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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Owners Group, and Purdue University

On July 8-9, 2009, the staff participated in a meeting with representatives from NEI, the PWR Owners Group, and Purdue University (who operate the test facility) at Purdue University. Part of the meeting was open to the public. The purpose of the meeting was to see the test facility and observe demonstration void transport tests, discuss a number of technical issues related to Generic License 2008-01, and facilitate consistency between NRR and the industry's criteria applicable to determination of system operability.

Meeting on Fire Protection with NEI and Industry

From June 30 – July 2, 2009, the staff participated in a Category 2 public meeting with NEI representatives and industry stakeholders to discuss items associated with NEI 04-02, "Guidance for Implementing a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Program under 10 CFR 50.48(c)," Revision 2, as it relates to Regulatory Guide 1.205, "Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection for Existing Light-Water Nuclear Power Plants," Revision 1.

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Fermi 3 Combined License Application Review Schedule Issued

On June 30, 2009, the Combined License Application review schedule for Fermi 3 was issued. The letter transmitted the four phase milestone dates that were approved showing the planned completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement by August 20, 2011, and completion of Final Safety Analysis Report by March 20, 2012.

Exelon Announces Changes in Victoria County Application

On June 30, 2009, Exelon advised the staff and issued a press release stating the company will pursue an Early Site Permit at the Victoria County location rather than a combined construction and operating license. No firm submittal date was provided; however, the press release indicated late 2009 or early 2010.

Submittal of a Combined License Application With Limited Work Authorization Request for Turkey Point

On June 30, 2009, Florida Power & Light Company tendered a combined license application for two Advanced Passive 1000 reactors at the current Turkey Point site near Miami, Florida, designated as Turkey Point Units 6 & 7. The application includes a request for a Limited Work Authorization. The Turkey Point Unit 6 & 7 acceptance review is scheduled to commence on June 30 and be completed by September 15.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Hydrology Visit to Yucca Mountain, Nevada

From June 29 to July 2, 2009, staff visited the area around Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to view both present day springs and ancient deposits. This visit improved the staff's understanding of present and past groundwater and surface water processes in the region.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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High Temperature Gas Reactor (HTGR) Fuel Fission Product Release Phenomena and Modeling Training Course

On June 30 and July 1, 2009, RES sponsored a training course on HTGR fuel fission product release phenomena and modeling at the Legacy Hotel Meeting Centre in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of this training course was to provide knowledge and insight on the important phenomena, modeling approaches, and calculational methods for predicting fission product release from an HTGR core during normal operation and postulated accidents. This training was given by instructors from TUV Rheinland who have developed codes and provided technical support to the National Nuclear Regulator of South Africa in this area. Over 40 staff members attended from RES, the Office of New Reactors, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, as well as personnel from Idaho National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, and the U.S. Department of Energy. The entire course was video recorded to be included in the knowledge management community of practice.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-1176 "Guidance for the Assessment of Beyond-Design-Basis Aircraft Impacts"

On July 6, 2009, the RES staff issued DG-1176 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is a proposed new Regulatory Guide that describes a method the NRC staff considers acceptable for use in satisfying its regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," regarding the consideration of aircraft impacts for new nuclear power reactors. DG-1176 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 5.74, "Managing the Safety/Security Interface"

On July 6, 2009, the staff published an RG that describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable for licensees to assess and manage changes to safety and security activities so as to prevent or mitigate potential adverse effects that could negatively impact either plant safety or security. RG 5.74 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/doccollections/regguides/protection/active/>.

Publication of RG 5.75, "Training and Qualification of Security Personnel at Nuclear Power Facilities"

On July 6, 2009, the RES staff published an RG that describes methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable for the training and qualification of security personnel at nuclear power reactor facilities. RG 5.75 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/doccollections/regguides/protection/active/>.

Publication of DG 1215, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Design and Construction)"

On July 7, 2009, the RES staff issued DG-1215 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 4 to RG 1.28 that describes methods the NRC staff considers acceptable for complying with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants," which requires establishing and implementing a quality assurance program for the design and construction of nuclear power plants and fuel reprocessing plants. DG-1215 is available on the NRC Web site 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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National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Guidance

On July 6, 2009, the Information and Records Services Division (IRSD) staff, as part of a small group selected by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), provided input on priorities for NARA's electronic records management guidance. IRSD staff were asked to conduct an analysis of the revised records management regulations in 36 CFR and to identify those specific regulations where NARA guidance was needed. Ongoing work is expected by NARA on this endeavor over the next several months.

Records Assessment of Reactor Operations Experience (ROE) Program

On July 8, 2009, staff from OIS and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), met with representatives from NARA to discuss the proposed records retention schedule for NRR's Power ROE Program. NARA, in its role as an oversight agency for Federal records, must approve all records retentions and serve as the legal repository for permanent Federal records. The meeting included a discussion on the operational value of the records as well as determining if the records are of permanent value and will be transferred to the National Archives when no longer needed to conduct agency business.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of July 3, 2009 through July 9, 2009:

Materials Licenses and Amendments; Inspection Reports; Correspondence, Reports and Plans associated with these licenses held by various owners/operators of former Nuodex Corp on Industrial Avenue, Fords, New Jersey	FOIA/PA-2009-0218
Event notification reports made by Nuclear Fuel Services, Erwin, Tennessee from calendar year 1999-2003 or a list of event numbers and the location on NRC website and event notification reports by State of Tennessee regarding Studsvik Inc., 1999-2009	FOIA/PA-2009-0219

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

The decision to proceed with the license renewal of Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, located in Vernon, Vermont.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision to allow the building of two new units in Levy County, Florida.

Exelon's release of the root cause analysis of groundwater contamination at the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant, near Trenton, New Jersey.

The licensing status of the two new Vogtle nuclear power plant units, in Waynesboro, Georgia.

The shutdown of Millstone 2, in Waterford, Connecticut, following a grid disturbance.

Other Public Affairs Items

Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko spoke at the Heritage Foundation

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-122	Media Advisory: NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko to Speak at the Heritage Foundation (7/06)
09-123	NRC Renews National Institute of Standards and Technology's Research Reactor License for an Additional 20 Years (7/06)
09-124	NRC Publishes Annual Security Inspection Report to Congress (7/09)
09-125	NRC Announces Notices of Consideration of Approval and Opportunity for a Hearing on the Proposed Indirect Transfer of Control of Licenses Between Exelon and NRG Energy (7/09)
Regions:	
III-09-022	NRC to Discuss 2008 Performance Assessment for Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant July 15 (7/09)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Commission Correspondence

Letter to Congress, dated June 30, 2009, submits NRC's Report to Congress on the Security Inspection Program for Commercial Power Reactor and Category 1 Fuel Cycle Facilities: Results and Status Update.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 16					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Riley	07/07/09 406 DSOB	10:00 am	Senate Environment and Public Works (Senators Boxer / Inhofe)	Hearing: "Moving America toward a Clean Energy Economy and Reducing Global Warming Pollution: Legislative Tools"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Chu - Secretary of Energy • Lisa Jackson - Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency • Tom Vilsack - Secretary of Agriculture • Ken Salazar - Secretary of the Interior • Rich Wells - Vice President of Energy, Dow Chemical Co. • David Hawkins - Director, Climate Center, Natural Resources Defense Council • John Fetterman - Mayor, Braddock, Pennsylvania • Gov. Haley Barbour, R-Mississippi
Decker	07/07/09 2359 RHOB	7:00 pm	House Appropriations (Representatives Obey / Lewis)	Mark up for Energy and Water Draft Fiscal 2010 Appropriations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Decker	07/08/09 124 DSOB	10:00 am	Senate Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Senators Dorgan / Bennett)	Mark up Draft Fiscal 2010 Appropriations for Programs Under its Jurisdiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Riley	07/09/09 406 DSOB	10:00 am	Senate Environment and Public Works Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee (Senators Carper / Vitter)	Oversight: United States Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Regulations – One Year After the CAIR (Clean Air Interstate Rule) and CAMR (Clean Air Mercury Rule) Federal Court Decisions	<p>Panel 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honorable Regina McCarthy - Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, United States Environmental Protection Agency • John B. Stephenson - Director, Natural Resources & Environment, United States Government Accountability Office <p>Panel 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Corneli - Senior Vice President, Market and Climate Policy, NRG Energy, Inc. • Randall R. LaBauve - Vice President, Environmental Services, Florida Power & Light Company • Gary R. Hart - Market Analyst, ICAP Energy • Douglas P. Scott - Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency • Chris Korleski - Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency • Conrad G. Schneider - Advocacy Director, Clean Air Task Force
Riley	07/09/09 366 DSOB	2:00 pm	Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Senators Bingaman / Murkowski)	Confirmation Hearings for: Wilma A. Lewis to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Richard G. Newell to be Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and Robert V. Abbey to be Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A