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 ENCLOSURE A

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 Items of Interest
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Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) Announces Acquisition of Florida Progress Corporation

On August 23, 1999, CP&L and Florida Progress Corporation (FPC) announced that their Boards of Directors had unanimously approved a definitive agreement for CP&L to purchase FPC. The new company will be the nation's ninth-largest electric utility based on generating capacity of more than 18,500 megawatts.

Florida Progress Corporation is the corporate parent of Florida Power Corporation which owns and operates the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant. The new company expects savings from the elimination of duplicate corporate and administrative programs and operating efficiencies including integration of the Crystal River nuclear site with CP&L's three existing nuclear sites (Brunswick, Harris, and

Robinson).

The purchase is expected to take about a year to close, and NRC approval of the license transfer aspects of the purchase will be required.

Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station

In a letter dated August 23, 1999, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company provided formal notification to the NRC of their intent regarding submittal of an application to renew the Operating License of V. C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCS). The current VCS Operating License will expire August 6, 2022. Preparatory work has begun to develop an application for license renewal to be submitted as soon as achievable after August 6, 2002, contingent upon final approval of the Board of Directors representing both VCS and South Carolina Public Service Authority.

Cooper Nuclear Station

Cooper Nuclear Station's (CNS) Y2K readiness status has been changed from "Y2K ready" as reported in their Generic Letter (GL) 98-01 response dated June 28, 1999, to "not Y2K ready." An incomplete Integrated Contingency Plan, as assessed by the staff, is the reason for the change. An incomplete Integrated Contingency Plan does not change the conclusion regarding completion of licensee remediation activities for safety-related systems and systems that support plant operations and licensee administrative functions. However, the NRC considers that a complete Integrated Contingency Plan is necessary for the licensee to be fully Y2K ready.

CNS management stated that their Integrated Contingency Plan will be complete by September 20, 1999, which will be confirmed by the staff.

Another issue potentially affecting CNS's Y2K status is the validity of certain equipment Y2K compliance evaluations. CNS discovered during an audit of contractor reviews that there were some pieces of equipment that were reported by the contractor to be Y2K compliant that were not. CNS representatives stated that none of the deficiencies identified to date would change the CNS Y2K readiness status as reported in the [GL 98-01](#) response and no safety-related components are affected. With the goal of determining the scope of the equipment Y2K compliance evaluation issue, CNS representatives stated that they will perform additional audit samples and develop a plan of action which will be shared with the NRC.

FEMA Meeting with the State of Michigan

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA [EXIT](#)) met with the State of Michigan in Lansing, MI, on August 18, 1999, to discuss the State's alternative approach to dose assessment during emergency situations associated with Michigan's three nuclear power plants (DC Cook, Palisades, and Fermi). Participants in the meeting included representatives from the Michigan Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, FEMA Headquarters, FEMA Region V, NRC Headquarters (Tom Essig and Falk Kantor, NRR/DIPM/IOLB), NRC Region III (Roland Lickus, RSLO, and Gary Shear, DRS/PSB), and the three licensees in Michigan. Michigan had revised its emergency plans to delete the capability to do an independent dose assessment based on plant data. The Michigan approach uses a qualitative assessment of the utility's plant data, dose projections, and protective action recommendations in the State Emergency Operations Center by a Technical Support Group which includes a plant liaison person, a State health physics representative, and a health physics liaison person from an unaffected utility. The State also performs dose calculations at its Field Team Center based on actual readings from State radiological field monitoring teams when this information becomes available following a release from the plant. FEMA had reviewed the State plans (first revised in 1997) and evaluated several exercises but did not find the State's alternative approach acceptable. FEMA's position is that a State should perform independent dose projections based on plant data and that Michigan's approach to do a qualitative review of utility information did not meet this standard. At the meeting, the State described its approach to accident assessment in detail. While Michigan has the capability to do quantitative dose assessments based on plant data, the State's position was that the quantitative dose assessment would distract them from doing a more comprehensive assessment of the situation at the plant. An agreement was reached which involves a commitment by the State to utilize its dose assessment capability at the Field Team Center to perform dose projections based on plant data before field measurements are available. FEMA indicated that with this modification, the State approach was acceptable. The NRC concurred in FEMA's assessment. The State is going to revise its emergency plans accordingly. Although the dose assessment capability can be demonstrated during the DC Cook exercise (scheduled for October of this year), the emergency plan change will not have been reviewed and approved by FEMA's Regional Assistance Committee by that time. It is expected that the demonstration of this capability in an approved emergency plan will occur during the Fermi 2 exercise in the Fall of 2000.

Reactor Oversight Process Improvements

The IIPB staff sponsored a counterpart meeting with the Regional Directors of the Division of Reactor Projects and Division of Reactor Safety on August 25, 1999, to discuss implementation issues with the oversight process pilot program, and other policy and program issues.

The next Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP) meeting is scheduled for November 16-17, 1999. Feedback from the PPEP meetings to date have been positive. The panel requested presentations on the criteria for measuring the pilot program from NRC, industry, and the public in the next meeting scheduled for November 16-17, 1999. The PPEP is chaired by Frank Gillespie, the Deputy Director of the Division of Inspection Program Management.

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TranStor Spent Fuel Storage and Shipping Cask Applications

The Spent Fuel Project Office notified BNFL Fuel Solutions (BFS) that, due to delays by BFS in responding to staff questions regarding the TranStor Storage and Shipping Cask applications, the staff must modify its review schedule for the applications. BFS is currently determining new dates for submitting all requested information. The staff will revise the review schedule when all of the requested information has been received from BFS.

Meeting with Connecticut Yankee

On August 25, 1999, staff from the Spent Fuel Project Office met with representatives of NAC International, Inc. (NAC) and Connecticut Yankee (CY) regarding CY's plans to pursue dry storage of spent fuel. CY has selected Bechtel as the decommissioning contractor, and has identified the NAC-MPC (storage cask) and the NAC-STC (transport cask) as the dual-purpose cask system to be used. The NAC-STC transport submittal will also address CY's Greater Than Class C waste. The meeting addressed the expected amendment submittals and design changes to the NAC-MPC and the NAC-STC, with submittal expected in January and March 2000, respectively.

Division Directors Meeting on the Revision of the Fuel Cycle Inspection Program

On August 25, 1999, the Director, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, and the Regional Division Directors, Divisions of Nuclear Materials, met with the Fuel Cycle Inspection Program Task Force to discuss the Task Force's draft document on a proposed revision of the fuel cycle facility safety inspection program. This meeting took place at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters. The Division Directors determined that additional effort was required before coordination with stakeholders. A previously planned public meeting with the stakeholders has been postponed and will be rescheduled in the near future.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Public Meeting on Debris Transport Test Program

On August 18th and 19th, staff from RES and NRR met in Albuquerque, NM, with representatives of Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the three pressurized water reactors owners groups (PWROGs) to discuss the NRC-sponsored debris transport test program. The debris transport test program is part of the Generic Safety Issue (GSI) 191 study. The purpose of the GSI-191 study is to determine whether debris accumulation in containment following a postulated loss-of-coolant accident in PWRs will prevent or impede the performance of the emergency core cooling system. The tests will be conducted at the University of New Mexico, and the attendees were given a tour of the test facility.

Los Alamos National Laboratory and the University of New Mexico (NRC's contractors) gave presentations on (1) the purpose of the test program, (2) the design of the test facility, (3) the application of test findings, and (4) the use of plant containment and sump design information provided by PWROGs through NEI. The draft test plan for the NRC-sponsored transport tests is available to stakeholders from the NRC's public document room.

NRC staff and representatives from the PWROGs also discussed the role the PWROGs may play in assessing the significance of debris blockages in PWRs. Currently, the PWROGs, through NEI, are coordinating the collection of containment and sump design information for use in the GSI-191 study. Representatives from various vendors and utilities (domestic and foreign) also attended and participated in this sixth public meeting on the GSI 191 study.

MOU Signed Between NRC and DOE on Cooperative Nuclear Safety Research

On August 16, 1999, Ashok C. Thadani, Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, met with William D. Magwood, IV, Director, DOE Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology and Madeline A. Feltus, Associate Director, Office of Technology, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NRC and DOE on Cooperative Nuclear Safety Research. The NRC and the DOE both conduct research associated with nuclear technology. Although the goals of the NRC and DOE research programs differ in many respects, the basic data and technical information obtained through joint research can be useful to each agency in appropriate cases. Accordingly, to conserve resources and to avoid duplication, it is in the best interest of both parties to cooperate and share information and costs related to such research, whenever such cooperation and cost sharing can be done in a mutually beneficial fashion. The MOU, which was signed by Ashok Thadani for the NRC and Madeline Feltus for the DOE, describes the guiding principles under which cooperative research programs between RES and DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology will be planned and conducted.

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Incident Response Operations
Items of Interest
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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATIONS:

1. PNO-II-99-031, T. A. Houston & Associates, Ltd, LOST OF MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE
2. PNO-II-99-032, Eastern Isotopes, Inc., POSSIBLE OVEREXPOSURE TO EMPLOYEES' EXTREMITIES AT RADIOPHARMACY
3. PNO-IV-99-037, Houston Lighting & Power Co., RESPONSE TO HURRICANE BRET

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Office of Administration
Items of Interest
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Nuclear Information and Resource Service; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-65)

A document that denies a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Nuclear Information and Resource Service was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1999 (64 FR 45900). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require the shutdown of nuclear facilities that are not compliant with date-sensitive, computer-related issues regarding the Year 2000 (Y2K).

Jeffery C. Angel; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-35-15)

A document that requests public comment on a petition for rulemaking submitted by Jeffery C. Angel was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1999 (64 FR 45907). The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations concerning the medical use of byproduct material to prohibit the hand-held administration of radiopharmaceuticals by injection and to require the use of the Angel Shield, a device to administer radioactive substances. The comment period for this action closes November 8, 1999.

Nuclear Information and Resource Service; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-66)

A document that denies a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Nuclear Information and Resource Service was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1999 (64 FR 45909). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require every nuclear utility to conduct a full-scale emergency planning exercise that involves coping with a date-sensitive, computer-related failure resulting from a Year 2000 issue (Y2K).

Nuclear Information and Resource Service; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-67)

A document that denies a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Nuclear Information and Resource Service was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1999 (64 FR 45911). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require that nuclear facilities ensure the availability of electricity to power atomic reactor and other nuclear facility safety systems in the event of a date-sensitive, computer-related incident resulting from a Year 2000 issue (Y2K).

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: (NAC-MPC) Addition (Part 72)

A proposed rule that would add the NAC International Multi-Purpose Canister (NAC-MPC) cask system to the list of approved spent fuel storage casks was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1999 (64 FR 45916). The amendment would allow holders of nuclear power plant operating licenses to store spent fuel in the NAC-MPC cask system under a general license. The comment period for this action closes November 8, 1999.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: (TN-68) Addition (Part 72)

A proposed rule that would add the Transnuclear TN-68 cask system to the list of approved spent fuel storage casks was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1999 (64 FR 45920). The amendment would allow holders of nuclear power plant operating licenses to store spent fuel in the TN-68 cask system under a general license. The comment period for this action closes November 8, 1999.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: (TN-32) Addition (Part 72)

A proposed rule that would add the Transnuclear TN-32 cask system to the list of approved spent fuel storage casks was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1999 (64 FR 45922). The amendment would allow holders of nuclear power plant operating licenses to store spent fuel in the TN-32 cask system under a general license. The comment period for this action closes November 8, 1999.

Public Meeting on 10 CFR Part 70 Rulemaking Activities (Part 70)

A document announcing a public meeting concerning the proposed changes to the regulations governing the licensing of special nuclear material was published in the Federal Register on August 25, 1999 (64 FR 46319). The public meeting will be held September 14-15, 1999.

Contract Award

Contract NRC-33-99-172 was awarded to Qualex International on August 20, 1999, for the document duplication services for the NRC's Public Document Room. The total contract value is \$1,483,963.00 for a two-year base period and one option year. Initiatives included Use of Oral Presentations.

Focused Source Selection Test Plan

On August 26, 1999, DCPM staff met with representatives of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) to discuss the Focused Source Selection test plan. This planned process is the first selected by OFPP to test alternative and innovative procurement procedures authorized by the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act. Under Focused Source Selection, comments on draft statements of work will be solicited on the Internet and concurrently, the most promising interested sources will be identified; the three most highly rated sources will develop technical and cost proposals; and negotiations will be held with the top rated proposer. The NRC expects to achieve time savings, cost savings, and increased customer satisfaction on the part of both NRC program offices and private companies doing business with the NRC through the use of this source selection innovation.

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Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the 5-Day Period of August 20, 1999 through August 26, 1999:

DPO, Final Decision, re "...Amendment No. 7 to Chemetron's License for Bert Avenue," memo from W. Travers dated 6/21/99.	(FOIA/PA 99-335)
Naturita Mill, Naturita, CO, hazardous waste records.	(FOIA/PA 99-336)
Blessing Ditch Plant, Naturita, CO, hazardous waste records.	(FOIA/PA 99-337)
Mexican Hat Mill, Mexican Hat, UT, hazardous waste records.	(FOIA/PA 99-338)
Employee handbooks/guidance re orientation, work schedules, pay, benefits, and conduct.	(FOIA/PA 99-339)
OI reports: 1-96-034, 1-96-007, 1-96-014, & 1-96-048.	(FOIA/PA 99-340)
GNM & Assoc. Inc., contract GS1195EGD0016, marble facade inspection of 11555 Rockville Pike.	(FOIA/PA 99-341)
Self, radiation exposure records.	(FOIA/PA 99-342)

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
BANOVAC, Kristina	GENERAL ENGINEER INTERN	NMSS
KEE, Gregory	BRANCH CHIEF	OCIO
LAWRENCE, Edward	REACTOR ENGINEER	RI
SASO, Adeline	SECRETARY (OA)	RIII
SOLORIO, Ilka	HR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	HR
ST. AMOUR, Nornam	LEGAL INTERN	OGC
WEAVER, Judith	HEALTH PHYSICIST	RIV
WILLCOXON, Robert	PROGRAM ANALYST	OCFO
Retirements		
GILLILAND, Joe	ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	OPA
KREEGER, Hellan	SECRETARY (OA)	RII
LANHAM, Donald	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	OCIO
SCOTT, Earline	RECORDS MANAGEMENT ASST	RII
WITT, Nancy	OFFICE ASSISTANT	RII
Departures		
HENRY, Alvin	SUMMER TECHNICAL INTERN	NRR

JAWARE, Leonard	SUMMER AIDE CLERK	ADM
LAHAIE, Brian	SUMMER MANAGEMENT INTERN	OCIO
LEUNG, Christine	SUMMER CLERICAL	OIP
PARK, Albert	SUMMER TECHNICAL INTERN	NRR
STRZELEC, Amanda	SUMMER TECHNICAL INTERN	RI
THAKER, Vivek	SUMMER TECHNICAL INTERN	NRR

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

Mal Knapp appeared on ABC News with Peter Jennings regarding recycling of radioactive materials. A reporter from The Keene (N.H.) Sentinel also inquired about this issue.

Gary Holahan, NRR, discussed probabilistic risk assessment at reactors with a reporter at The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer.

Vermont Yankee protestors received press attention when they demonstrated against nuclear energy at the plant.

There was media interest in the proposed purchase of Florida Progress Corp. by Carolina Power & Light.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
99-181	NRC Issues License Amendment to Kerr-McGee to Authorize Remediation of Cushing, Oklahoma Site
99-182	Note to Editors: ACRS meetings
Regions:	
I-99-70	NRC Proposes Second Fine Against Pennsylvania Man for Possessing Nuclear Gauges Without License
I-99-71	NRC Staff to Hold Performance Review Meeting for Pilgrim Plant
I-99-72	NRC Bans Former Executive of New Jersey Company from Licensed Activities for Three Years
IV-99-29	Ellis Merschoff, NRC Regional Administrator, to Hold Press Conference in Richland
IV-99-30	NRC Monitors Hurricane Bret

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Office of International Programs
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Bilateral Agreement Information Exchange

OIP is working with the nuclear regulatory authorities of Brazil, Italy, and South Africa to reach agreement on the renewal texts of our bilateral information exchange and general cooperation arrangements and with the Executive Branch to secure U.S. interagency clearance. The staff hopes to have all details settled in time for Chairman Dicus to sign the renewals for NRC on the margins of the IAEA General Conference in Vienna next month.

Visit of Senior Researcher of the Korean Institute of Nuclear Safety

OIP coordinated and participated in the August 24 visit of Mr. Seung-Haeng Lee, Senior Researcher in the Radiation and Waste Safety Evaluation Department of the Korean Institute of Nuclear Safety (KINS). Mr. Lee met with Bill Brach and Tim McGinty of the Spent Fuel Project Office, NMSS, to

discuss transportation and storage cask issues; with Jim Kennedy of the Division of Waste Management, NMSS, to discuss high integrity containers; and with Donna Chaney of OIP to discuss possible NRC training assignments for KINS personnel.

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Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject	
Decision Documents			
1.	SECY-99-173	7/2/99	Denial of Petitions for Rulemaking Submitted by the Nuclear Information and Resource Service
	SRM on 99-173	8/10/99	(same)
	Commission Voting Record on 99-173	8/10/99	(same)
2.	SECY-99-174	7/6/99	Final Rule: Expand Applicability of 10 CFR Part 72 to Holders of, and Applicants for, Certificates of Compliance, and their Contractors and Subcontractors
	M990825	8/25/99	(same)
	Commission Voting Record on 99-174	8/25/99	(same)
3.	SECY-99-193	7/26/99	Cost Estimates for Completion of Formerly Terminated NRC Licensed Sites Program
	SRM on 99-193	8/25/99	(same)
	Commission Voting Record on 99-193	8/25/99	(same)
4.	Correction Notice to SECY-99-193	8/26/99	Cost Estimates for Completion of Formerly Terminated NRC Licensed Sites Program
Negative Consent Papers			
1.	SECY-99-178	7/9/99	Treatment of Voluntary Initiatives in Regulatory Analyses
	SRM on 99-178	8/26/99	(same)
	Commission Voting Record on 99-178	8/26/99	(same)
Information Papers			
1.	SECY-99-208	8/11/99	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending August 6, 1999
Memoranda			
1:	M990805	8/25/99	Staff Requirements - Briefing on EEO Program (SECY-99-190), Thursday, August 5, 1999
2:	M990729B	8/26/99	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Implementation of the License Termination Rule and Program on Complex Decommissioning Cases, Thursday, July 29, 1999

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Markey, dated August 19, 1999, concerns information regarding the findings of an Office of Investigations investigation involving the North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation's Seabrook Station.
2. Letter to Olexander Smyshliaiev, Chairman, State Nuclear Regulatory administration of Ukraine, dated August 18, 1999, concerns NRC's participation in the International Consultative Committee of Regulatory Bodies.
3. Letters to Congress, dated August 17, 1999, transmitting monthly report on the status of NRC's licensing and regulatory duties, which covers the month of July.

4. Additional letters to Congress dated August 17, 1999, regarding the Commission's concerns of the proposed funding reductions in HR 2605 and language in its accompanying report (House Report 106-253) regarding the status of NRC activities for consideration by the House/Senate Conference Committee (previous letters dated August 13, 1999).
5. Letter to Dr B John Garrick, Chairman, ACNW, dated August 16, 1999, concerns ACNW's self-assessment evaluation for fiscal year 1998.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Severe Accident Management; Notice of Meeting on September 16 and 17, 1999.
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting on September 15 and 16, 1999.
3. 10 CFR Part 51; Changes to Requirements for Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses; Final Rule.
4. 10 CFR Part 51; Changes to Requirements for Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses to Include Consideration of Certain Transportation Impacts, Availability of Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

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Region I
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ISFSI Initiation of Spent Fuel Transfer at Susquehanna in September 1999

The Susquehanna nuclear plant, owned by Pennsylvania Power and Light (PP&L) and located on the Susquehanna River near Berwick, PA, is conducting a dry run during August of the process to move spent fuel from the spent fuel pool to a dry fuel storage pad located within the plant boundary. Upon successful demonstration of the equipment, procedures and preparation of the crews involved in the work, the PP&L spent fuel project team plans to initiate the first fuel transfer to the storage location in early September.

Alfonso DeLeo, Jr.

The license issued to Mr. Alfonso DeLeo, Jr. was suspended for non-payment of fees on February 12, 1996. Since the licensee failed to dispose of two portable gauges containing licensed material, a civil penalty was proposed on June 2, 1999. The licensee was contacted by telephone on August 23, 1999, and stated that he is still in possession of and is still in the process of finding a buyer for the two gauges. The licensee was informed that an Order imposing civil penalties for possession of licensed material beyond the 30-day grace period allowed by the NRC's June 2, 1999 letter was being issued. The Order was faxed to the licensee and a hard copy was mailed.

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Region II
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Duke Energy Corporation - McGuire Emergency Exercise

On August 24, 1999, Region II participated in an emergency exercise. The Site and Base Teams also participated.

Operational Safeguards Readiness Evaluation (OSRE) St. Lucie

On August 23 - 26, 1999, Region II participated in an OSRE at St. Lucie. This was the second of the two OSREs to be conducted in Region II under the Reinstated OSRE Program. The Regional Administrator, the Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Safety and the Chief, Operator Licensing Human Performance and Plant Support Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, also participated in the evaluation.

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Region III
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Presentation of Senior Reactor Operator Certificates

On August 24, 1999, Region III Regional Administrator Jim Dyer presented certificates in Joliet, Illinois, to three senior reactor operators who were administered the NRC licensing examination at the Braidwood Nuclear Power Station.

Commissioner Merrifield Tours D. C. Cook Nuclear Power Station

On August 26, 1999, NRC Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield and NRC Region III Regional Administrator Jim Dyer toured the D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Station, located near Bridgman, Michigan.

Commissioner Merrifield Tours Palisades Nuclear Power Plant

On August 27, 1999, NRC Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield and NRC Region III Regional Administrator Jim Dyer toured the Palisades Nuclear Power Station, located near South Haven, Michigan.

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Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, No. 31

OCA CONTACT	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Gerke	TBA SD-342	TBA	Markup	S. 59, S. 1244: Regulatory Reform bills	Senators Thompson/Lieberman Governmental Affairs
Gerke	TBA	TBA	Markup	H.R. 2445, Federalism Accountability Act	Reps. Burton/Waxman Government Reform
Combs	TBA SD-406	10:00	Markup	S. 1090, Superfund Reauthorization	Senators Chafee/Baucus Environment & Public Works
Portner	09/23/99 TBA	TBA	Commission	NRC Authorization	Senators Inhofe/Graham Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property & Nuclear Safety Environment & Public Works

Note: Congress will return from August recess on September 8.