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For: The Commissioners
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ENCLOSURE A

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 Items of Interest
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Graded QA Activities

On January 24, 1996, HQMB issued a draft guide to be used during the staff evaluations of graded quality assurance activities underway at 3 volunteer plants (South Texas, Palo Verde, and Grand Gulf). Additionally, letters were issued to the 3 volunteer licensees that outline the framework and staff expectations for staff/licensee interaction during the volunteer plant implementation phase. The volunteer licensees were also sent the staff evaluation guide for graded QA.

Meeting with Westinghouse to Discuss AP600 Testing Issues

SRXB staff and contractors, along with staff and contractors for RES, met with Westinghouse on January 23-24, 1996, to discuss numerous issues related to several AP600 testing programs. Topics covered included reliability of data from the passive residual heat removal (PRHR) testing program; structure and content of a planned report on the closure of scaling issues for reactor-systems-related testing; and questions arising from review of final data and test analysis reports from the automatic depressurization system (ADS) and Oregon State University (OSU) testing programs. In general, the discussions were very productive, with resolution of a significant number (approximately 80 percent) of the staff's questions. In addition, Westinghouse committed to revise substantially and resubmit the PRHR test program final report in a form consistent with the other AP600 test program reports, to (a) correct an error in data conversion, and (b) respond to staff concerns about reliability, consistency, and analysis of the data. The remainder of the staff's questions will either be addressed by Westinghouse in reports yet to be submitted for staff review, or will be transmitted to Westinghouse as RAIs.

Meeting With PG&E to Discuss Pressure Locking and Thermal Binding

By letter dated October 11, 1995, Pacific Gas and Electric company (PG&E), the licensee for Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2, submitted its 60-day response to [Generic Letter \(GL\) 95-07](#), "Pressure Locking and Thermal Binding of Safety-Related Power-Operated Gate Valves." This letter stated, in part, that the licensee has completed all requested actions in GL 95-07. (PG&E was the only licensee to indicate in their 60-day response that they had completed all requested actions of GL 95-07. Other licensees are expected to reply in late February, describing their completion actions in accordance with the 180-day action request in the GL). The licensee performed a screening evaluation of the operational configurations of all safety-related power-operated gate valves and identified 46 valves (23 in each unit) that were susceptible to pressure locking and no valves susceptible to thermal binding. In addition, the letter stated that all 46 valves susceptible to pressure locking have been modified to prevent this phenomena from occurring. The licensee provided justification for the functional capability of the remaining valves based on valve and system design configuration, operational experience, testing and engineering judgement.

On January 22 and 23, 1996, representatives from EMEB and Region IV met with PG&E to discuss the licensee's response to GL 95-07. The meeting was held to gain insight into the licensee's review methodology and process in preparation for review of other licensee submittals, which the staff anticipates receiving in February, 1996. The meeting was held at

the Diablo Canyon Power Plant community center in San Luis Obispo, CA, and was open to members of the public. The following issues were discussed: scope of valves considered, valves closed for test or surveillance, susceptibility evaluation criteria, operational configurations considered, analytical techniques, equipment modifications, procedural modifications, and training for operations/maintenance personnel. The staff is evaluating the licensee's submittal and will incorporate the results of the meeting into a safety evaluation report closing GL 95-07 for this licensee. Details of specific issues discussed during the meeting will be provided in a meeting summary memorandum.

Calvert Cliffs 1 and 2

Baltimore Gas & Electric Company (BGE) is adding two new emergency diesel generators (EDGs) at the Calvert Cliffs site. One is safety-related (SR) and the other is non SR. The current onsite electrical system consists of three SR EDGs with one dedicated to each unit and the remaining one used as a swing EDG. The new onsite electrical lineup, which is currently scheduled to be implemented during the upcoming Unit 1 refueling outage scheduled to start on March 15, 1996, will have two SR EDGs dedicated to each unit and the non SR EDG will be an alternate AC source for Station Blackout.

In mid-December, 1995, while performing a series of startup acceptance tests on the new SR EDG, BGE test engineers noted sporadic instances of increasing crankcase pressure. The units were manufactured by a French company, Societe Alsacienne de Constructions Mechaniques (SACM), with a nominal rating of 5600 KW each. SACM EDGs are used extensively in Europe, including nuclear power plant applications, and two EDGs, which are the same design as the BGE EDGs, have been operating at Prairie Island since 1992.

BGE continued testing into January, 1996, when increasing crankcase pressure was noted in the SR EDG and lube oil was detected leaking past the crankshaft seals. The EDG was shut down following a 24-hour endurance run to investigate these anomalies. BGE found that five cylinder linings exhibited scuffing and their associated pistons contained deposits of a carbon-like material. A boroscopic inspection of the non SR EDG cylinders on January 26 revealed that one (of 32) cylinder liner exhibited the same symptoms as the damaged SR EDG cylinders.

BGE initiated an investigation to establish the root cause(s) and determine appropriate corrective actions. The initial investigation points strongly to the lube oil and possible interaction of the lube oil and fuel oil. The liners, rings, and pistons have been shipped to the respective suppliers for material and dimensional confirmation. Samples of the lube oil, fuel oil, and carbon-like material have been shipped to laboratories for analysis. The Prairie Island EDGs use a mineral oil for lubrication. The BGE EDGs use the SACM recommended synthetic oil supplied by Mobil Oil Corporation.

Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2

On January 29, 1996, Duke Power (and also Commonwealth Edison) filed an Expression of Interest in response to a DOE proposal regarding the use of blended uranium-plutonium fuels at some of their nuclear plants. The Expression of Interest is said to mean that Duke and DOE are interested in continuing preliminary discussions about this proposal.

On January 30, 1996, the owners of Catawba Unit 2 announced that they had filed an Expression of Interest with DOE concerning tritium production. This action is said to be non-binding and simply allows the owners of Catawba Unit 2 to continue discussions on the production of tritium. Duke Power Company, the operator of Unit 2 and a minority owner of Unit 1, indicated that it does not have any interest in pursuing the tritium option for Duke Power at any of its nuclear stations.

Zion, Units 1 and 2

Safety Injection Pump Inoperable due to Orifice Plugging

The foreign material that caused the 1A Safety Injection (SI) pump to fail its flow test on January 24, 1996, has been removed by the licensee. The material had completely plugged one of the two orifice holes in the SI pump's recirculation line. The holes are about 1/8" in diameter. The material is fibrous or paper-like in nature, and may be remnants of a cardboard tag. The material will be sent to the licensee's Station Materials Analysis Division to be analyzed. The process could take about two weeks.

Palo Verde

Minor Owner Out Of Bankruptcy

In January, El Paso Electric Company came out of bankruptcy after four years. A U.S. Bankruptcy Court confirmed the utility's amended plan of reorganization (filed in November 1995 to come out of bankruptcy on a stand alone basis). El Paso Electric, one of seven Palo Verde owners, is now authorized to operate and manage its business and assets. The utility will assume full responsibility for its 15.8 percent share of Palo Verde (previously they had sold and leased back a portion of its share). The utility had previously been involved in two merger attempts that failed. Negotiations gave the utility close to a \$25 million base rate increase, coupled with a 10 year base rate freeze.

ENCLOSURE B

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Publication of Atlas Documents

On January 26, 1996, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff published two draft documents for public comment: NUREG-1531, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement Related to Reclamation of the Uranium Mill Tailings at the Atlas Site, Moab, Utah," (DEIS) and NUREG-1532, "Draft Technical Evaluation Report for the Proposed Revised Reclamation Plan for the Atlas Corporation Moab Mill" (DTER). A Federal Register notice announces the availability of these documents, a 60-day comment period, and a public meeting to be held in Moab, Utah, on February 28, 1996. Both documents address Atlas Corporation's (Atlas') request to amend its existing NRC license to reclaim the uranium mill tailings on its Moab site. There has been considerable public interest, including interest by three U.S. Senators, in this project.

The DEIS describes and evaluates: (1) the purpose of and need for the proposed action, (2) alternatives considered, (3) potential affected environmental resources, (4) environmental consequences of the proposed action, and (5) costs and benefits associated with reclamation alternatives. In the DEIS, the staff's preliminary conclusion is that the Atlas proposal is acceptable with respect to environmental costs and benefits. The DTER summarizes the staff's review

of Atlas' proposed reclamation plan with respect to NRC regulations. The NRC staff review has identified open issues in geology, seismology, geotechnical engineering, erosion protection, water resources protection, and radon attenuation. The NRC would not approve the proposed reclamation plan until Atlas adequately resolves these open issues.

Tennessee Valley Authority/Department of Energy/Nuclear Regulatory Commission Meeting Regarding Edgemont Site

On January 25, 1996, staff from the Division of Waste Management met with representatives of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the Department of Energy Grand Junction Project Office (DOE-GJPO). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the details of, and to work out a schedule for, completing the process of termination of TVA's existing license for the Edgemont, South Dakota, uranium mill tailings site. TVA confirmed its decision to transfer the site to DOE-GJPO for long-term care, and opted to pay an additional amount into the long-term care fund for DOE to install corner markers at the site boundary, a sign on the gate of the fence, and a permanent granite marker at an appropriate location inside the fence. TVA will confirm its commitments in a letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by February 6, 1996. This letter will initiate DOE's preparation of a Long-Term Surveillance Plan (LTSP) for the site. DOE plans to submit the LTSP for the site to NRC by April 6, 1996, for review. Once NRC has accepted the LTSP, DOE will be licensed for long-term care under 10 CFR 40.28. Through a separate action, TVA's existing license will be terminated at that time.

Meeting with Portland General Electric Company

On January 30, 1996, a public meeting was held between representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Portland General Electric Company, the licensee for Trojan Nuclear Plant. The purpose of the meeting was to address the proposed site-specific license application under [10 CFR Part 72](#) for an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) at the Trojan site. A representative from the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) was also present.

The licensee provided an overview of the ISFSI project, the management, schedule, and contents of the ISFSI. The licensee stated that the Part 72 license application should be submitted by mid-March 1996. The licensee plans to load fuel in January 1998. The licensee indicated that it hoped the NRC review of the environmental plan would be completed by October 1996, and that the issuance of the Part 72 license could be accomplished in December 1997. The licensee stated that the proposed ISFSI site would be released after an appropriate survey, and would be separate from planned decommissioning activities. The meeting addressed the Part 50 and Part 72 interface and functions, including release of the ISFSI site from Part 50 requirements. The licensee proposed providing in-situ repair for abnormal event recovery with the use of an overpack in the Sierra Nuclear Corporation (the licensee's vendor) storage cask. The licensee is considering converting the site to natural gas. The licensee may request NRC review to eliminate regulatory uncertainty, if the conversion is made.

An overview of the State of Oregon rulemaking process was discussed. The ODOE representative stated that NRC representation at State of Oregon Energy Facilities Siting Council functions was desired to support the state regulatory process.

The NRC staff cautioned the licensee that it should maintain diligent oversight of its vendor during the design and fabrication of the spent fuel storage components. The NRC staff found that the approach the licensee was taking appeared to be sound, and that the proposed schedule appeared to be sufficient. The NRC staff indicated it would consider supporting the State of Oregon regulatory functions.

Department of Energy Plans for Removal of Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility Sources from Applied Radiant Energy Corporation

The Department of Energy (DOE) staff and contractors are making plans to remove Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF) sources containing cesium-137 from Applied Radiant Energy Corporation (ARECO) in Lynchburg, Virginia, the only commercial irradiator in the country still using WESF sources. DOE tentatively plans to remove the 25 leased sources in the late spring of 1996 and to transport them to Hanford, Washington, in two trips using the BUSS cask. These plans may be delayed depending upon the outcome of ARECO's administrative claim against DOE. After a WESF source leaked at the Radiation Sterilizers, Inc., facility in Decatur, Georgia, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission determined that WESF sources were unacceptable for long-term use in commercial facilities and DOE has been returning the sources to WESF at Hanford for storage.

New Agreement for Nuclear Cooperation with EURATOM

During the week of January 22, 1996, Regulatory Development and International Safeguards Branch staff contributed to interagency efforts (with the Departments of State and Energy) to establish administrative arrangements for the implementation of the new agreement for nuclear cooperation between the U.S. and Euratom.

Babcock & Wilcox Parks Township Operating Facility Submits a Proposed Decommissioning Plan (License SNM-414)

On January 26, 1996, the Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W) requested approval of their proposed Parks Township Facilities Decommissioning Plan. This plan pertains to activities conducted under the operational facilities license

SNM-414, and is not related to the adjacent Shallow Land Disposal Area covered by a separate Nuclear Regulatory Commission license. If the Decommissioning Plan is approved, B&W intends to remediate the property for unrestricted use over a four year period and then to request termination of License SNM-414.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Recently Issued Publication

Draft Regulatory Guide DG-5005, "Tamper-Indicating Seals for the Protection and Control of Special Nuclear Material" (a proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 5.15). Comments requested by April 12, 1996.

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Meeting with PGE for Research on Trojan

Staff from RES met with representatives of PGE-Trojan on January 31, 1996, to begin discussions on the use of the Trojan reactor facility for research purposes. Harold Chernoff, PGE manager for Trojan Decommissioning, restated their interest in working with NRC and its contractors to make use of materials and components of Trojan. RES staff proposed initial work on removal of cables for testing as part of the Equipment Qualification program, and removal of core-type samples of the containment to determine the effect of grease from prestressing tendons on the concrete properties.

ENCLOSURE D

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

Emergency Response Branch (ERB)

On January 31, 1996, Frank Congel and Rich Barrett made a presentation at the Region III resident seminar on the role of the resident inspector in the agency's response to serious events.

Preliminary Notifications

- a. PNO-I-96-004, Quality Control Laboratory, FIRE INVOLVING LICENSED MATERIAL
- b. PNO-IV-96-005, Wolf Creek Nuclear Oper. Corp. (Wolf Creek 1), WEATHER-RELATED NOTICE OF UNUSUAL EVENT
- c. PNO-IV-96-005A, Wolf Creek Nuclear Oper. Corp. (Wolf Creek 1), COLD WEATHER PROBLEMS CONTINUE

Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR)

The CRGR held Meeting No. 280 on Wednesday, January 31, 1996 and considered the following three MOV-related items:

Proposed Generic Letter on Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related MOVs.

The Committee recommended in favor of issuing the proposed generic letter for comment, subject to several minor clarifying changes. The Committee also recommended that high priority be given to a rulemaking effort that would incorporate the provisions of OMN-1 into NRC rules and replace the existing IST requirements. Combining the recommended IST rulemaking action into an ongoing rulemaking that would modify existing ISI requirements appears to be a feasible approach to implementing this CRGR recommendation.

Proposed SER for BWROG Topical Report NEDC 32364, "Application of Probabilistic Safety Assessment to GL 89-10 Implementation".

The Committee endorsed issuance of the proposed SER and staff acceptance of this topical for use by licensees in the MOV program context, subject to several clarifying changes discussed at the meeting.

Proposed SER on EPRI Topical Report TR-103237, "EPRI MOV Performance Prediction Program"

On the basis of the staff's presentations and discussions relating to this topical at this meeting, the Committee did not object to issuance of the subject SER without full CRGR review as proposed by the staff.

ENCLOSURE F

Office of Administration
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Contract Awards

Five contract awards were made as a result of competitive solicitation RS-RES-96-051 entitled, "Review of NDE (Non-Destructive Evaluation) of Pressure Vessel Material Properties." The awards were made to Dr. Robert E. Green, Jr. (\$11,435), Dr. Jan D. Achenbach (\$17,944), Dr. G. Robert Odette (\$21,984), Magnetics Technology, Inc. (\$19,152), and the Pennsylvania State University (\$19,736), for a total of \$90,251, on January 30, 1996. These contracts call for NDE and material behavior experts to review an NRC document on the subject of Non-Destructive Evaluation of Pressure Vessels, to attend two presentations on this subject at the NRC, and submit a letter report on the subject by the end of March 1996. These are time-and-materials contracts except for Pennsylvania State University which is cost-no-fee. The period of performance is January 30, 1996 through April 30, 1996.

Contract NRC-04-96-038 was awarded to Tutco Scientific Corporation of Grand Junction, Colorado, on January 30, 1996. The objective of this effort is to determine what effects, if any, the fluoride ion and other halogen ions, either when acting alone or in combination, have on or contribute to external stress corrosion cracking in austenitic stainless steel. The test results will be used to revise Regulatory Guide 1.36. The period of performance is January 30, 1996 through January 29, 1997. The firm fixed price is \$90,728.

Contract NRC-38-96-285 was awarded to Business Management Research Associates, Inc., on January 25, 1996, for "Design and Development of Training Materials for Acquisition Training." The period of performance is three years. This is a cost plus fixed fee with an estimated cost is \$90,515.43.

Contract NRC-38-96-282 was awarded to Resolution Dynamics, Inc., on January 29, 1996, for "Professional, Managerial, and Organizational Development Training Program." The period of performance is one year with three option years. This is a fixed price requirements contract with an estimated cost is \$739,368, excluding options.

NOTE: In all four of the above contract awards, procurement streamlining methods were used.

Background Investigations

The Division of Security is working with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to implement the electronic delivery to NRC of completed background investigations. This electronic delivery will consist of OPM reports of investigation plus credit reports. Those cases including Defense Clearance Investigation Index or other agency investigative files will continue to be mailed.

Richard Dopp, Deputy Director of Security, attended a U. S. Security Policy Forum meeting on January 26, 1996. The agenda included a briefing from the Personnel Security Committee on significant background investigation scope issues arising out of implementation of E.O. 12968, "Access to Classified Information." With respect to background investigations for all Federal employees and contractors needing a Top Secret or "Q" clearance, the Forum voted to make local agency checks and interviews of former spouses subject to 10 years of coverage. References and employments will be subject to 7 years of coverage. This decision will be sent to the Security Policy Board for further consideration and decision.

Significant FOIA Requests received during the 5-Day Period of January 26, 1996 - February 1, 1996

Request for a copy of specific records released to the requester in FOIA-95-350. (Edie McCrea; Carolina Power & Light Co.; FOIA-96-033)

Request to view finding aids for the agency that correspond with records transferred to the National Archives at College Park and NRC declassification guidelines used by the Archives. (Individual; FOIA-96-035)

Request for a listing of reactor site locations, reactor site travel/trip reports conducted by James Taylor, and Mr. Taylor's 1995 appointment calendar. (Scott Patterson of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius; FOIA-96-036)

Request for records related to an investigation at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in early 1991 concerning medical misadministration. (Individual; FOIA-96-037)

Request for a copy of OIG report # 94-321 relating to South Texas. (K. Gotcher-Hambrick of Butler, Porter, Gay & Day; FOIA-96-038)

Request, on behalf of Native Americans for a Clean Environment, for records related to an IG investigation of Sequoyah Fuels Corp.'s Gore, OK, facility regarding site characterization plan process. (Diane Curran of Harmon, Curran, Gallagher & Spielberg; FOIA-96-039)

Request for a copy of OI Report # Q-1-83-014 to be placed in the public document room. (Individual; FOIA-96-040)

ENCLOSURE I

Office of Personnel
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OP/ODT Staff Members Attends Meeting for Teleconference Training Programs

On January 23, 1996, Carolyn Bassin, OP/ODT, met with personnel from other government agencies to discuss issues, resources, and initiatives, and share experiences with those, who like NRC's Office of Personnel, are preparing to teleconference training programs. The government alliance for Training and Education met at the Department of Labor training center. The meeting was attended by representatives from DOD as well as other Federal agencies throughout the country.

Arrivals:		
BROWN, Christopher	GENERAL ENGINEER (PFT)	NMSS
Retirements		
BROOKS, Pauline	QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJ. SCIENTIST (PFT)	NMSS
ERICKSON, Peter	SR. PROJECT MANAGER (PFT)	NRR
HARWOOD, Claire	SR. MANAGEMENT ANALYST (PFT)	NRR
KAPLAN, Herbert	SR. REACTOR ENGINEER (OPFT)	RI
PATE, Robert	REACTOR ENGINEER (PFT)	RIV
POWER, Eugene	INVESTIGATOR (PFT)	OI
Departures		
VOLK, Tim	PHYSICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (PFT)	RII

ENCLOSURE M

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

The Philadelphia Inquirer is doing a story on dry cask storage in Pennsylvania.

Region I public affairs briefed members of the Passaic Valley Rotary Club in New Jersey about the mission and scope of NRC activities.

Christian Science Monitor reporters have interviewed Region II inspectors on Watts Bar activities.

The Palm Beach Post ran stories concerning operator inattention at St. Lucie and grass clogging the intake valves at Turkey Point.

Press Releases

Headquarters:

96-19 NRC Seeks Public Input on Draft Reports Regarding Cleanup of Utah Uranium Mill
96-20 NRC Proposes to Amend Licensing, Inspection and Annual Fees
96-21 NRC Staff Identifies Nuclear Power Plants Warranting Increased Regulatory Attention
96-22 NRC Staff Approves Decommissioning Plan for Indian Point Nuclear Unit 1
96-23 Yankee Rowe Prehearing Conference Postponed
96-24 NRC and Russia Reaffirm Nuclear Safety Assistance Program
96-25 Commissioner Greta Dicus to Take Oath of Office on February 15

Regions:

I-96-8 NRC Staff to Hold Predecisional Enforcement Conference With Temple University
II-96-09 NRC Staff Proposes \$12,500 Civil Penalty Against B&W Fuel Company in Lynchburg, Virginia
II-96-11 NRC Chairman to Visit North Anna Nuclear Power Plant

ENCLOSURE P

Region I
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Follow-up Inspection at Malden Mills

On January 25-26, 1996, Region I performed a follow-up inspection at the Malden Mill facility in Lawrence, Massachusetts which experienced a major fire in December 1995 that resulted in the damaging of a number of generally licensed gauges. The inspector toured the site and observed the one gauge that had been recovered. He discussed plans for the recovery of the other gauges with Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local officials as well as licensee representatives. The Region will continue to coordinate its activities with the Commonwealth and will perform additional inspections as site recovery progresses.

Enforcement Conference with Applied Health Physics

On January 30, 1996, Region I held a pre-decisional enforcement conference with Applied Health Physics (Bethel Park, Pennsylvania) to discuss the results of the NRC inspection which was completed on December 27, 1995. The licensee is currently in Chapter 11 bankruptcy. During the inspection, apparent violations were identified for holding radioactive waste for longer than the six-month limit specified in its license and for acquiring radioactive waste not authorized by its license. During the conference, the licensee committed to provide to Region I by February 15, 1996, a plan for disposing of its waste and coming into compliance with its license requirements.

ENCLOSURE P

Region III
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Ohio State University

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, has committed to immediately divert a stream which is currently running through a radioactive material burial site. Radioactive material was buried at the site from 1963 to 1971 under regulation in effect at the time, permitting such burials. The stream has caused significant erosion and threatens to expose a nearby burial trench. To date, no contamination in the stream bed has been identified but the university will perform radiological surveys. The stream will be diverted around the burial site. Additionally, the university plans to completely remediate the burial site.

United States Enrichment Corporation

On February 1, 1996, representatives from the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC), Department of Energy (DOE **EXIT**) and the NRC met in the Region III office, Lisle, Illinois, to discuss certification issues involving the Quality Assurance Program requirements for the gaseous diffusion plants.

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Region IV
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NRC/UTILITY INTERFACE - AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY (ANS) WORKSHOP

An ANS/Region IV Workshop was held January 29-30, 1996, at the Hilton Hotel in Arlington, Texas. Representatives from each of the 14 Region IV nuclear power plant sites participated in the workshop as well as NRC Office of Nuclear

Reactor Regulation, Region IV Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator and selected staff. Members of the general public were invited to observe this workshop. The purpose of the meeting was to gain a better understanding of the interface issues from the utility and NRC perspective, and to identify practical recommendations for short-term use.

ENCLOSURE R

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, No. 49

OCA ASSIGNMENT	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Callahan	02/07/96 342 DSOB	9:30	OPM, Senators Lott (R-MI) & Simon (D-IL)	Congressional Recommendations Regarding Federal Employees	Senators Stevens/Glenn Governmental Affairs
Gerke	02/07/96 2154 RHOB	10:00	OMB, GAO	Impact of OMB Rules on Fedl Mgmt Practices	Reps. Horn/Maloney Govt Mgmt, Info & Technology Government Reform & Oversight
Madden	*03/27/96 TBA	2:00	Commission	FY 97 Appropriations	Reps. Myers/Bevill Energy and Water Dev Appropriations

*A letter of invitation has been received for this hearing.