms of their agreement. NSP also expects to negotiate separately with the county and city because of the loss of property taxes.

ENCLOSURE B

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Items of Interest
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Application of International Atomic Energy Agency Safeguards to Excess Weapons Material

During the period January 18-19, 1996, a member of the Regulatory Development and International Safeguards Branch participated in an interagency team meeting at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant concerning the potential application of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards to the downblending of high enriched uranium (HEU) designated as excess weapons material. The application of IAEA safeguards to this material would be in accordance with a U.S. commitment to place approximately 200 tons of excess weapons material under international safeguards. To date, technical and classification issues have delayed placement of the HEU

downblending operation and gaseous diffusion plants on the Eligible Facilities List for application of IAEA safeguards. Results of the meeting included provisional resolution of the classification issues and development of three options for IAEA involvement in monitoring of the HEU downblending operation. The options will be presented to the Interagency Steering Committee for consideration.

New Technical Training Division Course - Mechanics of Sampling and Measurement for Fuel Cycle Facilities

A new Technical Training Division course, Mechanics of Sampling and Measurement for Fuel Cycle Facilities, will be given for the first time at the TWFN Personnel Development Center February 5-8, 1996. This course was developed in response to staff experience with fuel cycle licensees that showed that sampling and measurement were key to both safety and material control and accounting. The course will also cover environmental sampling.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Accompaniment of a GOSATOMNADZOR Inspection at Kurchatov Institute

A member of the Regulatory and International Safeguards Branch and two support contractor employees accompanied inspectors of the Russian regulatory agency GOSATOMNADZOR (GAN) on a material control and accounting (MC&A) inspection from January 22-26, 1996, at the Kurchatov Institute in Moscow, Russia. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's role in this cooperative activity was to become acquainted with GAN's MC&A reactor inspection methodology, observe the GAN inspection at Kurchatov, and discuss NRC's MC&A inspection techniques for reactors. This activity took place under Priority 6 of the Russian Lisbon Initiative program, which complements MC&A and physical protection cooperation between NRC and GAN in the Cooperative Threat Reduction program.

Final Report of the Department of Energy Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Nuclear Safety

On January 19, 1996, the Department of Energy (DOE [EXIT](#)) Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Nuclear Safety issued its final report on Improving Regulation of Safety at DOE Nuclear Facilities at a public meeting with the Secretary of Energy. One of the recommendations is that an existing agency - either the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or a restructured Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board - regulate facility safety at all DOE nuclear facilities under the Atomic Energy Act. The Secretary of Energy stated she is establishing a team to review the recommendations and that the team will, by May 1996, develop a schedule for implementation of external regulation.

Issuance of Revision 1 to the High-Level Waste License Application Review Plan

In January 1996, staff from the Division of Waste Management issued Revision 1 of NUREG-1323, "License Application Review Plan for a Geologic Repository for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste," (LARP). The LARP provides guidance to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff in its review of a Department of Energy's license application to construct a mined geologic repository. The LARP, Revision 0, was issued in September 1994 and represented the staff's initial efforts in developing the review strategies and acceptance criteria. LARP, Revision 0, was comprised of both completed and outlined individual review plans. Revision 1 represents the staff's latest efforts in the development of the LARP and includes the addition of 12 more completed review plans. This brings the number of completed review plans in the LARP to 14. Other review plans in the LARP are at varying stages of development.

Interagency Working Group Meeting

On January 25, 1996, members of the Spent Fuel Project Office attended a monthly meeting of the Interagency Working Group on the Transport of Radioactive Materials at Department of Transportation Headquarters. The meeting focused on the U.S. participation in the upcoming activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), including the first meeting of the Transport Safety Series Advisory Group (TRANSSAG) scheduled for February 26-March 1, 1996. Transportation explanatory and advisory material contained in IAEA Safety Series Nos. 7 and 37 was reviewed to determine issues to be addressed at a TRANSSAG meeting scheduled for June 17 - 21, 1996. Comments on the fourth draft of the 1996 Edition of Safety Series No. 6 (Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material) were also reviewed.

Public Workshop -- Joint Agreement State-Nuclear Regulatory Commission Working Group

On January 18-19, 1996, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission held a public workshop in Rockville, Maryland, to review the regulatory program for general and specific licensed devices. The public workshop was part of a review being conducted by a joint Agreement State-NRC Working Group in response to incidents involving radioactive devices becoming mixed with metal scrap intended for recycling.

The workshop format was a round table discussion between potentially affected parties supplemented by public comments. A proposal by a device manufacturer to increase regulatory oversight of selected radioactive devices to ensure that they are properly controlled by licensees was favorably received by the workshop participants. The workshop also identified a need to address the problem of ensuring proper reporting and disposal of radioactive sources that are found by non-licensees in metal scrap. Current plans call for two additional public meetings of the Working Group and submittal of a final report and recommendations to the Commission at the end of May 1996.

ENCLOSURE C

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Recently Issued Publications

Criteria for Digital Computers in Safety Systems

[Regulatory Guide 1.152](#), Revision 1, "Criteria for Digital Computers in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants," dated January 1996 was published this week. This regulatory guide describes a method acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the Commission's regulations for promoting high functional reliability and design quality for the use of digital computers in safety systems of nuclear power plants. The guide generally endorses a national consensus standard, IEEE Std 7-4.3.2-1993. It is the first of a "series" of I&C regulatory guides which the staff plans to issue in the near future.

I&C systems that use digital computers in safety systems make extensive use of advanced technology, i.e., equipment and design practices that are significantly and functionally different from current designs. New designs include the use

of microprocessors, digital systems and displays, fiber optics, multiplexing, and different isolation techniques to achieve the needed independence and redundancy. This guide on computers discusses numerous technical issues, such as system independence, defense-in depth, reliability and commercial dedication.

Draft Regulatory Guide DG 8016

Draft Regulatory Guide DG-8016 (Proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 8.37), "Constraints for Air Effluents for Licensees Other Than Power Reactors," December 1995 was issued. Comments were requested by March 12, 1996.

ENCLOSURE D

Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data
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Safety Programs Division (SPD)

Reactor Analysis Branch (RAB)

AEOD Staff Met With Ukraine NRA Staff on Lisbon Initiative Priority 12

A working group meeting on Ukrainian Priority 12, "Development of an Incident Reporting and Operating Experience Feedback System," took place in Kiev, Ukraine, and at the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant from January 15 through January 19, 1996. Jack Rosenthal and William Jones of AEOD met with representatives of the Ukraine Nuclear Regulatory Administration to discuss the current status of Priority 12 commitments, associated work, and progress. Efforts necessary to complete this priority in FY-1996 were discussed and agreed upon. Operating experience feedback to the Zaporozhye plant was also discussed.

NRC representatives observed progress on the priority in the areas of adoption of Performance Indicators, adoption of an operating experience database, implementation of the Integrated Reliability and Risk Assessment System (IRRAS) for event analysis of Accident Sequence Precursors, and development of an equipment reliability database.

International Meeting on Fuel and Control Rod Problems

On Monday, January 22, 1996, Jack Rosenthal, Reactor Analysis Branch Chief, represented the NRC at an organizing meeting in Madrid, Spain, on fuel and control rod problems. An Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Specialist Meeting on this issue will be held in Madrid on November 5, 1996. The meeting will be sponsored by the Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations (CSNI) of the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency.

Several control rod and fuel problems have been reported by various member nations recently. Fuel and control rod mechanical and dimensional stability issues have been raised. There is special interest in high burn-up fuel. The forthcoming meeting will focus on recent operating experience and corrective actions.

Reliability and Risk Assessment Branch (RRAB)

Publication of Accident Sequence Precursor Report

The Accident Sequence Precursor (ASP) Program's report on the screening, review, and analysis of 1994 operational events, "Precursors to Potential Severe Core Damage Accidents: 1994, A Status Report," Volumes 21 and 22, was received from the printer, and is currently being distributed. Copies of the report may be obtained from the ASP Program Project Manager, Patrick O'Reilly (415-7570) or from the Government Printing Office (202-512-2409).

Incident Response Division (IRD)

Emergency Response Branch (ERB)

Richard Barrett attended a Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC) management panel meeting in Las Vegas from January 17-19, 1996. The meeting was well attended by DOE management and representatives of other Federal agencies. A report on a DOD exercise (DISPLAY SELECT) identified problems created when the Lead Federal Agency fails to provide a strong interface between the FRMAC and the state.

There was a discussion of possible future cuts in the FRMAC and related programs due to cutbacks in the nuclear test program. DOE program cuts in nuclear test program areas have already reduced DOE staff available for incident response. Some increased reliance on NRC health physics personnel to fill out monitoring teams is likely. Discussions also included limitations on NRC level of funding to support the Aerial Monitoring System (AMS).

The next meeting will be held in June at DOE headquarters in Washington.

Preliminary Notifications

- a. PNO-II-96-004, Dupont Merck Pharmaceutical Company, LOSS OF PHOSPHORUS-32
- b. PNO-III-96-004, Commonwealth Edison Co. (Braidwood 2), PARTIAL LOSS OF OFFSITE POWER
- c. PNO-III-96-005, Commonwealth Edison Co. (Dresden 2 3), SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR TESTS POSITIVE FOR DRUGS
- d. PNO-III-96-006, Nuclear and Radiologic Imaging Physicians, TWO CALIBRATION SOURCES FOUND ON VACATED PROPERTY
- e. PNO-IV-96-003A, Texas Utilities Electric Co. (Comanche Peak 1), UPDATE OF SAFETY INJECTION WITH DISCHARGE TO THE REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

ENCLOSURE F

Office of Administration
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 26, 1996

**Significant FOIA Requests Received during the 5-Day Period
January 19, 1996 - January 25, 1996**

Request for copies of information in the NMSS Material Licensing Tracking System related to the JFK airport in Queens, NY, owned and operated by the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey, and any other public or private entities operating at the JFK airport. (Individual; FOIA-96-017)

Request for records related to the storage of hazardous and/or radioactive materials, including low-level radioactive materials, in the Orleans Parish or the Jefferson Parish of Louisiana. (B. Maygarden; Earth search, Inc.; FOIA-96-018)

Request for documents arising from a named individual's complaints to NRC or DOL case numbers 92-ERA-30, 93-ERA-26, 93-ERA-45, and 94-ERA-29 against The Atlantic Group. (Wm. Nexsen of Stackhouse, Smith & Nexsen; FOIA-96-019)

Request for five categories of records related to the "Request for Quote" issued on 10/6/95 and closing on 10/11/95 [Award DR-96-0133]. (B. Geriach; Dun & Bradstreet Information Services; FOIA-96-021)

Request for copy of all responses to FOIA-95-467 and correspondence with the requester. (R.Lessy of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld; FOIA-96-023)

Request for a copy of a study involving radiography incidents referred to during the 12-12-95 NRC Commission briefing on the Materials Events Database. (J.Felton; Nuclear Licensing Reports; FOIA-96-026)

Request for the Enforcement Action Tracking System (EATS) database associated with enforcement actions and conferences for the years 1990 through 1995. (O.Williams; J/R/A Associates; FOIA-96-027)

Request for records related to Congressmen Robert G. Torricelli and Richard (Dick) A. Zimmer. (E.Katz; Zimmer for Senate; FOIA-96-028)

Request for the NMSS MLTS database on diskette. (C.Marini; Environmental Data Resources, Inc.; FOIA-96-029)

Request for current listing of I.M.P.A.C. credit card holders with addresses. (Reena Chhitwal; Sita Business Systems, Inc.; FOIA-96-030)

Request for records in connection with any investigation conducted at the University of Cincinnati for the period 1990 through 1991. (R.Griffin of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister; FOIA-96-031)

ENCLOSURE G

Office of Information Resources Management
Items of Interest
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Statistical Sampling and Audit of Records

A contractor has been engaged by the Office of Information Resources Management to conduct a statistical sample and audit of agency records. A random sample of agency files will be examined to determine if established records management standards and procedures are being met, if agency transactions are being adequately documented, and if agency files are complete. The work, conducted under an interagency agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, is expected to be completed by June 30, 1996.

The inspection will focus on files generated in response to EDO Action Items assigned to either the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards during 1993. These two offices were selected because they generate the majority of the agency's permanent records. IRM is conducting the audit as part of its oversight responsibility for the development and implementation of agency wide records management programs in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration regulations.

ENCLOSURE H

Office of the Controller
Items of Interest
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License Fees

The first quarter FY 1996 [10 CFR Part 170](#) licensing and inspection fee invoices for NRC costs incurred during the period from October 1, 1995 through December 23, 1995, were issued.

Federal Withholding Tax

IRS Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statements for 1995 were mailed to NRC employees.

Travel Counterpart Meeting

A travel counterpart meeting was held with headquarters and the regions. The meeting was successful in meeting its objectives of ensuring consistent application of travel policy throughout the agency, identifying areas needing

more detailed policy guidance, and discussing implementation of upcoming travel initiatives. In addition, the participants received a demonstration of a travel management software package being considered by the agency.

ENCLOSURE I

Office of Personnel
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 26, 1996

Organizational Development and Training Staff Member Participates in Teleconference Training Seminar

On January 24, 1996, August Spector participated in a special teleconference training seminar entitled "Leadership for the 21st Century." The program featured the astronauts from the Apollo 13 Mission, who discussed leadership in a technological organization while working under high tension situations. Dr. Warren Bennis, professor at the University of Southern California and noted author, discussed the four characteristics necessary for effective leaders of the future.

Career Fair Attended at Florida International University

On January 22, 1996, Tom Yingst attended a career fair at Florida International University for technical students and alumni. Four strong candidates for the NRC entry level program were identified at this event.

Career Fair Attended at Georgia Institute of Technology

On January 25, 1996, Maudette Griggs and Tom Yingst attended a career fair at Georgia Institute of Technology sponsored by the student chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers. Twelve outstanding graduate students at the MS and PhD level were contacted and have indicated interest in the NRC entry level program.

Arrivals

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Departures

None

ENCLOSURE M

Office of Public Affairs
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 26, 1996

Media Interest

Chairman Jackson was interviewed by Science magazine.

CNN special assignment correspondents have visited the Region II office to discuss issues related to the Georgia Tech reactor and the Olympics. They are considering doing a story on the facility's effects on the Olympic games.

School Volunteers Program

Charlotte Abrams, NMSS, discussed geology with students at Clopper Mill E.S.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
ACRS-96-1	Note to Editors -- ACRS Meeting
96-11	NRC Improves Guidance to Staff for Issuing Notices of Enforcement Discretion
96-12	NRC Issues Draft Technical Position on Disposal of Radioactively Contaminated Baghouse Dust
96-13	NRC Seeks Public Comments on Report by National Academy of Sciences
96-14	NRC Prehearing Conference Scheduled for Yankee Nuclear Power Station
96-15	NRC Staff Schedules Two-Day Conference to Discuss Regulatory Issues with Nuclear Industry
96-16	NRC Staff Proposes \$50,000 Fine for Diablo Canyon
96-17	NRC Considers Revisions to Criteria for Reporting Abnormal Occurrences to Congress
96-18	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet February 8-10

ENCLOSURE P

Region I
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 26, 1996

Meeting with Babcock & Wilcox, Parks Township

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24, 1996, Region I staff from the Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch met with B&W personnel at the Parks Township facility to discuss current site status and issues, and to tour the

facility. Recent inspections were also discussed, as well as ongoing decontamination work and preparation of a site decommissioning plan.

ENCLOSURE P

Region II
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 26, 1996

Tennessee Valley Authority - Watts Bar

Watts Bar successfully completed physics testing.

A public management meeting was held on site on January 25, 1996. This was the management meeting rescheduled from January 22.

ENCLOSURE P

Region III
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 26, 1996

Prairie Island Nuclear Station

On January 25, 1996, Northern States Power and the Prairie Island Indian Community reached an agreement over the storage of dry casks. The agreement is contingent upon passage of state legislation that will be introduced next week. The legislation would stop the siting process for an offsite spent fuel storage facility required by 1994 legislation and allow the licensee to explore the option of additional storage of spent fuel in the pool. The licensee's agreement provides for land and cash payments to the Prairie Island Indian Community. In return, the Prairie Island Indian Tribal Council announced that it will support the legislation.

Big Rock Point

The SALP 13 public meeting between NRC and the licensee was held onsite on January 23, 1996. The NRC was represented by the Region III Deputy Regional Administrator and Director of Reactor Projects and other members of NRC staff. Representatives from the utility included Vice President of the Nuclear Operations and Chief Operating Officer of the Electric Business Unit.

ENCLOSURE P

Region IV
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New Managing Director for WNP-2

The licensee's Executive Board announced on January 18, 1996, that Vic Parrish (current Vice President of Nuclear Operations) will succeed Bill Council as the Managing Director of the Washington Public Power Supply System. The transition will be completed by February 2, 1996. Bill Council has been the Managing Director since April 1993.

Vic Parrish, as the Managing Director, will retain his responsibilities as the Vice President of Nuclear Operations. Bill Council will remain available to the Supply System to deal with the management transition and with advancing the proposal to use mixed-oxide fuel at WNP-2.

Management Meetings at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station

On January 24, 1996, two management meetings were held at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. The meetings were conducted at the licensee's request to discuss various topics relating to plant support and engineering.