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ENCLOSURE A

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 Items of Interest
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2000 Safeguards Counterparts Meeting

On September 19-21, 2000, NRR held the 2000 Safeguards Counterparts Meeting in the NRC's Two White Flint North offices. Attendees included representatives from NRR, NMSS, NRC regional offices, OGC, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Topics discussed included safeguards related areas regarding the NRC Re-Evaluation of Part 73, Access Authorization, Licensing Issues and Safeguards Performance Assessment, Definition of Core Damage, Safety Systems, Structures, and Components. The Operational Safeguards Response Evaluation (OSRE) and Rules of Engagement on conducting the second phase of OSREs were discussed thoroughly in the development of target sets, tactical response strategies, scenario development, and exercise observation with exercise realism and artificialities.

Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee

On September 20, 2000, staff of the Emergency Preparedness and Health Physics Section, represented NRR at a meeting of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC). The FRPCC is chaired by FEMA and consists of 15 agencies that assist FEMA in providing policy direction to State and local governments on matters concerning radiological emergency planning and response. The agenda items included an update of FEMA's strategic review and an initiative to increase Federal participation in post plume exercises.

Reactor Oversight Process

On September 20-21, 2000, the Inspection Program Branch (IIPB) conducted another of a continuing series of public meetings with NEI's working group on the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP). Key issues discussed included a proposal for removing fault exposure hours from the Safety System Unavailability Performance Indicator; a status report on the two performance indicators associated with the initiating events cornerstone pilot study; the process for approval and posting Frequently Asked Questions on the Web; discussion of draft Manual Chapter 0608, Performance Indicator Program; discussion of the proposed Operator Requalification Human Performance Significance Determination Process; and a status report on the Cross-Cutting Issues Working Group. The next public meeting with NEI on the ROP is scheduled for October 31, 2000.

The IIPB staff revised and issued inspection procedure [IP 50001](#), "Steam Generator Replacement Inspection," to include the use of certain baseline inspection activities, revise inspection resources requirements, delete inspection of certain programmatic aspects and incorporate comments from the regions. Inspection procedure [IP 71111.05](#), "Fire Protection," also has been revised to address industry and internal concerns regarding associated circuits (i.e., multiple hot shorts). The revision effectively removes such issues from the inspection scope until industry develops a methodology for testing and analyzing circuit behavior during a fire. This industry initiative process will be reviewed by the NRC and is expected to be completed within a year.

License Renewal Public Workshop

On September 25, 2000, the NRC held a public workshop in the Two White Flint auditorium to discuss improved license renewal guidance that was issued for public comment in August. This guidance, which was developed in response to an issue raised during the initial renewal reviews regarding the adequacy of existing programs to manage aging effects ([SECY-99-148](#)), consists of Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) report, an updated standard review plan for license renewal, and a draft regulatory guide that proposes to endorse an industry guide on the contents of a renewal application ([DG-1104](#)).

The meeting participants provided valuable comments that will help the staff to further improve and clarify the renewal guidance. Suggestions included clarifying the relationship to the inspection program, improving the GALL format, future GALL updates, and clarifying necessary aging management program attributes, particularly with respect to equally acceptable alternative programs for older and newer plants.

The feedback obtained from the workshop will be useful in preparing a detailed plan for responding to expected formal comments, revising the guidance, and presenting the revised guidance to the Commission for approval. A Commission briefing is scheduled on December 5, 2000 to present the stakeholder comments. Final guidance is scheduled to be presented to the Commission for approval by April 2001.

Availability of NUREG-1307, Revision 9, "Report on Waste Burial Charges"

[Revision 9 to NUREG-1307](#), "Report on Waste Burial Charges," is being published. Nuclear power reactor licensees are required, per [10 CFR 50.75](#), to adjust annually the estimated decommissioning costs of their nuclear facilities in order to ensure adequate funds are available for decommissioning. The regulation references NUREG-1307 as the appropriate source for obtaining the adjustment factor for waste burial/disposition costs; this Revision 9 of NUREG-1307 provides current waste burial costs at the Washington and South Carolina disposal sites. In addition, this revision provides costs for low-level radioactive waste disposition using waste vendors. Licensees can factor these costs into the adjustment formula, as specified in [10 CFR 50.75\(c\)\(2\)](#), to determine the minimum decommissioning fund requirement for their nuclear facilities.

ENCLOSURE B

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Part 40 Jurisdictional Working Group Meeting

A meeting of the Part 40 jurisdictional working group was held September 20-21, 2000, to explore the best approach to delineate the responsibilities of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and other regulatory agencies regarding source materials with low concentrations of uranium and thorium. Interagency participants included: state of Colorado (representing the Organization of Agreement States and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The participants agreed that an interagency working group is an appropriate venue to identify the path to proceed with regulation of source material which is currently exempt from regulation

and could pose a risk to the public or workers. The working group provided comments on the draft charter. The meeting was open for public observation and several members of the public attended, including industry representatives.

Observation of a Joint Department of Energy-Russian Inspection

During the period September 18-25, 2000, a representative of the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards observed and participated in a joint material control and accounting (MC&A) inspection exercise conducted by the Department of Energy (DOE **EXIT**) and inspectors of the Russian regulatory agency, Gosatomnadzor (GAN), at the Argonne National Laboratory-West facility outside Idaho Falls, Idaho. The format of this exercise, which was conducted under a DOE-funded support program to GAN, was to compare the findings noted by both sets of inspectors during the inspection conducted the previous week, and to discuss related MC&A issues. The NRC was invited by DOE to observe the exercise to determine the possibility of future NRC involvement in similar future activities under the Material Protection, Control, and Accounting Interagency Agreement with DOE, signed by NRC on July 7, 2000.

Touring the French Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility at Marcoule and the Reprocessing Plant at La Hague

From September 18-22, 2000, staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and Region II toured the French mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility at Marcoule, and the reprocessing plant at La Hague. Staff members were able to see the mixed oxide fuel fabrication systems and the plutonium scrap recovery systems that will be similar to the operations to be used in the proposed mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility to be constructed at the Savannah River site.

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Licensee Performance Review

On September 26, 2000, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and Region II management met with Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS), in Erwin, Tennessee, to discuss the licensee's performance during the last six months. NFS discussed several program initiatives to improve their performance. These included an event tracking system, safety-related management programs, a safety compliance enhancement action plan, a commitment tracking system, and a quality assurance audit program. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will continue to monitor the licensee's performance and will review performance at the end of the current Licensee Performance Review period in early 2001.

Meeting of the West Valley Citizen Task Force

On September 25, 2000, staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and the Office of the General Counsel participated (via videoconference) in a meeting of the West Valley Citizen Task Force. The Department of Energy (DOE) Ohio Field Office and the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA) gave an update on the status of the ongoing DOE/NYSERDA negotiations concerning completion of the West Valley environmental impact statement (EIS). The two organizations have come to tentative agreement on many issues, except those addressing stewardship and long-term monitoring. Because of delays experienced in the EIS process and the prolonged time estimate for completing the existing EIS process, DOE has decided it must now prioritize its near-term responsibilities under the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Act from the environmental restoration and stewardship decision-making that involves the NRC and NYSERDA. DOE presented its plan describing the DOE EIS path forward. DOE will produce a Waste Management and Decontamination EIS which will enable current site waste to be shipped off site and WVDP facility decontamination to begin. Stewardship and long-term monitoring issues will be addressed in a second EIS, called the Decommissioning EIS. DOE stated that the Decommissioning EIS will thoroughly evaluate WVDP closure alternatives in accordance with NRC decommissioning criteria and NRC will be a cooperating agency in its development.

Meeting of Connecticut Yankee Decommissioning Advisory Committee

On September 19, 2000, the NRC staff attended a meeting of the Connecticut Yankee (Haddam Neck) Community Decommissioning Advisory Committee (CDAC). The meeting was held to discuss the proposed spent fuel storage facility and the visit by CDAC members to a similar facility at the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Michigan. CDAC meetings are open to the public. The NRC staff briefly summarized the agenda for the License Termination Plan meetings to be held on October 17, 2000, and invited the CDAC members to attend the November 8-9, 2000, Decommissioning Workshop to be held at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

Meeting with the Stepan Company

On September 26, 2000, staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards met with representatives of the Stepan Company to discuss the status of the decommissioning plans for the Stepan Maywood facilities. Stepan staff provided a brief review of the site historical activities including: the previous owner; the Maywood Chemical Works; a 1985 Cooperative Agreement between the Department of Energy (DOE) and Stepan; DOE's commitment to clean the site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP); transfer of the FUSRAP activity to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in 1997; and Stepan's current activities regarding coordination with USACE for site remediation.

NRC staff indicated that one option under consideration is to suspend the active Source Material license for the site (place it in abeyance) while USACE completes the site remediation. Under this approach, subsequent to remediation, NRC would reinstate the license, review the site cleanup and, if appropriate, terminate the license.

Low-Level Waste Forum Meeting

On September 26-27, 2000, NRC staff participated in a meeting of the Low-Level Waste (LLW) Forum held in Lansing,

Michigan. The NRC staff made presentations on the following topics: 1) recent Commission decisions on developing a new 10 CFR Part 41 that will codify revised criteria for disposal of wastes other than 11e.(2) byproduct material in tailings impoundments; 2) the greater than Class C low-level waste rulemaking; 3) NRC support for the National Academy of Sciences study on low-activity radioactive waste; and 4) the generic environmental impact statement revision for decommissioning. The LLW Forum is addressing how to fund future work, including periodic meetings of the Forum, since the Department of Energy does not expect to fund their program after this calendar year.

Highlights of the 121st ACNW Meeting in Las Vegas

On September 19-20, 2000, staff from the Division of Waste Management attended the 121st meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The staff first provided the ACNW with presentations on the overall process for resolving the Key Technical Issues (KTI), the meaning of KTI "closure", and the status of closed issues in the Unsaturated and Saturated Flow Under Isothermal Conditions KTI and the Igneous Activity KTI. The staff made it clear that closure means that the staff has determined that DOE has enough information so that the NRC could docket the application and make a licensing finding. In its review of the upcoming DOE sufficiency report, the NRC must determine if there will be enough information. Therefore, closure of KTIs provides a way to demonstrate that sufficient information is, or will be, available for licensing. The ACNW also heard various progress reports for the Yucca Mountain project, with emphasis on the Chlorine-36 and fluid inclusion studies.

The ACNW heard comments from various stakeholders including the state of Nevada, Affected Units of Local Government, a representative of the Western Shoshone tribe, and U.S. Representative Shelley Berkley. One area of concern related to problems in communicating with the NRC. These ranged from problems in accessing information from the NRC web site, to concerns as to "which NRC" was the one to talk to (i.e., Why are transportation of high level waste, licensing of a temporary high level waste storage site in Utah, and the Yucca Mountain project all under different groups?). Other areas of concern included the difference between NRC's Sufficiency and Licensing reviews, socioeconomic impacts associated with the proposed repository, the transportation of spent fuel, and the need to involve the public throughout the sufficiency and licensing process.

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Office of Administration
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Contract Award

On September 25, 2000, the Division of Contracts and Property Management awarded contract no. NRC-04-00-041 entitled, "Review and Analysis of Accident Sequence Precursors (ASP)," to EQE International, Inc. The purpose of the contract is to assess operating experience and document potential core damage operating events or plant conditions that significantly impact risk for feedback to the NRC regulatory process. The contract amount is \$2.3 million for a three-year base period and a one-year option. The following streamlining measures were used: waiver of the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) notice, simplified evaluation criteria, and limited the Source Evaluation Panel (SEP) to two members.

Staff Meetings Open to the Public: Final Policy Statement

A document that amends the NRC's policy statement concerning staff meetings open to the public was published in the Federal Register on September 20, 2000 (65 FR [EXIT](#) 56965). Under the amended policy statement, the NRC will announce meetings between the NRC staff and one or more outside persons that are open to public observation via the Internet from the NRC Web site and discontinue the current practices used to announce these meetings. The policy statement became effective September 20, 2000.

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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 September 22, 2000 through September 28, 2000:

Sharon Harris plant, CP&L, spent fuel pool, Event Report #37036, shielding deficiency, etc. related to Holtec International.	(FOIA/PA-2000-0369)
NUREGs, "Assessment of Environmental Qualification Practices & ... LOCA Test Results" and "The U.S. NRC & How It Works."	(FOIA/PA-2000-0370)
Self, all records.	(FOIA/PA-2000-0371)

Self, allegation file.	(FOIA/PA-2000-0372)
Named individuals, OI report numbers 1-1998-029 & 1-1999-027.	(FOIA/PA-2000-0373)
Three Mile Island, evacuation of a prison in Lewisburg, PA, due to effects of radioactive fallout, 1/31/91.	(FOIA/PA-2000-0374)
FOIA Case Log, 8/1/2000 to present.	(FOIA/PA-2000-0375)
Named individuals, OI case 4-1998-025, depositions & letter re incidents of investigation.	(FOIA/PA-2000-0376)

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Chief Financial Officer
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NRC's Strategic Plan

The Commission's FY 2000-2005 Strategic Plan has been completed and is currently at the printers. Each NRC employee will receive a copy of the plan by October 13, 2000. The Strategic Plan identifies the agency's strategic and performance goals, their associated strategies and measures, and corporate management strategies. The Strategic Plan Appendix covers these topics more comprehensively and includes additional material required by the Government Performance and Results Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-11.

ENCLOSURE I

Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
ARONSON, Laurence	AUDIO VISUAL PRODUCTION SPECIALIST	ADM
CHAWLA, Mahesh	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
COMPTON, Guy	COMPUTER SPECIALIST	RIV
GOSHEN, John	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
HAYES, Audrey	HEALTH PHYSICIST	NRR
Departures		
GILL, Amira*	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
HAMPTON, Newsome**	SENIOR ATTORNEY	OGC
KARCAGI, Kim***	SUMMER CLERICAL	NRR
LANGE, David****	SR. REGIONAL COORDINATOR	EDO
RAY, Taka	SUMMER CLERK	RIII
WACHTEL, Jerry	SR. ENGINEERING PSYCHOLOGIST	RES
WEBBER, Robert*****	SR. CONTRACT SPECIALIST	ADM

*Effective 8/25/00
 **Effective 9/9/00
 ***Effective 8/16/00
 ****Effective 8/24/00
 *****Effective 8/12/00

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

Commissioner Diaz was interviewed by a reporter from a radio station in North Carolina during his visit to the Brunswick plant.

One reporter attended the working level meeting at the USEC gaseous diffusion facility in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
00-145	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet in Rockville, Maryland, on October 5-7
00-146	NRC Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes to Meet in Rockville, Maryland, on November 8-9
Regions:	
II-00-55	NRC Commissioner to Visit Two North Carolina Nuclear Facilities
III-00-51	NRC Staff Proposes \$2,750 Fine Against Indiana Pharmacy
III-00-52	NRC Chairman to Speak at NRC-Utility Workshop October 3-4
III-00-53	NRC to Hold Public Workshop October 5 on Handling of Discrimination Complaints

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Office of the Secretary
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	Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents			
1.	SRM on SECY-00-0145	9/27/00	Integrated Rulemaking Plan for Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning
Negative Consent Documents			
1.	SECY-00-0173	8/11/00	Removal of the Watertown Mall Area from the Site Decommissioning Management Plan
	SRM on SECY-00-0173	8/30/00	(same)
	Comm. McGaffigan's comments on 00-0173	8/16/00	(same)
2.	SECY-00-0172	8/10/00	Removal of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company's Kerrick Site from the Site Decommissioning Management Plan
	SRM on 00-0172	8/31/00	(same)
	Comm. McGaffigan's comments on 00-0172	8/16/00	(same)
Information Papers			
1.	SECY-00-0200	9/22/00	SECY-00-0200 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending September 15, 2000
2.	SECY-00-0202	9/28/00	SECY-00-0202 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending September 22, 2000
3.	SECY-00-0164	7/31/00	Licensing Support Network Program Administration - Semiannual Report

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress dated September 14, 2000, concerns lessons learned from the initial license renewal reviews and the actions taken to ensure that the 2-year timetable will be sustained and improved upon for future license renewal applicants
2. Letter to Senator Domenici dated September 14, 2000, concerns evaluation of shipping containers used to transport transuranic wastes to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
3. Letter to John Hadder, Northern Nevada Coordinator, Citizen Alert, dated September 14, 2000, concerns the Yucca Mountain Project
4. Letter to Mary Lampert dated September 13, 2000, concerns consideration of the use of potassium iodide as a supplemental action for protection of the public
5. Letter to Professor Harold Lewis, University of California, Santa Barbara, dated September 13, 2000, concerns meeting between the NRC staff and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration staff on the subject of probabilistic risk

analysis

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Reactor Oversight Process Initial Implementation Evaluation Panel; Notice of Establishment
 2. ACRS Subcommittee on Fire Protection; Notice of Meeting
 3. [10 CFR Parts 1, 2 and 13](#); Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation; Miscellaneous Administrative Changes; Final Rule
 4. [NUREG-1600] Revision of the NRC Enforcement Policy
 5. ACRS Meeting of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee; Revised
 6. ACRS Subcommittee on Reactor Fuels; Notice of Meeting
 7. ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal; Notice of Meeting
 8. Molycorp, Inc. (Site Decommissioning Plan); Docket No. 40-8778-MLA-2; Notice of Hearing
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ENCLOSURE P

Region I
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Indian Point Unit 2

On September 26, 2000, Region I conducted a Regulatory Conference with Consolidated Edison, (Con Ed), licensee for the Indian Point 2 reactor, relative to the preliminary Red inspection finding deficiencies concerning the 1997 Indian Point 2 steam generator inspection program. These deficiencies are documented in Inspection Report 2000-010, dated August 31, 2000. OGC, OE, and NRR engineering, program and projects organizations provided strong support to Region I in conducting the Regulatory Conference.

Con Edison presented a plant specific analysis for steam generator tube failure initiating event frequency, using actual steam generator tube conditions and statistical methods. They also provided a plant specific conditional containment failure probability for steam generator tube rupture events. Using the plant specific initiating event frequency and conditional containment failure probability, Con Edison concluded that the significance determination process results in a Yellow finding. The NRC requested that Con Edison provide additional details, within one week, to allow staff review of the analysis. The staff will complete a review of the analysis prior to issuance of the final Agency decision regarding the risk significance of these inspection findings.

During the conference Con Edison reiterated that the 1997 inspection had been conducted in accordance with the industry guidance that existed at the time. Con Edison did not specifically disagree with the inspection finding that significant adverse quality conditions were not identified, addressed, and accounted for during the 1997 steam generator inspection program.

Temple University-Recruitment

Region I visited Temple University on September 19, 2000, to discuss entry-level opportunities in the NRC. The Career Placement Office was provided with an NRC information package which included NRC employment orientation materials, vacancy announcements and position descriptions for student interns. A on-campus interview date was scheduled for November 15, 2000.

In addition to the visit with the Career Placement Office, a meeting was held with Dr. Steven Ridenour, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Engineering. Dr. Ridenour is responsible for the engineering work study program at Temple University. An NRC Student Career Experience Agreement (COOP) was signed which will enable Ms. Fatima Salaam, a minority female, to begin her work program with Region I during the Summer and Fall 2001 semesters. Ms. Salaam was previously employed as a Summer Technical Intern in the Division of Reactor Safety.

Dr. Ridenour asked if the NRC could have an NRC representative meet with engineering students to provide them with information about the mission of the NRC and employment opportunities. The meeting will be held in the near future.

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Region II
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Carolina Power and Light Company - Brunswick Site

On September 28, 2000, Commissioner Diaz visited the Brunswick nuclear plant. He toured the facility, met with the NRC resident inspectors and with licensee management. The Commissioner was accompanied by the Regional Administrator.

Global Nuclear Fuels-Americas, L.L.C. - (formerly General Electric)

On September 27, 2000, Commissioner Diaz and the Regional Administrator toured the Global Nuclear Fuels-Americas facility near Wilmington, North Carolina. The Commissioner and Regional Administrator also held discussions on fuel facility issues with licensee management.

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company - Summer Site

On September 25, 2000, Region II managers and staff met with representatives from South Carolina Electric and Gas Company. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss plans for a V. C. Summer October refueling outage and items of interest about plant performance.

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. - Mid-Cycle Performance

On September 26, 2000, the Regional Administrator and the Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety were at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., (NFS) facility in Erwin, Tennessee to lead a meeting with licensee management. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the licensee's performance from November 14, 1999, to June 30, 2000, and the results or outcomes achieved thus far in improving both the safety culture and regulatory compliance at the fuel facility.

Tennessee Valley Authority - Sequoyah Unit 1

On September 25, Sequoyah Unit 1 tripped following the loss of a main feedwater pump. After the trip, the licensee decided to bring the unit to cold shutdown to repair a reactor coolant pump that was experiencing elevated vibration. Later, the licensee experienced an identified leak from the reactor coolant system which briefly exceeded the criteria (of 25 gallons per minute) for declaration of an Unusual Event (NOUE); in accordance with licensee procedures, a NOUE was not declared. Instead it was reported to the NRC that the NOUE conditions had been met and resolved within 10 minutes. Region II inspectors will review the licensee's actions with implementation of its Emergency Plan during a scheduled baseline inspection the week of October 2.

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Region III
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Michigan and Ohio Public Meetings to Discuss Changes in Reactor Oversight

On September 27, 2000, Region III staff held a public meeting in Benton Harbor, Michigan, to discuss the NRC's reactor oversight process for the D.C. Cook plant, and in Oak Harbor, Ohio, to discuss the NRC's reactor oversight process for the Davis-Besse plant.

Public Meetings at D.C. Cook

On September 27, 2000, Region III staff members met with American Electric Power officials at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant near Bridgman, Michigan, in a morning public meeting to discuss the status of containment fan wall issues pertaining to Unit 1, and in an afternoon public meeting to discuss the status of Unit 1 restart preparations.

Mallinckrodt - Maryland Heights, Missouri, Predecisional Enforcement Conference

NRC officials met with officials from Mallinckrodt, Inc. in the Region III office for a September 28, 2000, predecisional enforcement conference. The conference was held to discuss the apparent violations of NRC regulations at the company's Maryland Heights, Missouri, facility regarding numerous overexposures. The conference was open to the public. Members of an augmented inspection team (AIT) were at the site in May 2000 to review the circumstances surrounding possible radiation exposures above NRC limits to several workers. The NRC also issued the company a confirmatory order June 22, 2000, requiring the company to improve its radiation protection and worker training programs as a result of the overexposures.

ENCLOSURE O

Office of the Executive Director for Operations
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NRC/NEI Senior Management Meeting

On September 26, 2000, senior management of the NRC and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) held a public meeting at NRC headquarters. Other attendees included representatives from public interest groups, the media, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and industry. Topics discussed included the Spent Fuel Pool Risk study, industry initiatives, steam generators,

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, No. 32

OCA CONTACT	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Combs	10/03/00 SD-406	9:30	EPA, GAO	Comparative Risk Assessment	Senators Smith/Baucus Environment & Public Works