

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
Items of Interest
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Public Meeting in Erwin, TN, Regarding National Nuclear Security Administration Report

On April 2, 2008, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) staff participated in a public town hall meeting in Erwin, TN. The NMSS and Region II staff addressed public concerns regarding a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) report. DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued its 2007 supplement to the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the NNSA program to dispose of highly enriched uranium. NNSA determined that a new EIS was not required but included a footnote in the report characterizing the risk of cancer. The public was concerned about the information in the footnote. At the public meeting, NNSA staff provided background information on its program and the role played by Nuclear Fuel Services. The public asked questions concerning the data used by NNSA and the results presented in the report. The NRC staff addressed questions concerning the environmental monitoring program. Members of the public encouraged the NRC and NNSA to make more information available to the public and to hold more public meetings. There was coverage by the local media. Representatives from Senators Alexander's and Corker's offices attended the meeting.

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Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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National Source Tracking System Expansion Proposed Rule

On April 11, 2008, a proposed rule to expand the number and types of sources to be tracked in the National Source Tracking System (NSTS) was published in the *Federal Register*. In November, 2006, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a final rule to establish a NSTS requiring licensees who possess International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Category 1 and 2 sources to report to the NSTS. The proposed rule would amend 10 CFR Parts 20 and 32 to expand the NSTS to include sources greater than or equal to one-tenth of the IAEA Category 3 threshold. The public comment period is for 75 days.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1194 (DG-1194)
“Guidance to Operators at the Controls and Senior Operators in the Control Room of a Nuclear
Power Unit”

On April 11, 2008, the subject DG was issued. The DG describes staffing practices and methods generally considered by the NRC to be satisfactory for complying with the Commission’s regulations that require the presence of an operator at the controls of a nuclear power unit and a senior operator in the control room. DG-1194 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of April 4 through April 10, 2008:

Letters to NRC from Senators John McCain, Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama	FOIA/PA-2008-0174
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application requests for additional information and topical reports from GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas LLC, 2006 and 2007	FOIA/PA-2008-0175
Brief filed by NRC between July 1, 1983 and September 15, 1983, regarding Case number 13,984, Texas Department of Health, et al. vs. Gulf Nuclear Inc.	FOIA/PA-2008-0176
NUREG/CR-6728, ground motion database used in the development of this NUREG	FOIA/PA-2008-0177
Investigation on named individual, 1994 to present	FOIA/PA-2008-0178
Contract NRC0308071 awarded to Beckman and Associates, Inc., including statement of work	FOIA/PA-2008-0179
"An Analysis of Excursions at Selected In Situ Uranium Mines in Wyoming and Texas," final version & drafts (referenced in ML032580971, 3-10-86)	FOIA/PA-2008-0180

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
CURTIS, JEFF	SECRETARY (OA)	ADM
HEBRON-ISREAL, NANCY	PROGRAM ANALYST	HR
HUTCHINSON, HEATHER	SECRETARY	RIV
KRATCHMAN, JESSICA	FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEER (NSPDP)	RES
KULESA, GLORIA	SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	FSME
LEE, PAMELA	SECRETARY (OA)	RII
LEMONT, STEPHEN	ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
LYNN, HENRY	HEALTH PHYSICIST	HR/TTC
MEIGHAN, SEAN	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
MILLER, JOSHUA	GENERAL ENGINEER (NSPDP)	NRR
MORTON, WENDELL	ELECTRONICS ENG (DIGITAL I&C)	NRO
PLASSE, RICHARD	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
RODRIGUEZ, JAIME	IT SPECIALIST (INFOSEC)	RIV
SISK, DAVID	REACTOR ENGINEER	NRO
WENTZEL, MICHAEL	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
Departures		
BRADFIELD, DAVID	TEAM LEADER	NSIR
DURANT TURNER, PATRICIA	INFO SECURITY SPEC (SSO)	NSIR
GUNTER, WILLIAM	PLANNING AND SCHEDULING ANALYST	NRO

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-08-0008	01/11/08	Section 274b Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
SRM-SECY-08-0008	02/12/08	(same)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0008	02/12/08	(same)
Information Papers		
SECY-08-0041	03/27/08	Fiscal Year 2007 Results of the Industry Trends Program for Operating Power Reactors and Status of the Ongoing Development of the Program

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; notice of cancelled meeting (4/8/2008).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Digital Instrumentation and Control Systems, notice of meeting (4/17/2008).
3. Proposed rule. Expansion of the National Source Tracking System.
4. Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket Nos. 52-014 and 52-015, Notice of Extension of Time for Petition for Leave to Intervene on a Combined License Application for Bellefonte Units 3 & 4.
5. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal, notice of meeting (5/7/2008).
6. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (5/7/2008).

Region II (RII)
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Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Annual Assessment Meetings

On April 7-11, 2008, the Regional Office held the Annual Assessments meetings for the Watts Bar, Sequoyah, Crystal River, Hatch, Oconee and Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plants. The meetings were held at or near the nuclear plants and were open to the public. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the NRC Reactor Oversight Process at the sites.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 11					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Decker	04/09/08 192 DSOB	9:30	Senate Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development (Senators Dorgan / Domenici)	Fiscal 2009 Appropriation for DOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward F. Sproat, II, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, DOE
Decker	04/09/08 2247 RHOB	2:00	House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement (Representatives Towns / Bilbray)	Federal Security: ID Cards and Background Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
Decker	04/10/08 2362-B RHOB	9:00	House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development (Representatives Visclosky / Hobson)	Fiscal 2009 Appropriations for DOE Nuclear Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Tobey, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation
Shane/Dacus	05/15/08 TBD	TBD	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety (Senators Carper / Voinovich)	New Reactors and License Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRC Commission • Others TBD
Powell	Spring 08 TBD	TBD	House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (Representatives Stupak / Whitfield)	Inattentive Guards at Peach Bottom and other Security Related Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD

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