

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Winter 2009 Engine Systems Inc. - Electro Motive Diesel Owners Group Meeting

From January 14 to 15, 2009, the staff participated in the Winter 2009 Engine Systems Inc. – Electro Motive Diesel Owners Group Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The staff participated in discussions of mechanical, electrical, and regulatory issues concerning emergency diesel generators. The main topic discussed with the staff was the use of biodiesel fuel in emergency diesel generators. The licensees concluded that it would be best to establish controls that would prevent the delivery of biodiesel fuel to their sites. The NRC is developing an Information Notice to share information with the licensees regarding the use of biodiesel fuel in emergency diesel generators.

Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3, License Renewal Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items

On January 15, 2009, the staff issued the SER with open items related to the License Renewal of Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3. By letter dated April 23, 2007, as supplemented by letters dated May 3 and June 21, 2007, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. submitted an application requesting the extension of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3 operating licenses for an additional 20 years. The SER has 20 open items (regarding the scoping and screening results for some systems, aging management programs, and aging management review results). The staff is scheduled to meet with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee on March 4, 2009, to discuss the SER with open items.

Wolf Creek Generating Station - Pre-licensing Meeting with Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) on Post-fire Safe Shutdown Analysis Methods

On January 15, 2009, a pre-licensing public meeting was held between representatives of WCNOC and the NRC staff regarding proposed changes to the post-fire safe shutdown analysis methods for the Wolf Creek Generating Station. The licensee discussed cable analysis and the potential for spurious closure of certain valves in the post-fire safe shutdown analysis.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 Frequently Asked Questions Monthly Meeting

On January 22, 2009, the staff participated in a monthly public meeting with representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public, to discuss the Frequently Asked Questions related to the adoption of NFPA 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006, and expects to continue holding them throughout the transition period to the new licensing basis.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Yucca Mountain - Public Phone Call Meeting on Requests for Additional Information

On January 15, 2009, NRC staff held a public phone call with U.S. Department of Energy staff on a Request for Additional Information on Event Probabilities. The public listened to the call via teleconference connections.

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Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
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Public Outreach

On January 13, 2009, staff issued an Information Assessment Team Advisory - Subject: US Government Executive Leadership Transition - Period of Heightened Awareness (POHA). The purpose of this advisory was to inform the licensees of this POHA (now through the end of July) and to request that they maintain a heightened vigilance for potential security threats. It also informed the licensees that there is no specific credible threat against NRC licensed-facilities at this time. The advisory applies to power reactors, non-power reactors, decommissioned reactors, Category I and III fuel facilities, gaseous diffusion plants, independent spent fuel storage facilities, conversion facilities, and large materials licensees (regulated by NRC and Agreement States) who possess, ship or receive certain quantities of radioactive materials.

Fitness-for-Duty (FFD) Reporting System

On January 15, 2009, staff gave a presentation in Las Vegas, Nevada on the FFD reporting system (ML090290252). Representatives of NEI and industry participated in the meeting. The FFD system will provide industry with the capability to electronically report FFD data as required by 10 CFR Part 26 and also enables industry to retrieve FFD data for trending and other analysis. The FFD system is part of the Electronic Information Exchange application and is anticipated to be active by end of January 2009.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Information and Records Services Division (IRSD) Attendance at the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Council Meeting

On January 15, 2009, staff from the IRSD attended a meeting of the CUI Council held at the National Archives and Records Administration, which is the Executive Agent for CUI framework. CUI council discussed the straw man for Safeguarding, Dissemination, and Dispute Resolution. The Safeguarding straw man is nearing completion and only minor changes were recommended. The straw men for Dissemination and Dispute Resolution are less developed and further meetings are scheduled to complete them. Development of the Markings straw man began on January 22, 2009, with IRSD participating. Development of the Exceptions straw man, which pertains to grandfathering of Safeguards Information (SGI) into the CUI framework, will begin on February 12, 2009. Representatives from the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) are planning to attend the meeting due to their responsibility for SGI policy. IRSD will schedule a meeting with NRC and regional Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information points of contact (POC) to discuss the Safeguarding straw man, NSIR may also provide the POC with information about the Exceptions straw man.

Student Visits Library Staff

On January 16, 2009, the IRSD hosted a student working on a master's degree in Library Science. Interviews of the staff were conducted by the student to learn about the library's resources and collections. The student learned about the education and working experience of the library staff, the library's role in providing information and supporting knowledge management within the agency, and the part played by the Federal Library Committee and professional library organizations in fostering information science knowledge among members of the library staff.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 16, 2009 through January 22, 2009:

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| TRACE V5.0, Peer Review Reports, four specific documents | FOIA/PA-2009-0067 |
| Edlow International Company, Edlow Resources, LLC, California, President and Former President of these companies, all records | FOIA/PA-2009-0068 |
| NRC mailing list with phone numbers (not including medical affiliations) | FOIA/PA-2009-0069 |

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
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| Arrivals | | |
|----------------------|---|------|
| Gill, Amritpal | Senior Electrical Engineer | NRO |
| Mahlahla, Latonya | General Engineer | RII |
| Departures | | |
| Juris, Krista | Student Information Security Specialist (CO-OP) | ADM |
| Riffle, Ashley | Student Scientist (CO-OP) | FSME |
| Washington, Brittney | Student Clerk (Typing) | ADM |

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following

Security measures NRC required post 9/11 and those expected in the next four years.

Peach Bottom nuclear plant near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, recent shutdown of the plant's Unit 3 due to the need to replace a transformer.

| Press Releases | |
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| Headquarters: | |
| 09-015 | NRC Licensing Board to Discuss Vogtle Nuclear Plant Combined License, Early Site Permit Applications on January 28 (1/22) |
| 09-016 | NRC to Conduct Public Workshop on Safety and Security Culture Policy Statement January 28 in Rockville, Maryland (1/23) |
| Regions: | |
| I-09-004 | NRC Staff to Seek Comments on Draft Environmental Report for Three Mile Island 1 License Renewal Proposal on January 28 (1/21) |
| II-09-004 | NRC Begins Special Inspection at Brunswick Nuclear Plant (1/21) |

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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| Document Released to Public | Date | Subject |
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| Decision Documents | | |
| 1. SRM – SECY-08-0185 | 01/21/09 | Options for Security Openness, Transparency, and Reactor Oversight Process Improvements |
| Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0185 | 01/21/09 | (same) |
| 2. COMGBJ-08-0004 | 12/16/08 | Development of Description for Patients' Rights Advocate |
| SRM – COMGBJ-08-0004 | 01/22/09 | (same) |
| Commission Voting Record on COMGBJ-08-0004 | 01/22/09 | (same) |
| Information Papers | | |
| 1. SECY-09-0010 | 01/16/09 | Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 9, 2009 |

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education, dated January 14, 2009, provides NRC's FY 2009 Annual Federal Plan on Executive Agency Actions to Assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards (ASLB), DOE (High-Level Waste Repository Construction Authorization Application).
2. ASLB, Notice of Hearing (Application for 20-year License Renewal), Northern States Company, (Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2).
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, notice of 559th meeting (February 5-7, 2009).

Region II (RII)
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Oconee Regulatory Conference

On January 22, 2009, representatives from Duke Power Company attended a regulatory conference in the Region II office. The purpose of this public meeting was to discuss the Oconee Nuclear Plant.

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Region IV (RIV)
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Management Changes at Palo Verde

On January 21, 2009, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation Board of Directors announced that Bill Post, Pinnacle West Chairman and CEO will retire effective April 30, 2009. The current Pinnacle and Arizona Public Service (APS) President and CEO Don Brandt will succeed Mr. Post. Mr. Brandt will continue to serve as President of Pinnacle and CEO of APS, the operating company. The current Senior Vice President of Planning and Administration, Don Robinson, will become the President and Chief Operating Officer of APS.

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