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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Staff Attends Committee for Nuclear Regulatory Authorities Working Group on Operating Experience Conference in Paris

On April 12-15, 2010, the staff participated in the 7th annual meeting of the Nuclear Energy Agency Committee for Nuclear Regulatory Authorities Working Group on Operating Experience at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Headquarters in Paris, France. Topics of discussion included: Trending of operating experience (OpE), maintenance and transfer of knowledge, summary inputs on OpE with large oil filled transformers, and issues associated with regulatory approaches to problems encountered with "Spare Parts."

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Meeting with Holtec International

On April 8, 2010, NMSS staff met with Holtec International to discuss Holtec's concepts for amendment request No. 9 for the Model No. HI-STORM 100 storage system. The amendment request is to modify the design for the underground support structure for the HI-STORM 100U (underground storage system). After the presentation, Holtec senior management and its structural department engaged in a productive discussion of its concepts with NRC staff. One member of the public participated via teleconference.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Mini-Seminar on “Safety Demonstration Framework for Digital Instrumentation & Control Systems”

On April 7, 2010, RES staff hosted a mini-seminar on “Safety Demonstration Framework for Digital Instrumentation & Control Systems,” led by John Knight, Professor of Computer Science at the University of Virginia. Participants included technical staff from the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, New Reactors, and RES. Although the primary purpose of Knowledge Management was served well, the seminar also yielded insights into regulatory research needed in this area.

Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.68.2, Revision 2, “Initial Startup Test Program to Demonstrate Remote Shutdown Capability for Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants.”

On April 14, 2010, RES staff published an RG that describes an initial startup test program acceptable to the NRC staff for demonstrating hot shutdown capability and the potential for cold shutdown from outside the control room. RG 1.68.2 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/>.

Publication of RG 1.65, Revision 1, “Materials and Inspections for Reactor Vessel Closure Studs.”

On April 14, 2010, RES staff published an RG that provides guidance for use in selecting reactor vessel closure stud bolting materials and properties, conducting a preservice inspection, and conducting an in-service inspection. RG 1.65 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/>.

Publication of RG 6.9, Revision 1, “Establishing Quality Assurance Programs for the Manufacture and Distribution of Sealed Sources and Devices Containing Byproduct Material.”

On April 14, 2010, RES staff published an RG that directs the reader to the type of quality assurance and quality control program acceptable to the NRC staff during the review of an application to manufacture or distribute sealed sources and devices containing byproduct materials. RG 6.9 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/products/rg/>.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 4018 (DG-4018) “Constraint on Releases of Airborne Radioactive Materials to the Environment for Licensees other than Power Reactors.”

On April 14, 2010, RES staff issued DG-4018 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 1 to RG 4.20 that provides guidance on methods acceptable to the NRC staff for meeting the constraint on air emissions of radioactive material to the environment as described in Title 10, Section 20.1101(d), of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 20.1101(d)). DG-4018 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/environmental-siting/draft-index.html>

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Technical Library Adjustment of Available Hours

On April 12, 2010, representatives of OIS and the Office of Human Resources met with the NRC Chapter President, National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) to answer NTEU's questions resulting from the March 26, 2010, OIS-proposed change in the Technical Library's open hours at its physical location in Two White Flint North. The Chapter President asked questions about the reason for changing the library's current unrestricted access to the proposed hours of 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A number of points about Library procedures were addressed during the meeting as it was the Library staff's responsibility to be good stewards of government property. A second meeting will be held.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of April 9, 2010, through April 15, 2010:

Wolf Creek Updated Safety Analysis Report, Rev. 23, release dated 3/11/10	FOIA/PA-2010-0193
Application and interview process for named individual regarding Vacancy Announcement OIG/AIGI-2009-0004	FOIA/PA-2010-0194
Ginna Nuclear Station, 2007 (est.) letter signed by "Ginna Founders" and all subsequent correspondence including Office of Investigations files, allegations, and NRC decisions	FOIA/PA-2010-0195
Byron, Illinois nuclear plant, any records regarding human skull found during excavation, 1976-1978	FOIA/PA-2010-0196
Le Tourneau Inc. facility, 2400 South McArthur Blvd., Longview, Texas, all documents regarding investigation involving July 2006 Cesium-137 emissions incident	FOIA/PA-2010-0197

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

Augmented Inspection team activities at H.B. Robinson nuclear power plant located near Florence, South Carolina.

National Academy of Sciences' study, requested by the NRC, examining the cancer risk in populations living near commercial nuclear facilities.

Publication of DC-Based Bipartisan Policy Center report on the NRC's combined license application process for new reactors.

NRC special inspection team activities at Davis-Besse nuclear power plant near Toledo, Ohio.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA coordinated Chairman Jaczko's meeting with the editorial board of the *Washington Post* to discuss a variety of topics including new reactors, modular reactors, design certifications, license renewal, reactor longevity and waste storage policy.

OPA made a presentation at the Nuclear Energy Institute's workshop on nuclear communication by covering how NRC deals with the media and the public, open and transparent approach to communications, public meeting formats and the Open Government initiative.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-066	NRC Announces Availability of License Application and Hearing Opportunity for New Mexico Deconversion Facility (4/13/10)
10-067	NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko's Remarks as Prepared for Delivery at Today's Meeting on Assessment of Debris Accumulation on Reactor Sump Performance (4/15/10)
10-068	NRC Announces Appointment of New Agency Historian (4/15/10)
Regions:	
I-10-019	NRC to Hold Public Meeting on April 19, 2010 in Delta, Pennsylvania to Discuss Annual Assessment of Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant (4/12/10)
I-10-020	NRC to Hold Meeting on April 22, 2010 in Cortlandt Manor, New York to Discuss Annual Assessment of Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant (4/14/10)
II-10-021	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2009 Performance of Robinson Nuclear Power Plant (4/12/10)
II-10-022	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2009 Performance of Hatch Nuclear Power Plant (4/12/10)

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II-10-023	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss 2009 Performance of Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant (4/12/10)
II-10-024	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss 2009 Performance of McGuire Nuclear Power Plant (4/12/10)
II-10-025	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Nuclear Fuel Services Issues (4/12/10)
II-10-026	NRC Augments Inspection at Robinson Nuclear Plant (4/16/10)
III-10-009	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant (4/12/10)
III-10-010	NRC to Discuss 2009 Performance Assessment for Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant (4/13/10)
III-10-011	NRC to Discuss 2009 Performance Assessment for Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant April 22 (4/15/10)
IV-10-013	NRC to Discuss 2009 Performance Assessment for Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Plant (4/14/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-10-0043	4/7/10	Blending of Low-Level Radioactive Waste
2. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-09-0181	3/15/10	Proposed Rule: Physical Protection of Byproduct Material (RIN 3150-A112)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0041	4/8/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 2, 2010
2. SECY-10-0036	3/30/10	Update on Staff Efforts to Work with Federal Partners on Voluntary Security Initiatives for Radioactive Materials
3. SECY-10-0049	4/15/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 9, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M100408	4/16/10	Briefing on Regional Programs – Programs, Performance, and Future Plans

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Domenici and Dr. Meserve, Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), dated April 12, 2010, responding the BPC's report of the NRC licensing process for new reactors.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2), Docket Nos. 50-275-LR and 50-323-LR. (Re-issued)
2. Categorical Exclusions from Environmental Review - Final Rule.
3. Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes: Meeting Notice (05/24-25/2010).
4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal (05/05/10).
5. ACRS Meeting on the ACRS Subcommittee on AP1000 (04/22/10).
6. ACRS Meeting on the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures (05/05/10).

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Region II (RII)
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Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Site Visit

On April 14, 2010, Commissioner Ostendorff and staff, accompanied by the Regional Administrator, toured the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in Athens, Tennessee and met with licensee management and resident inspectors.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 8

OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses/Nominations
Decker	04/14/10 2247 RHOB	10:00	House Oversight and Government Reform Government Management, Organization, and Procurement Subcommittee (Representatives Watson / Bilbray)	Oversight of Federal Financial Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gene Dodaro, acting comptroller general, Government Accountability Office • Richard Gregg, acting fiscal assistant secretary of the Treasury • Danny Werfel, comptroller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget • James Millette, deputy assistant secretary of State for global financial services • Mark Easton, deputy chief financial officer, Department of Defense • John Barton, manager of public information, Texas Legislative Budget Board • Michael Hettinger, director of practice planning and marketing, Grant Thornton, LLP • Veronique de Rugy, senior research fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
Riley	04/14/10	2:00	House Oversight and	Mark-up of pending legislation,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

	2154 RHOB		Government Reform (Representatives Towns / Issa)	including: HR 1722 — Telework Improvements Act of 2009 Draft Bill — Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2010 HR 4865 — Federal Employees and Uniformed Services Retirement Equity Act of 2010 S 806 — Federal Executive Board Authorization Act of 2009	
Riley	04/14/10 342 DSOB	2:30	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee (Senators Carper / McCain)	Removing the Shroud of Secrecy: Making Government More Transparent and Accountable Part II (Part I held March 23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Wonderlich – Policy Director, Sunlight Foundation • Rob Pinkerton – Director, Public Sector Solutions, Adobe Systems Inc. • Stephen O’Keeffe – Founder, Meri Talk Online • Thomas Blanton – Director, National Security Archive
Riley	04/15/10 236 DSOB	10:00	Senate Judiciary Committee (Senators Leahy / Sessions)	Committee will mark-up pending legislation and vote on pending nominations, including the following: S 3111 — Faster FOIA Act of 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A