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ENCLOSURE A

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 Items of Interest
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Zion, Units 1 and 2

Damage Due to Severe Weather Conditions

On April 20, 1996, a severe storm came through the Zion area with winds in the 90 mile per hour range. Local authorities later determined that several tornadoes had touched down in the area. Damaged buildings at Zion Station included several structures posted and controlled for radioactive materials. A large storage box had its top blown off. Subsequent surveys detected no contamination. Areas in the vicinity of the box were also surveyed with no contamination detected. The Interim Radwaste Storage Facility (IRSF) experienced extensive damage to its outer roof. However, an inspection showed that the inner roof was not damaged.

Palisades

Licensee Submits Application For Conversion to Improved Tech Specs

The licensee submitted their application for conversion to the improved standard technical specifications on March 29, 1996. Following an initial acceptance review of the submittal, a telephone conference was held on April 26, 1996, to inform the licensee of deficiencies identified by the Technical Specifications Branch staff and their contract reviewers. Problems identified include incomplete or non-existent change descriptions and incorrect change classifications (e.g., some changes identified as "Administrative" are actually "Less Restrictive" or "More Restrictive"). The staff informed the licensee that these submittal deficiencies make it impractical to review the submittal in its present condition. Substantial additional staff resources would need to be expended identifying and resolving all of the deficiencies before actual review of the changes could begin.

The licensee generally agreed with the staff's assessment and stated that they would begin to evaluate options for supplementing the submittal. As an initial step, the licensee indicated they would review and revise one or more TS sections to determine the effort required to supplement the entire submittal. This effort would focus on ensuring all changes are appropriately classified and provide additional justification where necessary. Subsequent to this review, which the licensee intends to complete in two to three weeks, the licensee will propose a schedule for supplementing the conversion submittal.

ENCLOSURE B

Meeting with Virginia Electric and Power Company

On April 24, 1996, staff from the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) met with Virginia Electric and Power Company (VA Power) to discuss the progress of various dry storage activities for the Surry and North Anna power stations. VA Power has submitted an amendment request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to authorize the use of the TN-32 cask at its Surry Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). VA Power has also submitted an application for an ISFSI at North Anna using the TN-32. A topical report for the TN-32 is currently under staff review. Outstanding issues in the review of the TN-32 as well as schedules for both plants were discussed.

Meeting with Fansteel, Inc.

On April 22-23, 1996, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards participated with Region IV and Occupational Safety and Health Administration staff in conducting a confirmatory survey of Fansteel's northwest property located in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Fansteel has requested release for unrestricted use for approximately 35 acres of currently unused portions of its facility. The Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards will evaluate the results of the confirmatory survey prior to release of the property. Fansteel also described further plans to decommission the entire facility. Finally, staff met with the Director of the Muskogee Port Authority, who described a project to build a railroad spur, which the State of Oklahoma is considering funding, which would require right of way through the Fansteel property. Staff described the licensee's responsibilities with regard to the use of the land for such a right-of-way.

International Atomic Energy Agency Visit to Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant

On April 25-26, 1996, representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) visited the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) to discuss the potential for the application of IAEA safeguards or alternative monitoring measures to the downblending of excess weapons program materials in the form of high enriched uranium hexafluoride. In response to the President's commitment to make this material available for IAEA safeguards, the PGDP was added to the U.S. Eligible Facilities List for possible selection by the IAEA, and the downblending operation was reviewed in detail to provide the information necessary for the IAEA to make an informed decision. During the visit, the IAEA representatives participated in detailed technical discussions and an extensive plant tour. At the conclusion of the meeting, the IAEA commented that they could foresee the possibility of performing a verification experiment with a design objective of achieving a level of confidence that the high enriched uranium was, in fact, downblended to low enriched uranium. The IAEA further commented that the ultimate decision whether or not to proceed would be made by IAEA management in Vienna taking into account available resources and perceived benefits.

Meeting with the EURATOM Safeguards Directorate

Staff from the Regulatory and International Safeguards Branch, together with representatives of the Departments of State, Energy, and Defense, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, participated in discussions of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards with the EURATOM Safeguards Directorate on April 29-30, 1996. Objectives of these discussions included eliciting cooperation in the improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness of IAEA safeguards. Additionally, discussions involved the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, maintaining assurance that U.S. nuclear materials exported under NRC license, are adequately safeguarded abroad. A topic of primary concern to the U.S. at this time is obtaining support for improvements to and expansion of IAEA safeguards to increase the capability of the IAEA to detect undeclared nuclear facilities and activities.

Meeting with the Australian Safeguards Office

On May 1, 1996, staff from the Regulatory and International Safeguards Branch, together with representatives of the Departments of Energy, Defense, and State, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, participated in discussions with the Australian Safeguards Office and the Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The interest of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was in coordinating views on the operation and improvement of International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards, and topics relating to implementation of the U.S.-Australian Agreement for Nuclear Cooperation with regard to NRC-licensed facilities.

Meeting with Environmental Protection Agency and State of Oklahoma

On April 24, 1996, staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and Region IV met with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Oklahoma, Department of Environmental Quality and the Attorney General's Office to discuss the status of remediation/decommissioning activities at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) facility in Gore, Oklahoma. The group discussed SFC financial assurance, EPA evaluation of the site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the status of a Facility Investigation (FI) and Corrective Measures Study (CMS) being developed by SFC under a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act order issued by EPA, and the status of an environmental impact statement (EIS) being developed by Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff. EPA staff reported that the initial CERCLA evaluation resulted in a score significantly below that required to place the site on the National Priorities List under Superfund. The details of this evaluation were not available at the meeting. Additional discussions concerning these details are planned. The attendees agreed that the FI and CMS would provide information needed by the NRC for the EIS and that EPA and NRC staffs agreed to closely coordinate related development activities.

Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards Risk Harmonization Subcommittee Meeting

On April 25, 1996, staff from the Offices of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and Nuclear Regulatory Research participated in a meeting of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards Risk Harmonization Subcommittee. Other agencies represented included the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Departments of Defense, Energy, and Transportation. The purpose of the meeting was to review a draft work scope for a Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (BEIR) VII scoping study to be performed by the National Academy of Sciences. The purpose of the study is to examine issues and sources of data to define the scope for the BEIR VII review. Agency comments were discussed.

Nuclear Energy Agency's Working Group for "Integrated Performance Assessment of Deep Underground Repositories" Meeting

On April 23-26, 1996, Division of Waste Management hosted the third meeting of the Nuclear Energy Agency's (NEA [EXIT](#)) Working Group for "Integrated Performance Assessment of Deep Underground Repositories." This group is developing a report evaluating performance assessments (PAs) for several prospective repositories in Europe, North

America, and Japan. The meeting was attended by representatives of Canada, Finland, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, United States, NEA, and several consultants. The goal of the group is to foster consistency and credibility of PAs through consensus, while recognizing that there are significant differences in regulatory concepts and physical characteristics. On the basis of several detailed questionnaires completed by the participants, the report will compare the assessments in a number of areas, including applicable licensing regulations, model assumptions, data needs and availability, future scenarios, human intrusion, and probabilistic risk considerations. The group formulated 14 recommendations for future PAs on the basis of the experiences to date.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission On-Site Representatives Informed of a Reportable Geologic Condition - Identification of Nuclear Weapons Testing-Related Chlorine-36 in the Exploratory Studies Facility at Yucca Mountain

The Department of Energy (DOE **EXIT**) notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, through the NRC On-Site Representatives, of a preliminary Los Alamos National Laboratory report entitled "Systematic Sampling for Chlorine-36 in the Exploratory Studies Facility." This report was the result of on-going site characterization activities to assess groundwater travel times and to identify potential fast paths for infiltrating water by determining the distribution of Chlorine-36 in the Exploratory Studies Facility tunnel at Yucca Mountain. Chlorine-36 is created naturally by the action of cosmic radiation on the atmosphere and only background levels were expected. As a result of this study, however, the preliminary report notes the presence of elevated levels of Chlorine-36, generated by the atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons, at a few locations at the repository level suggesting that the radioisotope traveled from the atmosphere to its current location in less than 50 years.

Based on the current data, DOE has not reached a conclusion on the significance of the findings. However, DOE has informed the NRC On-Site Representatives that they consider this a "Reportable Geologic Condition" requiring formal NRC notification. Formal written notification is expected.

Workshop

On April 25, 1996, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards held a public workshop to obtain suggestions and comments on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Business Process Redesign (BPR) of the materials licensing process. Twenty-two licensees, regulators, and members of the public attended as well as representatives from the State of Maryland, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board.

The attendees provided highly useful comments on the BPR process, as well as very specific comments on the development of the Materials Electronic Library. Suggestions and comments included the following that NRC: (1) consider possible use of interactive voice response to telephone calls; (2) maintain an archive of older versions of guidance for reference; (3) write guidance in understandable language, and ensure that all guidance is consistent; (4) conduct workshops at different locations throughout the country to continue to inform the public and receive feedback; (5) arrange to have licensee participation in some type of pilot project or Beta test prior to full implementation of the licensing process; and (6) continue to include the Agreement States in the process.

The staff was pleased with the positive response to the workshop, and will consider the suggestions offered. A transcript of the workshop will be available by May 7, 1996.

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Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data
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Reliability and Risk Assessment Branch (RRAB)

Reliability and Availability Data Rule Draft Regulatory Guide Published

An announcement of the availability for public comment of a draft regulatory guide was published in the *Federal Register* on May 2. The draft regulatory guide provides guidance on methods for implementing the proposed rule to require licensees to report plant-specific summary reliability and availability data for selected systems and equipment. The *Federal Register* Notice also announced a public meeting on the proposed rule and draft regulatory guide in the NRC auditorium on Tuesday, June 4, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

The draft regulatory guide (1) lists the basic systems for which data should be reported by all plants, (2) provides a method for selecting additional plant-specific reportable systems, (3) provides a method of defining train and equipment boundaries based on the equipment challenged by test and actual demands, (4) defines reportable demands, run times, failures, and unavailable hours, and (5) discusses other information to be reported - hours in plant operational states (modes), hours trains were concurrently unavailable, and diagrams of system and train boundaries.

Emergency Response Branch (ERB)

Drill with Republic of Korea

On April 25, 1996, ERB staff conducted the semi-annual communications drill with the Republic of Korea. The Operations Center successfully communicated by voice and facsimile with both the Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety (KINS) and the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST).

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-I-96-026, Gpu Nuclear Corp. (Oyster Creek 1), PLANT SHUTDOWN TO RETRIEVE CONDENSATE SYSTEM COMPONENT
2. PNO-I-96-026, Private Residence, DISCOVERY OF VIAL CONTAINING 1% URANIUM IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE
3. PNO-I-96-028, Brigham and Women's Hospital, POSSIBLE MEDICAL MISADMINISTRATION RESULTING FROM THE DISPLACEMENT OF AN IRIIDIUM-192 ENDOBRONCHIAL IMPLANT
4. PNO-II-96-035, Syncor, Inc., VEHICLE WRECK INVOLVING RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS
5. PNO-II-96-034, Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar 1), "A" MAIN FEEDWATER PUMP TRIP CAUSES TURBINE TRIP - REACTOR TRIP

6. PNO-III-96-027, Universal Imaging, Inc., MISADMINISTRATION
 7. PNO-IV-96-021, Broce Construction Company, Inc., STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGING DEVICE CONTAINING CESIUM-137
 8. PNO-IV-96-022, Arkansas Agreement State, RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL
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Office of Administration
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Procurement Reform

On April 30, 1996, Timothy Hagan, Mary Mace, and Mary Lynn Scott of the Division of Contracts met with Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) staff to discuss new opportunities for procurement innovations under the Procurement Reinvention Laboratory as a result of the Federal Acquisition Reform Act (FARA) and to provide feedback on experience to date in applying available procurement innovations on RES projects. Mr. Hagan also briefed the meeting attendees on his new role as Advocate for Procurement Reform.

In conjunction with the Office of Personnel, the Division of Contracts (DC) is evaluating proposals for presentation of an in-house course in commercial contracting. This course will include the latest techniques available for streamlining acquisition of commercial products and services under the FARA. Particular emphasis will be placed on market research requirements and appropriate uses of this important innovation. Award is expected later this month with training to be conducted in the month of June. Training will be open to all NRC employees.

On May 2, 1996, Mary Lynn Scott briefed DC staff on new FAR provisions and clauses pertaining to commercial acquisitions.

In accordance with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy's (OFPP) initiative to expand use of performance-based service contracting (PBSC), DC is reviewing recent APP updates to identify candidate service projects for use of PBSC methodology. OMB reports that use of PBSC has resulted in a 15 percent average price reduction and improved satisfaction with contractor performance. In furtherance of this initiative, Penny Kinney, DC, and Rashida Alam, IRM, are participating in the government-wide pilot project on PBSC endorsed by the President's Management Council. The group is currently gathering examples of statements of work for service contracts which OFPP plans to include with generic guidance to be issued later this year.

Management Directive 11.7 Users' Group

The Management Directive (MD) 11.7 Users' Group, with membership from ADM, RES, NRR, NMSS, AEOD, and OC, met with DOE representatives for the second quarterly meeting on April 25, 1996. These quarterly meetings are held to discuss items of mutual interest, to better implement the management practices and policies set forth in NRC MD 11.7, and to keep good communication channels open between the agencies. Topics discussed included: access to DOE laboratory direct labor and indirect cost rates, property reports, electronic cost reporting, an update on proposed streamlining of MD 11.7, and waiver of DOE added factor charge on a case-by-case basis.

Contract Awards

The Division of Contracts recently awarded eight contracts under one Request for Proposal for an acquisition entitled "Technical Assistance for the New Thermal-Hydraulics Code Planning," by applying a wide range of streamlining techniques. These eight awards were completed in less than 3.5 months. Key to the efficiency of this procurement were RES' use of a single panel member and DC's waiver of the Commerce Business Daily synopsis. These two innovations saved approximately 1.5 months in procurement lead time. Other innovations included use of simplified evaluation criteria and authorization of offerors to transmit proposals via facsimile.

Contract no. NRC-10-96-141 was awarded to RGII Technologies under the U.S. Small Business Administration's 8(a) program on April 30, 1996. The contractor will develop, deliver and install a complete turnkey computer system to integrate the Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services' computer systems and acquire the means to electronically disseminate documents to the staff and public over Internet. The contract was awarded in the amount of \$153,471 with a period of performance from April 30, 1996 through June 15, 1997.

Significant FOIA Requests Received during the 5-Day Period of April 26 - May 2, 1996:

Request for a copy of NRC's request to inspect and authorization to close the National Medical Care Diagnostic Services, Inc. in Union, NJ. (Individual; FOIA-96-183)

Request for the NMSS MLTS database on diskette. (C. Marini; Environmental Data Resources, Inc.; FOIA-96-184)

Request for a copy of NRC's current organizational charts, telephone books, and any listing of key personnel by positions and/or offices. (K. Hood; Technology Training Corp.; FOIA-96-185)

Request, on behalf of NACE, for OIG report and related records regarding NRC's oversight of the site characterization preparation process by Sequoyah Fuels. (D. Curran of Harmon, Curran, Gallagher & Spielberg; FOIA-96-186)

ENCLOSURE I

Office of Personnel
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Organizational Development and Training (ODT) Sponsors a Skill-Building Program for Region III

On April 30, 1996, Region III conducted a supervisory and managerial skill-building program entitled "Coaching for

Improved Importance." Fifteen supervisors, managers, and executives participated in this four-hour program designed to enhance the participants' ability to coach employees. This program is one of the modules in the new Skill-Building Series of training programs for supervisors and managers offered by the ODT Staff. Additional programs in the series have been scheduled on a monthly basis for Region III.

Arrivals		
KELLY, Joseph	SENIOR NUCLEAR ENGINEER (PFT)RES	
Retirements		
CHANDRASEKARAN, Thyagaraja	SENIOR REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGR (PFT)	NRR
CRUTCHFIELD, Dennis	DIR, DIV OF REACTOR PRGM MGMT (PFT)	NRR
ECKER, Carolyn	PARALEGAL ASSISTANT (PFT)	ASLBP
Departures		
NONE		

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

Frank Congel, AEOD, was interviewed by RAI Italian National TV for airing this Friday. The interview focused on Chernobyl, Three Mile Island, and general reactor safety and emergency preparedness requirements in the United States.

The WCFO Public Affairs Officer has been providing information to the North County Times in San Diego for their story on steam generator tubes and vessel embrittlement.

School Volunteers Program

Vandy Miller, SBCR, Ed Halman, ADM, Corenthis Kelley, OIG, and Sandy Johnson, OP, participated in Career Day at Central H.S.

Press Releases

Headquarters:	
ACRS-96-7	Note To Editors - ACRS Meetings
Regions:	
IV-96-28	NRC Issues Partial Initial Decision on Louisiana Energy Services License Application

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Office of the Secretary
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LSS Advisory Review Panel

The LSS Advisory Review Panel met on May 2, 1996, in the Clark County Government Building in Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the meeting was to review DOE's planning schedule for LSS development and to receive a presentation by NRC's LSS Senior Management Team on advances in licensing support technology and options available for applying such advances to the LSS activity. The meeting participants included NRC, DOE, the State of Nevada, Nye County, Clark County, the National Congress of American Indians, and the nuclear industry.

Public Document Room

By the end of April, 1996, the more than 2000 documents that have been posted for 30 days on the Public Document Room (PDR) bulletin board subsystem (BBS) on FedWorld, had been accessed by FedWorld users more than 50,000 times. According to FedWorld staff, the PDR BBS is the second busiest site on FedWorld, following that of the IRS.

One May 1, 1996, the Chief of the Public Document Branch, addressed the quarterly meeting of the network members of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee, Library of Congress. She announced the scheduled release in May of the basic statistical compilation of data from the 1994 survey of federal libraries and information centers; it will be available both on Internet and in print form. The survey quantifies the magnitude of resources and capabilities of about 1200 information organizations within the Federal government that meet criteria based on commitment to active service to agencies and/or the public directly. The data allows comparison of individual organizations with those trends in federal libraries and information centers, an input to both agency and interagency planning.

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Region I
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Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) Parks Township Facility

Decontamination work is continuing at B&W's Parks Township site. The work, which is authorized under the existing

facility license, included removal, this week, of the stack and other smaller structures from the roof of

Building C. Trailers continue to be installed in the north parking lot onsite to provide temporary offices for site personnel displaced by the planned decontamination work. By the end of May, all personnel with offices in Building B are expected to be relocated to the trailers in preparation for decontamination of Building B.

B&W continues to obtain the final permits required to remove contaminated soil from the bank of the Kiskiminetas River adjacent to the site. Licensee plans are to relocate the affected soil from the river bank to the site controlled area as soon as possible.

William Dornsife, Director-Bureau of Radiation Protection, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, visited the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) on April 30. Region I personnel maintain frequent contact with the licensee regarding planned and ongoing activities, and perform inspections to observe safety significant activities or those with potential important environmental impact.

Malden Mills

On April 26, 1996, Region I was informed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Radiation Control Office that the first of seven generally licensed gauges was removed, packaged, and secured the previous afternoon from the debris of the Monomac Building at Malden Mills Industries located in Lawrence, Massachusetts. The gauge was recovered in a portion of the building currently under investigation by the State Fire Marshall. The removal and packaging of the gauge was performed under the direction of the licensee's health physics consultant. The gauge housing containing the sealed cesium-137 source was found in good condition. Elevated contact radiation levels on the gauge housing indicate some of the lead shielding inside the housing had melted during the fire. The gauge is currently packaged inside a drum and securely stored in the basement of the licensee's waste storage building awaiting shipment back to the manufacturer.

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Region II
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Tennessee Valley Authority - Watts Bar

A turbine trip-reactor trip occurred on April 28, 1996, when the turbine driven "A" Main Feedwater Pump (MFP) tripped on low vacuum from 72% reactor power level. The "B" MFP had previously been taken out of service for weld repairs on a recirculation line isolation valve. TVA concluded that the cause for the low "A" MFP vacuum was steam entering the piping that connects the MFP condenser to the suction header of the main condenser vacuum pumps. TVA implemented a modification that runs a line directly to the main condenser rather than to the suction side of the main condenser vacuum pumps. The plant has returned to power and has gradually increased reactor power to the 90% level to resume the power ascension testing.

Carolina Power & Light Company - Harris

On May 3, the Regional Administrator was at the Shearon Harris facility to present the latest SALP results to representatives of the Carolina Power & Light Company. Following the SALP presentation, a public meeting with local officials was held.

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Region III
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ABB Combustion Engineering, Inc. - Hematite, Missouri

A Licensee Performance Review between NRC and ABB Combustion Engineering, a commercial nuclear fuel facility, was held onsite on May 2, 1996. NRC Region III was represented by the Deputy Regional Administrator and the Director of Nuclear Materials Safety. Representatives from the licensee included the Vice President of Fuel Operations, Dr. Bruce Kaiser, and the Regulatory Compliance Manager, R.W. Sharkey.

The NRC review concluded that overall facility operational safety performance was good. However, NRC discussed the need for additional management attention by the licensee to improve the self-assessment program, the reporting of information to the NRC, the communications between groups onsite and the corporate office, and the use and quality of procedures.

Dresden and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Stations

On May 1, 1996, a predecisional enforcement conference was held in the Region III Office between members of the NRC staff and Commonwealth Edison Company to discuss: apparent failure to meet the low pressure coolant injection corner rooms' structural steel design margins; a reactor protection system single failure vulnerability for Dresden; and previous design control weaknesses.

The conference was conducted to discuss the apparent failure of the licensee to take corrective actions for several years following identification of these nonconforming conditions and also the apparent failure to submit licensee event reports for these conditions.

Kerr-McGee - West Chicago, Illinois

The Environmental Analysis Report for Phase III of the Kerr-McGee facility decommissioning was published in local newspapers on April 25, 1996. Phase III activities include: excavation of dirt contaminated with thorium; backfilling and final grading; construction of water treatment facilities; receipt of contaminated materials from off site locations;

and transportation of materials by rail.

The estimates for radiological exposure are less than regulatory dose limits for individual members of the public. Radiological impacts from Phase III activities were estimated for an individual standing at the fence line for two hours per day throughout the activities and to a hypothetical nearest resident.

Environmental Protection Agency Meeting

On May 3, 1996, a management meeting was held in the Region III Office between members of the NRC Region III staff and the Environmental Protection Agency Region V (Chicago) staff to discuss responses to radiological incidents in the environment based on the new Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan.

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Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, No. 62

OCA ASSIGNMENT	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Gerke	05/08/96 311 CHOB	10:00	TBA	Effect of Government Downsizing on Federal Employees	Reps. Mica/Moran Civil Service Government Reform & Oversight
Madden	TBA	TBA	Commission	NRC Oversight	Senators Faircloth/Graham Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety Environment and Public Works