

## INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Nuclear Procurement Issues Committee (NUPIC) Meeting

From February 11-14, 2008, NRR and the Office on New Reactors (NRO) staff attended the NUPIC meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. The NRC staff presented results from recent NRC vendor inspections and participated in discussions regarding 10 CFR Part 21 and commercial-grade dedication. NUPIC evaluates suppliers furnishing safety-related items and services to the nuclear industry. The committee, which meets three times a year, is represented by all domestic and several international nuclear utilities.

Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Vessel Internals Meeting

On February 14, 2008, NRC staff met with representatives of the industry's Materials Reliability Program (MRP) to discuss progress on developing Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) guidelines for PWR vessel internals. The I&E guidelines being developed by the MRP will be used by licensees with renewed licenses to implement the required aging management program for their PWR vessel internals. The discussions focused on: (1) status of the industry's I&E guidelines and inspection standards; (2) examples of functionality analyses and aging management strategies development; and (3) examples of implementing inspection standards.

Appointment of New Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer for Omaha Public Power District (OPPD)

On February 19, 2008, OPPD announced the appointment of David J. Bannister, as the new Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer for OPPD that owns and operates the Fort Calhoun Station (FCS). The effective date for this appointment is February 24, 2008. Mr. Bannister is currently the Site Director at FCS.

Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Monthly Meeting

On February 20, 2008, staff held the monthly ROP public meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to allow discussion on staff initiatives and provide a forum for industry feedback. Meeting attendees discussed mitigating systems performance index implementation, safety culture integration into the ROP, performance indicator issues, Public Radiation Safety cornerstone, and open and new frequently asked questions for the ROP.

Meeting at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

On February 20, 2008, NRR staff and staff from NRO met with representatives of the five domestic laboratory accreditation bodies (AB) at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the calibration and testing laboratory accreditation process through the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). Due to the increased reliance on international suppliers for the U.S. nuclear industry, NRC is considering recognizing (via a Regulatory Issue Summary) accreditation by ABs worldwide through the ILAC process.

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Progress Energy's Submittal of Combined License (COL) Application for Shearon Harris Site

On February 19, 2008, Progress Energy submitted a COL application for two AP1000 reactor units to be located at the Shearon Harris site in New Hill, North Carolina. This is the third COL application that references the AP1000 design. The acceptance review is scheduled to be completed by April 21, 2008.

Bellefonte COL Inspection

From February 19-22, 2008, the staff led a quality assurance (QA) program implementation inspection for the Bellefonte COL application at Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) offices in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The inspection was focused on the verification and validation of the computer programs used to determine the probable maximum flood (PMF) height at the site and a separate flood height analysis associated with postulated dam failures. TVA was unable to provide the verification and validation records for the computer programs and the supporting input data sets. The inspection team identified three QA-related issues: 1) failure to follow quality assurance procedures and inadequate procedures, 2) inadequate design control, and 3) inadequate data input control and QA record control. The inspection report will be issued no later than April 15, 2008. The schedule published for the Bellefonte COL review assumed that the inspection would not find major problems. The staff is currently assessing the implications for the Bellefonte COL safety review schedule based on the results of the inspection.

Public Meeting Regarding Limited Work Authorization (LWA) Rule Implementation Issues

On February 20, 2008, the staff held a public meeting with NEI and other industry representatives to obtain feedback from the industry on issues regarding the implementation of the recently revised rule governing LWAs that could potentially affect multiple applicants and prospective applicants for combined licenses. The revised LWA rule became effective on November 8, 2007. Major issues discussed during the meeting were: (1) industry interactions with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regarding the review of pre-construction activities no longer within the regulatory authority of the NRC under the revised LWA rule; (2) the impact of requests for LWAs on NRC review schedules for associated combined license applications; and (3) revised requirements for applicants' environmental reports, including whether the revised LWA rule requires applicants to separately identify environmental impacts associated with construction and pre-construction activities.

Meeting with Representatives of Pennsylvania State Agencies

On February 21, 2008, NRO and Region I staff conducted a government-to-government meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania with representatives of various Pennsylvania State agencies. The staff offered to conduct this meeting after PPL and UniStar announced their intent to submit a Combined Operating License application for a new EPR reactor at the Berwick site. The staff described the proposed reactor design and explained the NRC's process for reviewing new reactor applications. Management and staff find these government-

to-government interactions to be an efficient and effective way to improve the lines of communications between the NRC and the State organizations and believe that these interactions will benefit all parties involved including the public as the staff moves further along with its review of new reactor applications.

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Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Medical Use of Byproduct Material – Amendments/Medical Event Definitions (AI26 – Part 35)

On February 15, 2008, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (73 FR 8830), announcing contemplated amendments to the regulations governing the medical use of byproduct material. The intent of the rule would be to define medical events arising from permanent implant brachytherapy procedures more clearly. The NRC is making preliminary draft rule language available for public comment. The comment period on this action closed on February 26, 2008.

Contract Award

On February 21, 2008, Contract NRC-07-08-145 was awarded to Human Touch, LLC under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program for small disadvantaged businesses. The contractor will provide General Information Technology Support for Records Management for the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. The total value of the contract including all options is \$995,723.69. The period of performance is February 22, 2008, through February 21, 2009, with two one-year option periods.

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of February 15, 2008 through February 21, 2008:

Gemstone "exempt distribution" licenses issued to the following: HBM Virginia LLC, Ideal Source Quality Assurance, and International Isotopes, copies of licenses, supporting documentation	FOIA/PA-2008-0122
Development of regulation 10 CFR 20.303(d), total quantity limits for discharge to the sanitary sewer, original technical basis initially promulgated	FOIA/PA-2008-0123
Office of the Inspector General Investigation Report to Congress regarding "Improper Issuance of Reactor Operator Licenses by NRC Staff," April 1, 2007-September 30, 2007	FOIA/PA-2008-0124
Submission made by the Power Authority of New York (PASNY) regarding Attachment III - The Compliance Study by NY State Power Authority in response to NRC's February 11, 1980, Commission Confirmatory Order	FOIA/PA-2008-0125
Millstone Unit 3, regarding reactor core thermal power limits, all documents pertaining to November 10, 2007, event	FOIA/PA-2008-0126
License application and all tie down letters for license 34-29200-01MD	FOIA/PA-2008-0127
Nuclear Material Events Database (NMED), most current	FOIA/PA-2008-0128
Project NERVA	FOIA/PA-2008-0129
Project PLUTO	FOIA/PA-2008-0130

Office of Human Resources (HR)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
MONTGOMERY, JONATHAN	STUDENT ENGINEER (CO-OP)	RII
<b>Departures</b>		
MITTS, TIMOTHY	SENIOR MECHANICAL ENGINEER	NRO

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ENCLOSURE J

Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SECY-08-0018	02/14/08	Renewal of Full-Power Operating License for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Memorandum fm A. Vietti-Cook	02/21/08	(same)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-08-0020	02/19/08	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending February 8, 2008

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), notice of 550<sup>th</sup> meeting (March 6-8, 2008).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment, notice of meeting (February 22, 2008).
3. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Wolf Creek Plant License Renewal Application, notice of meeting (March 5, 2008).
4. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (March 5, 2008).
5. Notice of Appointment of Adjudicatory Employee, AMERGEN ENERGY COMPANY, LLC (Oyster Creek), Docket No. 50-219-LR.
6. Proposed rule, Extension of Comment Period - 10 CFR Parts 60, 63, 73, and 74, RIN: 3150-AI06, Geologic Repository Operations Area Security and Material Control and Accounting Requirements.
7. Final rule, 10 CFR Part 2, RIN 3150-AI32, Delegated Authority to Order Use of Procedures for Access to Certain Sensitive Unclassified Information.

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)  
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 4					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Decker	02/28/08 SD-406	10:00 a.m.	Senate Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety (Senators Carper / Voinovich)	Oversight Hearing on Security Related Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission will be invited</li> </ul>
Powell	Spring 08 TBD	TBD	House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (Representatives Stupak / Whitfield)	Inattentive Guards at Peach Bottom and other Security Related Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBD</li> </ul>