

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Motor Operated Valve (MUG) and Air Operated Valve (AUG) Users Group Meetings

From January 5-9, 2009, the staff attended the MUG and AUG annual meetings. Several papers were presented by industry representatives on recent experience with motor-operated valve (MOV) magnesium rotors and corrective actions in response to NRC Information Notice 2008-20, "Failures of MOV Actuator Motors with Magnesium Alloy Rotors," dated December 8, 2008. The staff discussed the status of MOV regulatory activities and the results of recent MOV inspections at the MUG meeting. In addition, the staff discussed solenoid valve diagnostics and evaluation of air-operated valve diagnostic test results at the AUG meeting.

Public Meeting with Industry Steam Generator Task Force

On January 8, 2009, staff participated in a Category 2 Public Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the industry's Steam Generator Task Force to discuss technical issues regarding steam generator tube integrity. The industry representatives described their analyses of the applicability of international operating experience (e.g., plug failure, fatigue cracking) and several other technical issues including their efforts associated with monitoring noise in the inspection data, clarifying the technical specification inspection requirements, and developing guidance for detection of foreign objects and associated wear.

Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS), Units 1 and 2, License Renewal Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Item

On January 9, 2009, the staff issued the BVPS, Units 1 and 2, SER with Open Item related to the BVPS Units 1 and 2, license renewal application. By letter dated August 27, 2007, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) submitted an application requesting the extension of the BVPS operating licenses for an additional 20 years. The SER has one open item (regarding the suitability of medium voltage cable for submergence). The staff is scheduled to meet with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee on February 4, 2009, to discuss the SER with Open Item.

Public Meeting on Steam Generator Tube H* Analysis

On January 9, 2009, staff participated in a Category 2 Public Meeting with NEI and the industry to discuss the status of the industry's H* analysis approach, which is being used to develop the technical basis for limiting the extent of inspections in the tubesheet region in units with thermally-treated Alloy 600 steam generator tubes. The discussion included the staff's technical issues with H* and the industry's schedule for completion of activities and submission of documentation.

Public Meeting on Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191

On January 15, 2009, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting to discuss the status of the resolution of GSI-191 (PWR sump clogging). The meeting was attended by licensees, including PWROG, NEI, Westinghouse, and sump strainer vendors. The staff described the current status of the review of licensee responses to Generic Letter 2004-02 and presented the overall closure plan for GSI-191. The staff also discussed the status of an ongoing issue on licensee proposals to reduce zones of influence for damage to insulation and the status of resolution of in-vessel downstream effects.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Meeting with Industry Regarding Research Activities on Probability of Detection (POD) Curves

From January 7-8, 2009, the staff participated in a public meeting hosted by the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research to discuss with EPRI the status of ongoing research activities to develop POD curves for certain ultrasonic examination techniques currently used for inspections. The ultimate goal of the project is to develop a more robust, fully probabilistic approach to GDC-4, "Environmental and Dynamic Effects Design Bases." Follow on teleconferences will be held in the near future to further discuss the issues and schedules for providing POD data.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Microsoft Consulting Services

On January 9, 2009, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition under the GSA Federal Supply Schedules, a time and materials type delivery order, NRC-DR-042-09-005, was awarded to Info Reliance Corp. of Fairfax, Virginia to provide Microsoft consulting services in support of the Enterprise Project Management to NRC Region II. The goal of this effort is to develop a unique software tool that will allow Region II to integrate and manage its new reactor licensing schedules with licensees' schedules. The period of performance is from January 9, 2009, to August 14, 2009, with no option periods, and the value of the award is \$937,544.80.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Part 51 Information Collection

On January 5, 2009, the 60-Day Federal Register Notice (FRN) was published for the draft renewal of the information collection titled, "10 CFR 51, Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions." This FRN is the first phase of renewing the information collection for this regulation. After this FRN comment period, a second FRN will be published for 30-days before the draft renewal becomes final.

Public Document Room Japanese Visit

On January 13, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division (IRSD) hosted four individuals from Tokyo, Japan who represented the Secretariat of the Nuclear Safety Commission, Cabinet Office, the Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization (JNES), and Japan Nuclear Utilities Service Co., Ltd. The visitors had experience in searching ADAMS (both Web-based and Citrix-based versions), and asked questions about searching techniques and technical aspects of the system. Public Document Room (PDR) librarians answered their questions, demonstrated the PDR public web site and helped with ADAMS searches on the public computers in the reading room. The visitors also received a copy of the PDR Fact Sheet with the mission statement and contact information.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 9, 2009, through January 15, 2009:

Decommissioning of reactors, all communications involving NRC, the Council on Environmental Quality and its staff and contractors, between January 1, 2004, and October 31, 2008	FOIA/PA-2009-0059
Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Investigations 07-55, 08-10, 07-33, 07-06, 06-87, 05-71, 07-19, 07-54, 07-59, closing memo and final report	FOIA/PA-2009-0060
OIG investigations, 25 listed cases, closing memo and final report	FOIA/PA-2009-0061
Radiography overexposure incidents, Oklahoma, last 5 years, include case history, licensee response, penalties	FOIA/PA-2009-0062
Thorium-contained foundry sands or removal of drums containing this material, property located at 699 E. Route 46, Teterboro, New Jersey, companies: Allied Signal Aerospace, Bendix, Honeywell, Methpath, etc., between 1980 and 1992	FOIA/PA-2009-0063
Office of Investigations Case 4-2007-049, transcript of interview with named individual, exhibits 13-23	FOIA/PA-2009-0064

Information Notice 84-26, high exposure (>0.5 rem) incidents, conditions surrounding exposure, recorded dose	FOIA/PA-2009-0065
Specific information on all NRC employees to include title, series, grade, salary, appraisal score/rating, awards, promotions, etc.	FOIA/PA-2009-0066

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Bonney, Erin	Reactor Inspector/Project Engineer	R-I
Alldredge, Casey	Health Physicist (NSPDP)	R-IV
Forbes, Donald	Health Physicist	R-II
Goff, Gregory	Resident Inspector Development Program	R-II
Hartman, Thomas	Reactor Engineer	R-III
Kumana, Rayomand	Resident Inspector Development Program	R-IV
Departures		
Barnes, Russell	Senior Enforcement Specialist	OE
Beach, Mary Ellen	Consultant	HR
Cheung, Fan-bill	Reactor Systems Engineer	RES
Gibson, James	Student Electrical Engineer (Co-Op)	NRO
Jenkins, Kevin	Student Financial Analyst (Co-Op)	CFO
Krowitz, Allison	Materials Engineer	NRO
Lacroix, Courtney	Student Security Specialist (Co-Op)	NSIR

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM – SECY-08-0117	01/14/09	Staff Approach to Verify Closure of Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) and to Implement Title 10 CFR 52.99, “Inspection During Construction,” and Related Portion of 10 CFR 52.103(g) on the Commission Finding
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0117	01/14/09	(same)
2. COMSECY-08-0041	12/12/08	Staff Recommendation Related to Reinstatement of the Construction Permits for Bellefonte Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
3. SRM-SECY-08-0179	01/16/09	Recommendations on Amending Preceptor Attestation Requirements in 10 CFR Part 35, Medical Use of Byproduct Material
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0179	01/16/09	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0004	01/09/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 2, 2009

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing for License Amendment Request from AREVA NP, Inc., Richland, Washington and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) and Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation.
2. Notice, Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing SUNSI or Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to SUNSI or Safeguards Information.
3. Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-87), 10 CFR Part 50; Raymond A. Crandall.

4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal, notice of meeting (02/04/2009).
5. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, Notice of Meeting (02/04/2009).
6. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal, Notice of Meeting (02/04/2009).

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Region IV (RIV)
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Management Changes at Comanche Peak

On January 13, 2009, Mike McCall, Chief Operating Officer (COO) - Luminant, resigned. The Chief Executive Officer, David Campbell, will additionally assume the COO duties until a replacement is named. Mike Blevins, the Comanche Peak Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, will report directly to David Campbell.

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