

INFORMATION REPORT

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MARCH 27, 2009

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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DCI Staff Meeting with Industry Representatives Regarding Status of Reactor Pressure Vessel Upper Head Inspections

On March 17, 2009, the staff held a public meeting with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), EPRI, and industry to discuss industry's plans to generically meet the requirements of a demonstrated volumetric leak path inspection of upper reactor pressure vessel penetration nozzles and their welds. Industry described a two phased approach in which major vendors would continue to develop technical justification documents while EPRI creates a number of mockups. The staff found industry's plan did appear to provide a sufficient basis to expect that a generically demonstrated inspection would be available to support plants with head inspections in the fall. Industry agreed to provide the technical justifications and mockup details to the staff for review by June.

NEI National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805 Task Force Meeting

On March 23, 2009, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the NEI NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public, to discuss the FAQs related to licensee adoption of NFPA Standard 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006 and expects to continue holding them throughout the transition period for licensees adopting NFPA 805.

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Staff Meet with Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) to discuss proposed Early Site Permit (ESP) Application

On March 23, 2009, the staff held a public meeting with the representatives from PSEG in Rockville, Maryland to discuss a Plant Parameter Envelope (PPE) approach for their ESP application. PSEG plans to submit their ESP application to the NRC during the second quarter of 2010. The reactor design under consideration includes Advanced Passive 1000, Advanced Boiling Water Reactor, Evolutionary Power Reactor, and US-Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Public Phone Meeting on Additional Information on Yucca Mountain License Application

On March 26, 2009, NRC staff held a public teleconferenced phone call with the U.S. Department of Energy staff on Requests for Additional Information on the Yucca Mountain License Application.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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The Accident at Three Mile Island (TMI) – 30th Anniversary: A Look Back – Preserving the Institutional Memory

On March 25, 2009, RES hosted a 30th anniversary seminar on the accident at TMI. The purpose of the seminar was to enhance knowledge management by preserving institutional memory. Speakers included RES Director Brian Sheron, NRC Historian Sam Walker, and Office of New Reactors Deputy Director Gary Holahan. Special guest speakers were Harold Denton (Former Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Director), Ed Frederick (TMI operator), Gov. Richard Thornburgh (Former Pennsylvania Governor), and Jessica Mathews (assistant to President Carter during the accident). Models from TMI and the U.S. Department of Energy were on display in the Atrium as well as educational posters, video, and a special brochure by Sam Walker.

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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 March 20, 2009 through March 26, 2009:

North American Aviation Science Center, 8437 Fallbrook Avenue, Canoga Park, California, site plans, use of nuclear materials, license no. 1910-70, review of specific records	REF-2009-0004
Allegation RIV-2007-A-0093	FOIA/PA-2009-0115
Office of Investigations Report 4-2007-049	FOIA/PA-2009-0116
Decision of LBP-08-21, Progress Energy Carolinas (Shearon Harris Power Plants, Units 2 & 3), dated October 30, 2008	FOIA/PA-2009-0117
Nuclear Material Events Database, entire releasable portion	FOIA/PA-2009-0118
Nuclear Material Events Database, all available years	FOIA/PA-2009-0119

REF = Referral requests from other agencies: a new DOJ requirement to track referrals separately from FOIA/PA requests.

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Barnett, Leslie	Senior Advisor	OCFO
Brewton, Kimberly	Secretary	RIV
Dimmick, Lisa Cole	Regional Program Coordinator	FSME
Landis, Kerry	Consultant	RII
Litkett, Bernard	Operations Engineer	RI
Molteni, David	Operations Engineer	RI
Paulsen, Alice	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRR
Rubin, Mark	Senior Reliability and Risk Analyst	NRR
Departures		
Fair, John	Senior Mechanical Engineer	NRR
Golumbskie, William	Materials Engineer	NRR

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

Status of combined license applications for new nuclear power plants

NRC review of the Yucca Mountain application for disposal of high-level radioactive waste

Commission order to extend the timeframe for review of the license renewal applications of the Pilgrim nuclear power plant, located near Plymouth, Massachusetts and the Vermont Yankee plant, located near Brattleboro, Vermont

Three Mile Island Unit 2 (Pennsylvania) nuclear accident 30th anniversary

Oyster Creek nuclear power plant (New Jersey) license renewal status

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's hearings on the planned Vogtle nuclear plant Units 3 and 4 Early Site Permit near Waynesboro, Georgia, and the annual assessment of the 2 operating Vogtle units.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA facilitated the interview of Region I Branch Chief John White by the Nuclear Engineering International magazine on his recollections following the accident at Three Mile Island.

OPA facilitated a TV interview of Trish Milligan on the use of potassium iodide for protection of the thyroid against radiation exposure.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-055	NRC Accepts for Review Environmental Report on Proposed Laser Uranium Enrichment Plant In North Carolina (3/23)
09-056	NRC Completes Virginia Agreement To Regulate Certain Radioactive Materials (3/24)
09-057	NRC Employee Recognized as an Agent of Change In The Federal 100 Awards (3/24)
09-058	NRC Accepts AREVA Application for Uranium Enrichment Facility in Idaho (3/24)
09-059	NRC Seeks Comment on Proposal To Establish a Variable Annual Fee Structure for Nuclear Power Reactors (03/25)

Regions:	
I-09-015	NRC To Conduct Open House on March 31 Regarding Annual Assessment of Performance for Beaver Valley Nuclear Plant (3/24)
I-09-016	NRC Proposes \$16,500 Fine Against Puerto Rico Firm for Violations Pertaining to Nuclear Gauge Security (3/25)
I-09-016A	U.S. NRC Propone Imponerle Una Multa de \$16,500 a Una Compañía en Puerto Rico por Violaciones Relacionadas con la Seguridad de Medidores Nucleares (3/25)
II-09-014	NRC Schedules Open House To Answer Questions on 2008 Performance of Hatch Nuclear Power Plant (3/24)
II-09-015	NRC Schedules Open House to Answer Questions on 2008 Performance of Surry Nuclear Power Plant (3/25)
II-09-016	NRC To Discuss 2008 Performance of North Anna Nuclear Power Plant (3/25)
III-09-006	NRC To Discuss 2009 Performance Assessment for Byron Nuclear Power Plant Unit 1 and 2 (03/26)
III-09-007	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Byron Nuclear Power Plant (03/26)
IV-09-008	NRC To Discuss 2008 Performance Assessment for Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant April 14 (3/23)
IV-09-009	NRC To Reduce Palo Verde Oversight (3/24)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-06-0028	02/07/06	Recommendations for Streamlining the Appointment Process and Enhancing the Overall Effectiveness of the Advisory committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes
SRM-SECY-06-0028	02/28/06	(same)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-06-0028	02/28/06	(same)
2. SRM-SECY-08-0161	03/26/09	Review of Research and Test Reactor License Renewal Applications
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0161	03/26/09	(same)
3. SRM-SECY-08-0196	03/27/09	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Requirements for Fingerprinting for Criminal History Record Checks of Individuals Granted Unescorted Access to Research and Test Reactors (NRC-2008-0619) (RIN-A125)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0196	03/27/09	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0038	03/06/09	Periodic Assessment of the Activities of the Committee to Review Generic Requirements from June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008
2. SECY-09-0044	03/20/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 13, 2009
Memoranda		
1. M090316	03/27/09	Staff Requirements - Briefing on State of Nuclear Materials and Waste Safety Programs

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Jon Corzine, Governor of New Jersey, dated March 19, 2009, responds to request for an agreement between the NRC and the State of New Jersey.
2. Letter to Jon Corzine, Governor of New Jersey, dated March 19, 2009, request appointment of a State Liaison Officer to act as the State of New Jersey's primary liaison to the NRC.
3. Letter to Beverly Purdue, Governor of North Carolina, dated March 13, 2009, request appointment of a State Liaison Offer to act as the State of North Carolina's primary liaison to the NRC.

Federal Register Notices

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Safety Research Program, notice of meeting (04/16-27/2009).
2. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB), In the Matter of HIMAT SONI (Enforcement Action).
3. Establishment of ASLB, In the Matter of DHIRAJ SONI (Enforcement Action).
4. Commonwealth of Virginia: Discontinuance of Certain Commission Regulatory Authority Within the State; Notice of Agreement Between the NRC and the Commonwealth of Virginia; Notice of Waiver Termination.

Region II (RII)
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Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Annual Assessments Meeting

On March 26, 2009, the Regional Office held the Annual Assessments meeting for the Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant. The meeting was held near the nuclear plant and was open to the public. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the NRC Reactor Oversight Process at the site.

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Region IV (RIV)
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Palo Verde Annual Assessment Meeting

On March 24, 2009, the Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Jim Wiggins, Region IV Regional Administrator, Elmo Collins, and Region IV staff conducted a Category 1 public meeting in Tonopah, Arizona, to discuss Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station's safety performance for 2008. During the meeting, the NRC also discussed the recent closure of the Confirmatory Action Letter, both the 2004 YELLOW and 2006 WHITE findings, and the Substantive Cross-cutting issues in Human Performance and Problem Identification and Resolution. Approximately 150 people were in attendance at the meeting. Participants included Arizona Public Service Company officials, NRC staff, and several members of the public.

Waterford 3 Public End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting

On March 25, 2009, Region IV staff conducted a Category 1 public meeting in Killona, Louisiana, to discuss Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3's safety performance for 2008. Participants included Entergy managers and Region IV staff. Approximately 25 people attended the presentation, including representatives from the local Parishes.

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 4					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Dacus	03/24/09 406 DSOB	10:30	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee Senators Carper / Vitter	Three Mile Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale E. Klein – Chairman, NRC • Gregory B. Jaczko – Commissioner, NRC • Peter B. Lyons, Commissioner, NRC • Kristine L. Svinicki – Commissioner, NRC • Peter A. Bradford – Former Commissioner, NRC, and Adjunct Professor, Institute for Energy and the Environment, Vermont Law School • Harold R. Denton – Former Employee, NRC, Knoxville, TN • Dick Thornburgh – Counsel, K&L Gates • Marvin S. Fertel – President, CEO and Chief Nuclear Officer, Nuclear Energy Institute
Powell	03/25/09 2123 RHOB	9:30	House Energy and Commerce Committee Energy and Environment Subcommittee Representatives Markey / Upton	Adaptation Policies in Climate Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA
Decker	03/25/09 366 DSOB	2:00	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Energy Subcommittee Senators Cantwell / Risch	Draft Legislation Concerning Energy Market Transparency and Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA
Shane	03/26/09 342 DSOB	2:30	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Senators Lieberman / Collins	OPM Director Nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Berry (To be Director of the Office of Personnel Management)

Shane	03/26/09 366 DSOB	9:30	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Senators Bingaman / Murkowski	Legislation Aimed at Strengthening U.S. Manufacturing through Improved Industrial Energy Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Rodgers – Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency • Maxine Savitz – Consultant, Los Angeles, CA • Neal Elliot – Associate Director for Research, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy • Jeff Metts – President, Dowding Machining • David Zepponi – President, Northwest Food Processors Associate, Portland, OR
Decker	03/26/09 406 DSOB	10:00	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Senators Boxer / Inhofe	EPA and Interior Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Z. Cannon (To be Deputy Administrator) • Thomas L. Strickland (To be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife)