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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Public Meeting with Waterford Licensee Regarding Generic Letter 2004-02

On June 1, 2010, the staff held a public phone conference with the licensee for Waterford to discuss the licensee's planned responses to a staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance.

Vendor Inspection of International Quality Consultants (IQC)

On June 1 - 4, 2010, the staff conducted a vendor inspection to review IQC implementation of their 10 CFR Part 21 and Appendix B programs. IQC provides safety-related services to commercial nuclear power plants. One potential violation of 10 CFR Part 21 was identified for an inadequate Part 21 procedure.

Public Meeting with Industry Regarding Section 50.46a Risk-Informed Emergency Core Cooling System

On June 4, 2010, the staff met with industry and public stakeholders to discuss the resolution of public comments and draft final rule language for the Section 50.46a Risk-Informed Emergency Core Cooling System rule. The staff summarized the resolution of significant comments and the associated changes that were made in the draft rule language. Slides presented by the staff are available at ML101590127. A topic of particular interest by industry stakeholders was the process by which adoption of the Section 50.46a rule could potentially help certain licensees in resolving GSI-191.

Public Meeting with Millstone Licensee Regarding Generic Letter 2004-02

On June 7, 2010, the staff held a public phone conference with the licensee for Millstone to discuss the licensee's planned responses to a staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance.

Public Meeting to Discuss Fire Protection Screening Criteria Identified at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Inspection Findings and Their Implications for other Nuclear Power Plants

On June 8, 2010, the staff participated in a Category 2 meeting with the five operating power plant licensee's named in the April 21, 2010, memorandum and other industry stakeholders to discuss NRC efforts to evaluate certain plants against screening criteria using Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant inspection findings during triennial fire protection inspection. During the meeting NRC staff provided licensees an opportunity to provide information on how these criteria may have been addressed at their facilities. Both the licensee and the staff were pleased with the open lines of communications and the quality of information exchanged.

Public Meeting with Indian Point Licensee Regarding Generic Letter 2004-02

On June 9, 2010, the staff held a public phone conference with the licensee for Indian Point to discuss the licensee's planned responses to a staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance.

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Public Meeting with Sequoyah and Watts Bar Unit 1 Licensee Regarding Generic Letter 2004-02

On June 10, 2010, the staff held a public phone conference with the licensee for Sequoyah and Watts Bar Unit 1 to discuss the licensee's planned responses to an NRC staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Piping Workshop

From June 7–10, 2010, RES staff participated in the “Use of HDPE Piping for Power Plant Piping Systems Workshop” sponsored by the Electric Power Research Institute, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and the Plastics Pipe Institute. This workshop covered the design, fabrication, and installation of HDPE piping systems including testing, repair, and regulatory issues and concerns. Staff presented a consolidated Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)/Office of New Reactors (NRO)/RES brief entitled, “NRC Issues and Concerns Regarding the Use of HDPE Piping in Safety-Related Nuclear Applications.” The presentation covered the consensus views of RES, NRR, and NRO on key concerns regarding the materials and design requirements for HDPE buried piping. The workshop was attended by about 100 people representing the nuclear industry, resin manufacturers, plastic pipe manufacturers, piping system designers, fabricators, and research organizations.

Meeting with French Regulator on Digital Instrumentation and Control Research Topics

On June 10, 2010, RES staff conducted the third in a series of Go-To-Meetings with the French Regulator, IRSN, to continue discussions of mutual interest on digital instrumentation and control (DI&C) research topics. This week’s meeting focused on reviewing an initial draft of a potential common position on digital system failure modes and the usefulness of failure modes and effects analyses for software. Additional meetings are planned to further develop common positions and share learning in the DI&C research areas.

Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.28, Revision 4, “Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction)”

On June 11, 2010, RES staff published RG 1.28, Revision 4. This RG replaces Revision 3 of RG 1.28, issued August 1985. The methods described in this revision are generally equivalent to the methods described in RG 1.28, Revision 3, which endorsed American National Standards Institute/ASME NQA-1-1983 through NQA-1a-1983 Addenda. RG 1.28, Revision 4, extends the scope of NRC’s endorsement to include NQA-1, Part II, and the history of the consolidation of NRC-endorsed QA standards applicable to design and construction. RG 1.28, Revision 4 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/>.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of June 4, 2010, through June 10, 2010:

ML003738957, letter dated July 14, 2000, from Framatone Cogema Fuels to the NRC	FOIA/PA-2010-0250
Regulation of nuclear reactors and power plants, research, special nuclear materials, regarding output and exposure levels in communities surrounding reactors, 1989 to present; research, safeguards, state of the art consequence analyses of nuclear exposure	FOIA/PA-2010-0251
Companies or businesses that currently have radioactive material licenses/permits within the cities of Middle River, Middleborough, Bowleys Quarters, Essex, Rossville, Nottingham, White Marsh, Parkville, Carney, Dundalk, Baltimore & Baltimore County	FOIA/PA-2010-0252
Resumés or profiles submitted by specific Commissioners upon their accession to the Commission	FOIA/PA-2010-0253

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Alcantara, Paulo	Student Management Analyst (ITIB)	RES
Ayers, Lauren	Student Engineer	RES
Bertman, Jason	Student Management Assistant (ITI)	RES
Cudzilo, Ethan,	Student IT Assistant	CSO
Governor, Kendrick	Student Space Design Specialist	ADM
Khan, Akhteruzzaman	Student Financial Assistant	CFO
Patrick, Laura	Student Engineer	NRR
Scott, Mary Lynn	Senior Procurement Analyst	EDO
Sugrue, Rosemary	Student Engineer (PRA)	RES
Watford, Margaret	Student Engineer	NRR
Weaver, Thomas	Geotechnical Engineer	RES
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
None		

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

The restart authorization for the Louisiana Energy Services enrichment facility (New Mexico).

Information about the onsite death of a diver at the Indian Point nuclear power plant (New York).

NRC's assessment of an Alert declared at the Fermi nuclear plant (Michigan) after a tornado damaged the facility's auxiliary building.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA facilitated an interview with the Chicago Tribune and NRC about the Zion nuclear plant (Illinois) decommissioning plans.

OPA provided the Wall Street Journal with information regarding core damage frequency estimates for a blog item on Probabilistic Risk Assessment and accident analysis.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-099	NRC to Hold Conference June 23-24, 2010, on Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Licensing Process (6/8/10)
10-100	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at Today's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting (6/9/10)
10-101	Public Service Enterprise Group Application for Early Site Permit in New Jersey Available on NRC Website (6/11/10)

Regions:	
II-10-044	NRC Begins Special Inspection at Brunswick Nuclear Plant (6/10/10)
II-10-045	NRC Authorizes Operation of Louisiana Energy Services National Enrichment Facility (6/10/10)
II-10-046	NRC Begins Special Inspection at Surry Nuclear Plant (6/11/10)
III-10-024	NRC Proposes \$14,000 Fine Against Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System for Misadministration of Iodine-131 (6/7/10)
III-10-025	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Quad Cities Nuclear Power Plant Performance and Related Issues June 15, 2010 (6/11/10)
IV-10-024	NRC to Hold Two Public Meetings on the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant on June 29, 2010 (6/10/10)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-10-0022	6/8/10	Proposed Rule: Domestic Licensing of Source Material – Amendments/Integrated Safety Analysis (RIN 3150-AI50)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0073	6/04/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 28, 2010
2. SECY-10-0075	6/9/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending June 4, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M100527	6/08/10	Staff Requirements – Briefing on the Results of the Agency Action Review Meeting
2. M100609A	6/09/10	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session; I. SECY-10-0044 – Review of Final Rule Package, “Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material; Updates and Clarifications (10 CFR Part 110, RIN 3150-AI16)