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ENDING JUNE 27, 2003

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Items of Interest
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Exelon Nuclear Organization

On June 23, 2003, Jack Skolds, the Exelon Chief Nuclear Officer, announced the restructuring of the Exelon nuclear organization. The formal Regional Operating Groups - while still maintaining offices in Kennett Square, PA, and Cantera, IL - were eliminated. Consolidated functions were assigned to Chris Crane, as Chief Operating Officer. Crane will remain in the Cantera office. William Levis will move from Vice President, Limerick, to VP, MidAtlantic Operations, and report to Crane from Kennett Square. Ronald DeGregorio will replace Levis as Limerick VP. Chip Pardee will move to Sr. VP Nuclear Services and relocate to the Cantera office. Bill Bohlke will continue as an advisor to Skolds through 2004. Robert Braun will replace Joel Dimmette as VP Nuclear Oversight and remain at Kennett Square. Jeff Benjamin continues as VP Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and will take additional responsibility for Environmental Affairs. Rich Lopriore will move from Vice President, Byron, to the VP Operations Support. Lopriore will report to Crane from the Cantera office. Lopriore's replacement at Byron will be made in July. These changes will become effective by August 1, 2003.

Florida Power & Light Company

Armando Olivera has been appointed president of Florida Power & Light Company. He will report to Lew Hay, Chairman and CEO of FPL Group. Mr. Olivera previously served as senior vice president of power systems and is a 30-year veteran of the company. He succeeds Paul Evanson, who earlier this month departed the company to become chairman, president and CEO of Allegheny Energy.

NRC Information Notice 2003-07, Water in the Vent Header/Vent Line Spherical Junctions, dated June 24, 2003

The NRC is issuing this information notice to inform addressees that unanticipated standing water was found inside the spherical junctions ("bowls") of a Mark I primary containment (torus) at a BWR. The concern is that during a loss of coolant accident this standing water might cause the vent system thrust loads inside containment to exceed design basis limits. It is expected that recipients will review the information for applicability to their facilities and consider actions, as appropriate, to avoid similar problems.

NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2003-12, Clarification of NRC Guidance for Modifying Protective Actions, dated June 24, 2003

The NRC is issuing this regulatory issue summary to clarify the regulatory requirement that licensees develop and communicate an updated protective action recommendation (PAR) that takes into account previous PARs.

NRC Information Notice 2003-08, Potential Flooding Through Unsealed Concrete Floor Cracks, dated June 25, 2003

The NRC is issuing this information notice to inform addressees of observed flooding in a room containing safety-related panels and equipment as a result of fire water seepage through unsealed concrete floor cracks. It is expected that recipients will review the information for applicability to their facilities and consider actions as appropriate to avoid similar problems.

Staff Issues Ginna License Renewal Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Public Comment

On Wednesday, June 25, 2003, the staff issued draft Supplement 14 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 14, Regarding R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant" for public comment. The draft supplement includes the staff's preliminary analysis that considers and weighs the environmental effects of the proposed action, the environmental impacts of alternatives to the proposed action, and mitigative measures available for reducing or avoiding adverse impacts. It also includes the staff's preliminary recommendation that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Ginna are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decisionmakers would be unreasonable.

Copies of the supplement were filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which will publish a Notice of Filing regarding the draft supplement in the *Federal Register* on July 3, 2003. The notice will provide for a 75-day public comment period which will end on September 16, 2003. The staff has scheduled public meetings on August 7, 2003, in Ontario, New York, to present its analyses and to accept public comments on the draft supplement.

National Research Council Public Meeting

On June 23, 2003, a representative from Division of Inspection Program Management attended a public meeting associated with the ongoing National Research Council study entitled, "Assessment of Distribution and Administration of Potassium Iodide (KI) in the Event of a Nuclear Incident." The Council's Board on Radiation Effects Research intends to make recommendations to the President and Congress on: (1) the projected benefits and harms of a KI distribution program as part of a nuclear incident preparedness program; (2) the most effective and safe way to distribute and administer KI on a mass scale to prevent radiation effects; (3) the populations that should be included in the program; (4) the appropriate roles for local, State and Federal agencies in such a preparedness program; and, (5) any additional issues that need to be researched, resolved or addressed. Presentations were given on the history and procedures for the use of KI as a protective measure for the general public around fixed nuclear facilities (Dr. Ruth Hagstrom, State of Tennessee); educating professionals, the public and the media on KI (Dr. Jan Carney, State of Vermont); distribution of KI in the event of a nuclear incident (Dr. John Harrald, Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management, The George Washington University); and the benefits and risks of iodide prophylaxis in Poland after the Chernobyl reactor accident (Dr. Jan Wolff, National Institutes of Health).

Radiological Effluent Technical Specification / Radiological Effluent Monitoring Program Workshop

On June 23, 2003 a Division of Inspection Program Management Staff member participated in the annual Radiological Effluent Technical Specification/Radiological Effluent Monitoring Program (RETS/REMP) Workshop. Representatives from NRC Region I, Region II, and the nuclear industry were present. At this meeting, the staff gave a presentation on the attributes of the Radiological Assessment System for Consequence Analysis (RASCAL) computer modeling software, which is currently used by NRC, but not widely used in industry.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Meetings with Russian Federation Gosatomnadzor

On June 16-19, 2003, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) staff participated in a bilateral meeting in Moscow attended by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Russian Federation Gosatomnadzor (GAN). The purpose of the meeting was to review the status of GAN's contracts with DOE for supporting the plutonium disposition program's mixed-oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication facility. NMSS staff presented the status of U.S. MOX facility open items and responded to questions about NRC's fuel cycle facility licensing process. Future NRC workshops for GAN will be held as follows:

1. MOX fuel qualification: July 21-23, 2003;
2. MOX fuel-fabrication-facility electrical, instrument and controls, and human factor issues: July 28 - August 1, 2003; and
3. MOX fuel-fabrication-facility fire protection and chemical safety: October 2003.

DOE pays for all costs associated with the meeting, as well as NRC participation in GAN workshops, through a fully reimbursable agreement with NRC.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Issuance of the Common-cause Failure Event Insights Reports, NUREG/CR-6819, Volumes 1 through 4

The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) has published final reports on common-cause failure (CCF) insights for emergency diesel generators, pumps, motor-operated valves, and circuit breakers. These reports provide CCF trends and engineering insights for each of the four risk-important components for the period 1980 through 2000. This effort was undertaken to systematically identify risk-informed insights and to provide feedback to the regulatory process and is part of an ongoing program on risk-based analysis of reactor operating experience.

The studies in these reports were intended to take a look beyond the quantitative CCF parameter estimates so as to gain a better understanding of why CCF events occur and what measures may be taken to prevent, or at least mitigate the effects of, CCF events. These reports include engineering insights that may be used to improve the risk perspective of inspection activities in areas such as failure causes, coupling factors, detection methods, and subsystems that contribute most to CCF events. These reports support the strategic goals of maintaining safety; improving regulatory effectiveness, efficiency, and realism; reducing unnecessary burden; and increasing public confidence.

NUREG/CR-6819 is available in ADAMS: Volume 1 is ML031710318; Volume 2 is ML031710328; Volume 3 is ML0317103336; and Volume 4 is ML031710861. In addition, the reports are available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/contract/cr6819/>.

Funding of a National Academy of Engineering Grant on Accident Precursors

The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research has provided partial funding for a National Academy of Engineering (NAE) project on "Accident Precursors." This project is also supported by the National Science Foundation and the Public Entity Risk Institute. The project will document and promote industrial and scientific approaches for detecting, analyzing, and benefitting from knowledge of accident precursors. The project committee includes members from universities, NAE, Sigma Xi, and industry. As part of the project, a two-day workshop will be held on July 17-18, 2003, in Washington, DC. Fields represented will include nuclear, aviation, chemical, transportation, and health care industries.

Nuclear Security and Incident Response
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Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee Meeting

The Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response participated with representatives from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in a meeting of the Federal Response Subcommittee of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC) at FEMA Headquarters on June 26, 2003. The meeting was chaired by FEMA and the purpose was to develop an addendum to the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan to reflect issuance of the initial National Response Plan, as required by Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) - 5. Participants outlined a draft addendum during the meeting and FEMA representatives will prepare the addendum for subcommittee review. The subcommittee's addendum will be presented to the full FRPCC for approval at the meeting on July 30, 2003.

National Response Plan

The Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) participated in the first meeting of the newly established Federal interagency working group on the National Response Plan (NRP) on June 25, 2003. This working group is chartered by, and reports to, the Homeland Security Council (HSC) Domestic Threat Response & Incident Management Policy Coordinating Committee. The group is tasked with Federal-level interagency review, discussion, comment, and recommendations on the draft (May 15, 2003) NRP prepared by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The meeting was chaired by a representative of HSC and attended by DHS and most other agencies that have a role in emergency response. DHS representatives briefed attendees on the draft NRP and the working group chair, a representative of the Department of Agriculture, addressed the process by which the group will accomplish its task within the condensed schedule. NSIR will participate in working group activities scheduled throughout July 2003.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-III-03-026A, Exelon Generation Company - CRACKS DISCOVERED IN THE UNIT 2 STEAM DRYER - UPDATE.
2. PNO-III-03-028, Good Shepherd Hospital - MEDICAL EVENT (UNDERDOSE).
3. PNO-I-03-017A, Union Memorial Hospital - UPDATE ON DRIVE MECHANISM MALFUNCTION OF AN INTRAVASCULAR BRACHYTHERAPY DEVICE DURING PATIENT TREATMENT.
4. PNO-III-03-029, Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant - END OF STRIKE.

Office of Administration
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Acquisition Training for Project Managers

During the week of June 16, 2003, all five mandatory Project Manager workshops were presented, resulting in 32 participants completing the requirements for Project Manager certification. Two of the five workshops were conducted by NRC staff, one by the Division of Contracts for 32 participants, and one by the Office of the General Counsel for 27 participants. The remaining three workshops were presented by a contractor.

On June 25, 2003, Division of Contracts and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research staff conducted the Acquisition for Project Manager's Property Management workshop for 11 participants.

Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material; Public Meeting (Part 71)

A document announcing a public meeting on proposed changes to the 1996 edition of International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA's) regulations for the safe transport of radioactive material was published in the *Federal Register* on June 26, 2003 (68 FR 37986). Because some of the proposed changes would, if approved, result in a need to consider changes to U.S. transport regulations issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the NRC, DOT and the NRC are jointly seeking public views on the proposed changes. The public meeting will be held on July 22, 2003. The comment closing date is August 8, 2003.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the period of
June 20 through June 26, 2003:

U.S. Representative Thomas M. Reynolds, correspondence and related documents requested by and provided to him, 1998 to present	FOIA/PA-2003-0323
U.S. Representative Thomas D. DeLay, correspondence and related documents requested by and provided to him, 1995 to present	FOIA/PA-2003-0324
U.S. Representative J. Dennis Hastert, correspondence and related documents requested by and provided to him, 1995 to present	FOIA/PA-2003-0325
EMR Photoelectric, Princeton Junction, NJ, inspection letter dated 8-3-01 - Referral by the Dept. of Labor	FOIA/PA-2003-0326
Personal Access Data System, security information system, information on self	FOIA/PA-2003-0327
OI Report 4-2002-003	FOIA/PA-2003-0328
NRC's participation in American Concrete Institute 355 Committee, 1997-2002, docs re: cracked concrete; reports to NIST required by OMB Circular A-119, and all documents re: ACI standards	FOIA/PA-2003-0329
Personnel records, travel records, Debt Collection Management records, and all records maintained by CFO employees relating to self	FOIA/PA-2003-0330
Correspondence, communications complaints, violations, etc, publicly available between NRC and Howard B. Dean, 1983-1991, John R. Edwards, 1998-current, Richard Gephardt, 1971-current, and John F. Kerry, 1983-current; FOIA request re: above named, 2002-present	FOIA/PA-2003-0331
Security documents related to self, 1985-2001	FOIA/PA-2003-0332

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
BARTH, Thomas	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
BAKSH, Sarah	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	RIII
BAUGHMAN, James	IT SPECIALIST	OCIO
BELLARMINE, Thomas	SUMMER FACULTY	NRR
GARAYCOCHEA, Maria	SECRETARY (OA)	OPA
HARDY, Jeffrey	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	NRR
MCLEOD, Kisha	STUDENT CLERK	NSIR
NG, Raymond	REACTOR ENGINEER	RIII
NGUYEN, Quynh	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	NRR
PATEL, Amar	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	RI
PATEL, Manan	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	RI
PRUETT, Timothy	IT SPECIALIST	OCIO
SICOLA, Thomas	REACTOR INSPECTOR	RI
TERRELL, Joseph	MATERIALS ENGINEER	NRR
YU, Joseph Chong	STUDENT IT SPECIALIST (Summer)	OCIO
Retirements		
LINTON, Teresa	INFORMATION SERVICES LIBRARIAN	OCIO
SORENSEN, John	SPECIAL ASSISTANT	RES
ZWOLINSKI, John	DIRECTOR	NRR
Departures		
SCHADE, Don	CHIEF, PROGRAM ANALYSIS TEAM	OCFO

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

Chairman Nils J. Diaz was interviewed by CNN for a piece on Indian Point scheduled to air twice on Saturday, June 28.

The NRC Inspector General's decision to investigate whistleblower complaints about poor quality assurance in the manufacture of Holtec dry casks for storage of spent nuclear fuel.

New design flaws in Davis-Besse's cooling system pumps and calls by the Union of Concerned Scientists to delay restart of the plant until NRC completes its investigation of potential wrongdoing by the plant's owners.

OPA's media seminar generated some immediate coverage on security issues.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
03-084	NRC to Hold Meetings June 27 and 30 in Rockville, Md., to Discuss Proposed Uranium Downblending Project at NFS (6/25)
03-085	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Rule on Reactor Licensing Processes (6/27)
Regions:	
III-03-044	NRC Special Inspection of Reactor Component Damage at Quad Cities (6/23)
III-03-045	NRC Proposes \$60,000 Fine Against Exelon for Inaccurate Information (6/25)
IV-03-028	NRC Cites Calloway Nuclear Plant for Violation of Low to Moderate Safety Significance (6/23)

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-03-0047	3/28/03	Policy Issues Related to Licensing Non-Light-Water Reactor Designs
SRM on SECY-03-0047	6/26/03	(same)
Voting Record on SECY-03-0047	6/26/03	(same)
Negative Consent Documents		
1. SECY-03-0079	5/15/03	NRC Review of Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Draft Incidental Waste (Waste-Incidental-to-Reprocessing) Determination for Tank Farm Facility Closure
SRM on SECY-03-0079	6/17/03	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-03-0103	6/19/03	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 13, 2003
2. SECY-03-0091	6/3/03	Self-Assessments of ACRS and ACNW Performance
3. SECY-03-0095	6/6/03	Issuance of Nuclear Regulatory Commission Generic Letter 2003-XX, "Control Room Habitability"

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress, dated June 20, 2003, provides the April 2003 report on the status NRC's license and regulatory duties.
2. Letter to Joe Colvin, NEI, dated June 19, 2003, responds to NEI's request for access of Safeguards Information under provisions of 10 CFR Part 73.
3. Letter to Jim Bierer, Fernald Citizens Advisory Board, concerns the designation of radiological waste stored near Fernald, Ohio.

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Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Early Site permits, Standard Design Certifications, and Combined Licenses for NPPs - Proposed Rule.

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Region I
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Regional Administrator Site Visits

The Region I Regional Administrator and other regional managers and staff performed a 3-day site visit at Nine Mile Units 1 and 2 and the FitzPatrick plant. As part of the Nine Mile visit, the Regional Administrator met with the Chairman of the Board and the President of Constellation. On Friday, a similar site visit was made at Peach Bottom Units 2 and 3. Each of the site visits included facility walkdowns, interviews with a cross section of station employees and managers, and discussions with senior managers.

Meeting regarding Connecticut Yankee and Yankee Rowe Facilities

Representatives from Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPC) and Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC), including the presidents of both companies, met with NRC staff in the Region I office on June 23, 2003, to present the status of decommissioning activities for the Haddam Neck and Yankee facilities. The meeting, open to public observation, included discussions regarding management changes, plant status, and security enhancements to both plants. Regarding CYAPC, the discussions included status of the contract with Bechtel as the oversight contractor, preparations to transfer fuel to dry storage, reactor vessel removal, groundwater monitoring and soil removal activities, and implementation of the License Termination Plan (LTP) as it relates to the Final Status Survey Program. Discussions regarding YAEC included overall status of the Interim Spent Fuel Storage Installation Project, demolition preparations and schedule, and the LTP. Public observation via telephone included representatives of the Town of Haddam, the Community Decommissioning Advisory Committee, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Region IV
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Predecisional Enforcement Conference (PEC) Patterson Wireline

On June 26, 2003, the Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety and NRC staff members conducted a closed predecisional enforcement conference (PEC) with the Patterson Wireline Company Manager. The purpose of the PEC was to discuss two apparent willful violations for failures to: (1) wear personnel monitoring devices while handling licensed radioactive materials; and, (2) placard the transport vehicle used to transport hazardous material with a Radioactive Yellow III label.

Cooper Nuclear Station Management Changes

On June 21, 2003, Mr. Tom Palmisano relieved Mike Coyle as the Site Vice President at Cooper Nuclear Station. Mr. Palmisano is an employee of Nuclear Management Company, who has a contract with Nebraska Public Power District to provide management support.

Visit to Fort Calhoun Station and the Region IV Office

On June 25, 2003, the Deputy Executive Director for Homeland Protection and Preparedness toured the Fort Calhoun Station and met with licensee management. On June 26, 2003, he addressed the Region IV staff.

Congressional Visit to San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

On June 22, 2003, three Congressional members of the House Select Homeland Security Committee toured San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. The tour, which was led by the licensee, consisted of a brief presentation in the licensee's training center followed by a tour of the protected area. Region IV personnel participated in the tour.

River Bend Station Regulatory Conference

On June 23, 2003, a regulatory conference was conducted with Entergy Operations, Inc., (River Bend Station) regarding the risk significance and apparent violation associated with an improperly locked condensate valve that resulted in a loss of feedwater flow following a reactor scram on September 18, 2002. A final significance determination will be made following receipt of additional information from the licensee regarding the process they used to assess the risk.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, <u>NO. 20</u>					
OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Gerke	07/08/03 2154 RHOB	10:00	TBA	Federal Electronic Records Management: What is the Plan? What is Our Progress?	Reps. Putnam/Clay Tech Policy, Info Policy, Inter-Governmental Relations Government Reform
Keeling	TBA SD-342	TBA	Joe D. Whitley	Confirmation to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security	Senators Collins/Lieberman Governmental Affairs
Combs	TBA	TBA	Chairman Diaz, DOE, Bechtel, NEI	Yucca Mountain	Reps. Barton/Boucher Energy and Power Energy and Commerce
Gerke	07/24/03 TBA	TBA	TBA	Past, Present, and Future of the Competitive Sourcing Initiative	Senators Voinovich/Durbin Gov't Mgmt, the Fedl Workforce Governmental Affairs

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