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## Task III.C: Public Information

The objectives of this task are: (1) to have information available for the news media and the public describing how nuclear plants operate, radiation and its health effects, and protective actions against radiation; and (2) to provide training for members of the technical staff on how to interface with the news media and other interested parties.

### ITEM III.C.1: HAVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR THE NEWS MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC

The three parts of this item have been combined and evaluated together.

#### *DESCRIPTION*

The objective of this TMI Action Plan<sup>1</sup> item is to have information available to the news media and the public describing how nuclear plants operate, radiation and its health effects, and protective actions against radiation.

PA has completed a review of publicly available documents and found the list wanting. FEMA, partially in response to the above, is working on a booklet about radiation facts and how power reactors work. Several drafts of the booklet have been distributed to appropriate agencies for review but the timing of actual publication is not known. Additionally, information about radiation is now disseminated as part of the off-site emergency plan for each site. The first series of news media seminars about how reactors work and facts on radiation has been completed (one in each region). A second round is now underway.<sup>2</sup> This item is not directly related to public safety and, therefore, is considered a licensing issue.

#### *CONCLUSION*

This Licensing Issue has been resolved.

#### *ITEM III.C.1(1): REVIEW PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS*

This Licensing Issue was evaluated in Item III.C.1 above and was determined to be resolved.

#### *ITEM III.C.1(2): RECOMMEND PUBLICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*

This Licensing Issue was evaluated in Item III.C.1 above and was determined to be resolved.

#### *ITEM III.C.1(3): PROGRAM OF SEMINARS FOR NEWS MEDIA PERSONNEL*

This Licensing Issue was evaluated in Item III.C.1 above and was determined to be resolved.

### ITEM III.C.2: DEVELOP POLICY AND PROVIDE TRAINING FOR INTERFACING WITH THE NEWS MEDIA

Both parts of this item have been combined and evaluated together.

#### *DESCRIPTION*

The TMI Action Plan identified a need to develop policy and procedures for dealing with briefing requests from State and local officials, Congress, other Federal officials, the media, and others during emergencies. A plan for prompt but accurate notification of the news media is also included.

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<sup>1</sup> NUREG-0660, "NRC Action Plan Developed as a Result of the TMI-2 Accident," U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, May 1980, (Rev. 1) August 1980.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum for H. Denton from J. Fouchard, "Draft Report on the Prioritization of Non-NRR TMI Action Plan Items," January 17, 1983. [8302030055]

Technical staff from the NRC have been designated to assist PA in the event of an accident. A briefing book consisting of detailed visual materials covering reactor facilities manufactured by all four vendors has been completed and distributed to the Regional offices, the Operations Center and the Commissioners.<sup>3</sup> This item is not directly related to safety and, therefore, is considered a licensing issue.

#### *CONCLUSION*

This Licensing Issue has been resolved.

#### *ITEM III.C.2(1): DEVELOP POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH BRIEFING REQUESTS*

This Licensing Issue was evaluated in Item III.C.2 above and was determined to be resolved.

#### *ITEM III.C.2(2): PROVIDE TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL STAFF*

This Licensing Issue was evaluated in Item III.C.2 above and was determined to be resolved.

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<sup>3</sup> Memorandum for H. Denton from J. Fouchard, "Draft Report on the Prioritization of Non-NRR TMI Action Plan Items," January 17, 1983. [8302030055]