

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Public Meeting with the Primary Water Reactor (PWR) Owners Group Materials Subcommittee

On May 19, 2009, staff participated in a public meeting with the PWR Owners Group to discuss issues associated with inspection of certain PWR reactor coolant pump nozzles. The Owners Group presented results of their flaw tolerance evaluation approach for addressing this issue. During the meeting the staff provided comments on the flaw tolerance evaluation. The Owners Group plans to extend the analyses to address maximum inspection intervals and agreed to address the staff's comments when they refine the initial flaw tolerance evaluation. Staff and the Owners Group plan to meet again in August 2009.

Vendor Inspection of the Steam Generating Team (SGT) L.L.C.

From May 19 to 22, 2009, NRC staff performed a vendor inspection of the SGT in Charlotte, North Carolina. SGT, jointly owned by URS Washington Division and AREVA NP, provides heavy component replacement services to the nuclear industry. The inspectors reviewed selected portions of SGT's quality assurance and 10 CFR Part 21 programs. The inspectors identified two potential violations of 10 CFR Part 21 for failure to adopt adequate procedures, and for failure to perform a Part 21 evaluation. The inspectors also identified three potential nonconformances to Appendix B of 10 CFR Part 50 for: 1) failure of the corrective action program to identify a significant condition adverse to quality; 2) inadequate closeout of internal audit findings, and; 3) failure to provide adequate independence for closeout of deficiency reports.

Fire Protection Task Force Meeting

On May 21, 2009, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with NEI National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public, to discuss the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to licensees' adoption of NFPA 805, including those related to NUREG/CR-6850, "EPRI/NRC-RES Fire PRA Methodology for Nuclear Power Facilities." The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006, and expects to continue holding them at least throughout the transition period for the pilot plants adopting NFPA 805.

Phone Conference with LaSalle Licensee

On May 22, 2009, a conference call was conducted with the staff, Region III staff, and the LaSalle licensee to discuss the status of the Reactor Control Management System (RCMS) and associated analyses for an inadvertent ganged control rod (up to four rods) withdrawal. An analysis for operation at 15% to 100% power was completed and reviewed to justify continued operation at power. Compensatory actions were discussed and established for the licensee should LaSalle Unit 2 shutdown and want to start back up or operate below 15% power. RCMS analyses for operation at less than 15% and for startup are expected to be submitted to the staff by the end of the month.

Senior Reactor Analyst (SRA) Counterpart Meeting

From May 26-28, 2009, the staff conducted the Senior Reactor Analyst (SRA) counterpart meeting at the Professional Development Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting included training on common-cause failure, support system initialing event methodology, modeling emergency diesel repair, and several other topics.

NRC Hosting the Working Group on Operating Experience

From May 27-29, 2009 the staff hosted the international working group on operating experience for a workshop and meeting. The workshop was held for 26 international operating experience working group members on the agencies' operating experience program. The meeting was well received. Bill Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations, and Eric Leeds, NRR Office Director provided the opening remarks. The meeting focused on the exchange of operating experience, regulatory responses, lessons learned, and program improvements.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Issuance of Test Procedures for Determining Behavior of Zirconium Cladding under Loss-of-Coolant Accident (LOCA) Conditions

On May 22, 2009, RES staff made two reports outlining the test procedures for fuel under LOCA conditions publicly available. One of these test procedures provides a method for conducting tests to identify post-quench ductility behavior under postulated LOCA conditions (ML090900841). The second test procedure provides a method for conducting tests to determine breakaway oxidation behavior under small-break LOCA conditions (ML090840258). NRC will request formal comments on these test procedures as part of an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking as part of 10CFR50.46 (b) rulemaking. The complete rulemaking schedule is outlined in the memorandum dated December 19, 2008 (ML083440156). This research was performed at Argonne National Laboratory under a RES-sponsored program.

Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.52, Revision 2, "Standard Format and Content for the Health and Safety Sections of License Renewal Applications for Uranium Processing and Fuel Fabrication"

On May 27, 2009, RES staff published an RG that directs the reader to the type of information acceptable to NRC in its evaluation and verification of the safety basis for the licensing of special nuclear material. The guide references the application of NUREG-1520, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of a License Application for a Fuel Cycle Facility," issued March 2002, to the format and content of license renewal applications for fuel cycle facilities. RG 3.52 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/fuels-materials/active/>.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of May 22, 2009 through May 28, 2009:

Qynergy Corporation, Radioactive Sealed Source and Device Registry No. NR-1298-D-101-S, safety evaluation, registration request, etc.	FOIA/PA-2009-0173
License SUB-459, applications for license submitted by Ordnance Corps, Department of the Army and application, 1961	FOIA/PA-2009-0174
Contract NRC-04-04-065, work regarding NRC Computer Codes	FOIA/PA-2009-0175
License No. SMB-911, all records including plans, blueprints, drawings, reports, correspondence, schematics, data and other documents related to the construction of Pond No. 3 and the French drain system associated with Pond No. 3 at the Fansteel site, Muskogee County, Oklahoma for the years 1977-1982	FOIA/PA-2009-0176
Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC), Volume III of the 1978 inquiry into the testimony of the EDO regarding NUMEC's uranium fuel plant in Apollo, Pennsylvania, unredacted "interview" portion	FOIA/PA-2009-0177

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Boykin, Jonathan	Student Engineer	RII
Broche, Gabriel	Student Engineer	NRR
Carnes, Ashley	Student Management Assistant	RES
Cheong, Giny	Student Program Analyst	HR
Dang, Minh	Student Engineer	RES
Follett, Carli	Student Engineer	RES
Lombard, Jeana	Congressional Affairs Asst (Co-Op)	OCA
Minarik, Anthony	Student Engineer	NRO
Molinar, Daniel	Student Engineer	NRR
Ramirez, Marian	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	NRO
Silver, Jeremy	Student Engineer	NRR
Vera, Marieliz	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	NRO
Washington, Brittney	Student Clerk	ADM
Retirements		
Vander Molen, Harold	Staff Engineer	ACRS

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM-SECY-09-0013	05/26/09	Review of Proposed Rule Package, "Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material; Updates and Clarifications (10 CFR Part 110, RIN 3150-A116)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0013	05/26/09	(same)
2. SECY-09-0075	05/18/09	Safety Culture Policy Statement
3. SRM-SECY-09-0011	05/28/09	Deferral of Rulemaking: Expansion of National Source Tracking System (RIN 3150-A129)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0011	05/28/09	(same)
4. COMSECY-09-0013	05/01/09	Request to Solicit for the Appointment of a New Member to Replace Otto Maynard on the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)
SRM-COMSECY-09-0013	05/29/09	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMSECY-09-0013	05/29/09	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0080	05/22/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 15, 2009

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Amendment to the June 3-5, 2009 ACRS (563rd meeting) Federal Register Notice.

Region IV (RIV)
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Diablo Canyon Town Hall Meeting

On May 28, 2009, NRC conducted an information session and a Category 3 public meeting in San Luis Obispo, California. About 50 people attended the information session and approximately 150 people were in attendance at the town hall meeting. Participants included Pacific Gas and Electric Company officials, several members from the interest group Mothers For Peace, and several members of the public. Most of the public's interest dealt with the licensee's planned spent fuel storage and the newly discovered shoreline fault near the site. One local television station and one print media reporter covered the meeting. Additionally, one member of U.S. Senator Feinstein's staff and one member of U.S. Representative Capps' staff attended the meeting.

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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
Riley	06/02/09 366 DSOB	2:15	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Bingaman, D-N.M.)	Confirmation Hearing on Pending Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Radford Zoi to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy • William F. Brinkman to be Director, Office of Science, Energy Department • Anne Castle to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science
Decker	06/04/09 366 DSOB	9:30	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Bingaman, D-N.M.)	Draft Comprehensive Energy Policy Legislation (Mark up)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A