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WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 2002

The Weekly Information Report is compiled by the Office of the EDO and includes highlights of Headquarters and Regional Office activities.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Reactor Oversight Process (ROP)

The Inspection Program Branch (IIPB) staff conducted a public meeting with the NRC/Industry ROP Working Group on May 22, 2002. During this meeting, industry raised three generic issues of concern involving an apparent inconsistency of ROP policy vs. SECY 99-007. They are regarding: (1) significant determination processes (SDPs) such as the public radiation safety SDP aggregating occurrences into a higher level of significance; (2) use of SDP when performance indicator (PI) is adequately monitoring the performance of equipment; and (3) difference in outcomes for a PI-monitored component when using the MD 8.3 process vs. PI process for input into the Action Matrix. The next NRC/Industry ROP Working Group public meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2002.

In addition, IIPB staff conducted a public meeting on May 23, 2002, to develop success criteria to support the upcoming Mitigating System Performance Index (MSPI) workshop and pilot. The next MSPI Committee public meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2002.

IIPB staff provided support at the Region IV Reactor Inspector Counterpart meeting on May 21-23, 2002. At this meeting, IIPB made a presentation regarding phase I and II Reactor Safety SDPs, Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0612, "Power Reactor Inspection Reports," IMC 1245, "Inspector Qualification Program For the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Inspection Program," and changes to safety system unavailability performance indicator including the proposed Mitigating System Performance Index workshop and pilot program.

Potassium Iodide (KI) Update

FEMA reviewed and verified the population numbers for the KI order for Ohio. KI tablets for Ohio have been ordered. Pennsylvania has not yet provided the population data needed for their KI order. As of May 28, 2002, thirteen states have requested KI from NRC.

Public Meeting with NEI and Industry on the Emergency Preparedness Cornerstone Significance Determination Process (EP SDP)

A meeting was held between EPHP Section staff, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and nuclear industry representatives on May 22, 2002, to discuss a draft revision of the EP SDP. This revision of the EP SDP will incorporate lessons learned from use of the SDP since the inception of the reactor oversight process. The meeting concentrated on the "Failure to Comply" branch of the SDP, and an intermediate (white) significance path for risk significant planning standard noncompliances. Industry representatives gave comments on the draft SDP text including concepts of the noncompliance examples given for the planning standards. The industry representatives were very helpful in identifying unintended consequences of the draft measures and in proposing alternate wording. NRC will consider industry input in determining the final revised EP SDP.

Meeting with EPA and Others to Revise EPA Protective Action Guide Manual

On May 23, 2002, NRR/EPHP and NSIR/IRO staff attended a special working group on the draft revision to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Protective Action Guide (PAG) manual. In attendance were representatives from EPA, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Sanford Cohen & Associates, Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) E-6 committee as well as the NRC. The discussion was focused on the groundwater PAGs, recovery PAGs and the potassium iodide (KI) for emergency worker PAGs. The implications of the bio-terrorism bill, with the provision of KI out to 20 miles, and the FDA guidance on KI were discussed. The EPA representative stated that the revisions to the draft should be available for review and comment by July 2002.

Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute/Early Site Permit Kick-off Meeting

On May 28, 2002, NRC held an introductory meeting with representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and each of the three Early Site Permit (ESP) applicants, Dominion, Entergy, and Exelon. Previously, Dominion identified North Anna, Entergy identified Grand Gulf, and Exelon identified Clinton as the sites for their early site permit applications. The main topics of this meeting were: ESP applicant preparations, NRC staff organization for ESP reviews, ESP applicant fee structure, NRC review standard for ESP applications, QA requirements, inspection procedures, timing of public meetings, and the NRC ESP review timeline. Actions resulting from the meeting include:

- In response to the applicants expressed interest in pursuing fee waivers for the ESP review, OCFO with NRR will review applicability of fee waivers and past precedence (e.g., license renewal) and provide a response to the industry on processes for requesting fee waivers. Included in the response, the staff will consider how public outreach meetings that the NRC conducts would be billed.
- NRC is preparing a review standard for ESP applications with a target release date for use and comment by the end of the year.
- NRC is developing an integrated ESP review schedule with a target date of September. This review schedule will consider NEI's proposed review timeline as well as other ongoing NRC work activities.

NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-08: Availability of the Topical Report Program Description and Status of Staff Reviews on the NRC Web Site dated May 22, 2002

The NRC is issuing this regulatory issue summary to announce the replacement for NUREG-0390, "Topical Report Review Status." A description of the topical report program and the current status of topical report reviews can now be found on the NRC's Public Web site, at <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/licensing/topical-reports.html>.

Interveners in McGuire and Catawba Proceeding Submit Late-Filed Contentions

On May 20, 2002, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL) and Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS), have submitted late-filed contentions in the

proceeding regarding Duke's application for license renewal at Catawba and McGuire. The late-filed contentions augmented the contention in the proceeding regarding the adequacy of Duke's application as it relates to station blackout Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMAs). The staff and Duke have until June 10, 2002, to respond to the interveners' most recent filing and arguments before the Board are scheduled for June 18, 2002.

Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC), the licensee for the Beaver Valley Power Station, Perry Nuclear Plant, and Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, announced the following senior management changes, which are effective immediately, at FENOC headquarters and at Perry:

Bill Kanda, who was the Perry Plant Manager, is promoted to Vice President at Perry. Mr. Kanda will report to Lew Myers, FENOC Chief Operating Officer.

Tim Rausch, who was the Director - Work Management and Maintenance at Perry, is promoted to Perry Plant Manager and will report to Bill Kanda.

Guy Campbell, who was Vice President at Perry, is named Vice President of FirstEnergy's eastern nuclear facilities. Mr. Campbell will report to Gary Leidich, Executive Vice President - FENOC.

John Wood, who was Vice President of FENOC Engineering Services, has left the company.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Pre-Application Meeting with Louisiana Energy Services

On May 29, 2002, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards met with staff from the Louisiana Energy Services (LES) in a pre-application meeting for a gas centrifuge enrichment facility license, to discuss LES' approach for addressing physical security, codes and standards, and items previously reviewed by the NRC. LES is planning to submit its application, based on current physical security requirements, and will make revisions based on any new requirements from NRC's ongoing review of security issues. LES proposes to use American codes that are equivalent to the European codes used in the existing Urenco plants. In the application, LES will clearly identify areas that were reviewed and approved in the previous LES enrichment facility application.

Technical Meeting and Site Visits to Urenco Facilities

On May 21-23, 2002, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards met with Urenco staff in Capenhurst, United Kingdom, and Almelo, the Netherlands, to discuss technical and safety issues pertaining to Urenco gas centrifuge operations. The staff also toured the Capenhurst and Almelo gas centrifuge facilities. The site tours included feed and withdrawal areas, support areas, and decontamination operation areas. The Almelo SP5 facility, which is currently under construction, will be similar to the facility to be proposed for licensing in the U.S.

10 CFR Part 35 Trainer Training

On May 22-23, 2002, staff from the Division of Industrial Medical and Nuclear Safety (IMNS) were trained by a consultant on presentation skills, and by staff, on the technical aspects of the changes made to revised 10 CFR Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material." In addition, the contractor provided guidance to the staff on how to develop effective training material. IMNS staff who attended this training will themselves be conducting training to NRC regional inspectors and license reviewers, and Agreement State personnel during July and August 2002, as part of the implementation effort. Part 35 was published in the Federal Register on April 24, 2002, and will become effective October 24, 2002.

NRC Staff Participates in Meeting on West Valley Demonstration Project

On May 23, 2002, NRC staff participated in a meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency; the Department of Energy (DOE); the Seneca Nation of Indians; the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; the New York State Department of Health; and the New York State Energy Resource and Development Authority. This meeting was a follow-up to a previous public meeting on NRC's "Final Policy Statement on Decommissioning Criteria for the West Valley Demonstration Project." The purpose of this meeting was to exchange general information on roles, expectations, and next steps related to the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the decommissioning of the West Valley Demonstration Project. In this meeting, DOE requested comments on a draft schedule for the

EIS. DOE expects to issue a Notice of Intent and complete scoping for this EIS soon. All parties expressed support for moving forward with the West Valley decommissioning EIS.

Public Meetings on the NRC's Draft Yucca Mountain Review Plan

On May 21, 2002, and on May 22-23, 2002, respectively, staff from the Division of Waste Management (DWM) held public meetings, in Pahrump and Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of these meetings was to introduce and seek comment on the staff's draft Yucca Mountain Review Plan (YMRP). These meetings were supported by staff from the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (Center); the NRC's Onsite Representative's Office in Las Vegas; the Office of the General Counsel; and the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO). After a general overview and introduction of NRC's role and regulatory program for Yucca Mountain, DWM and Center staff made presentations on the major portions of the draft YMRP. After each presentation, or set of presentations, the audience was invited to ask questions and offer comments. The verbal and written comments received during the public meetings will be given the same consideration as other comments received by the close of the comment period. NRC brochures and information sheets, developed with assistance of the Center, along with copies of the draft Yucca Mountain Review Plan (hard copies and CD-ROMs), were made available to attendees. Requests were received to extend the period for public comment on the draft plan, and many members of the public expressed their opposition to the Yucca Mountain project. Clark County Chairman Dario Herrera expressed a number of concerns at both Las Vegas meetings, including his observation that the Department of Energy (DOE) had failed to adequately address the County's comments on the Draft and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements for Yucca Mountain. DWM and SFPO staff also met with local officials from Clark County, on May 23, 2002. Both Mr. Herrera and members of the Clark County staff noted NRC's patience and professionalism in conducting these meetings. At every opportunity, staff affirmed NRC's independence from DOE; that NRC's primary mission is protection of public health and safety; and that NRC will reach conclusions for all technical and licensing issues.

Brunswick Site Visit

On May 22-23, 2002, Spent Fuel Project Office and Oak Ridge National Laboratory staffs met with Progress Energy staff at the Brunswick site near Wilmington, North Carolina, to obtain data on spent nuclear fuel (SNF) cask shipment contamination, in support of the NRC's participation in the International Atomic Energy Agency's Coordinated Research Project on package surface contamination. The visit focused on SNF cask package dose rates, contamination levels, decontamination procedures, and time and motion data. Progress Energy's experience is based on more than a hundred SNF shipments over 20 years, using the IF-300 rail cask. The contents of a fully loaded IF-300 can approach 2 million curies, with surface dose rates, during decontamination, of up to 1 rem/hour, in certain areas.

Nuclear Security and Incident Response
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United States/Australia Annual Safeguards Discussions

On May 22, 2002, staff from the Division of Nuclear Security hosted and participated in the annual United States/Australia safeguards discussions with the Departments of Energy and State, NRC's Office of International Programs, and representatives of the Australian Safeguards and Non-proliferation Office. Topics discussed included inventory reporting safeguards issues under discussion between Australia and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and industry developments in Australia and the United States.

Power Reactor Cyber Interim Compensatory Measure

Personnel from the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research met with personnel from the Nuclear Energy Institute on May 30, 2002 to discuss the power reactor interim compensatory measures (ICM) associated with cyber security. The meeting was successful in clarifying the scope of systems to which the ICMs apply and other technical nuances within the industry guidance previously endorsed.

Event Reports on Public Website

On May 30, 2002, NRC resumed posting Event Reports received by the Headquarters Operations Officers (HOOs) on the Public website. The HOOs screen the events daily, in accordance with COMSECY-01-0030, "Guidance to the Staff on Release of Information to the Public," dated January 25, 2002, to prevent the release of sensitive information.

Qualification Programs Completed

On May 30, 2002, two Headquarters Operations Officer candidates (Gerald M. Waig and Richard A. Laura) successfully completed their qualification programs.

Wolf Creek Security Forum

Staff from the Division of Incident Response represented NRC at a Security Forum at the Wolf Creek site on May 23, 2002. The Security Forum (which was described as "not quite a tabletop") was conducted at the Wolf Creek site to exercise the Wolf Creek Security Plan and identify any additional requirements or changes which may be needed to refine it. Other attendees included licensee management and staff, local Sheriff, Kansas Highway Patrol, U.S. Army, Kansas National Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Kansas Emergency Management (KEM). The specific goal of the Forum was to identify security resources by arrival time and duration and walk through the execution of the security process. The Forum built upon experience gained after the National Guard responded to Wolf Creek shortly after the attacks of September 11, 2001. Plans are in place for responses to Wolf Creek by both the local Sheriff, the National Guard, and the U.S. Army, upon request. The Forum also discussed revising licensee, State and local

emergency action levels to be compatible with the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS). The Forum was judged to be a success by participants.

Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan (FRERP) Revision - Working Group

Staff from the Division of Incident Response Operations participated with staff from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) in a working session for revision of the FRERP on May 29, 2002 at FEMA Headquarters. The working group of the Federal Response Subcommittee of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee is charged with coordinating review and appropriate revision of the FRERP. The objective is to update the FRERP to reflect the U.S. Government Interagency Domestic Terrorism Concept of Operations Plan, Federal Response Plan, and post-9/11 lessons learned regarding interagency coordination. The planned revision process includes several months of interagency working sessions and issuance of a revised FRERP at the end of the fiscal year.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-II-02-020, BWX Technologies, Inc., MEDIA INTEREST IN PLANT EVACUATION.
2. PNO-IV-02-025A, Schlumberger Technology Corporation, LOSS OF CONTROL OF A WELL LOGGING SOURCE POSSIBLY RESULTING IN EXPOSURES TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
3. PNO-IV-02-027, Construction Inspection and Testing, LOST OR STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE.

Office of Administration
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Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings; Policy Statement

A document that revises the NRC's public meeting policy to enhance public participation in NRC meetings was published in the Federal Register on May 28, 2002 (67 FR 36920). The revised policy identifies three categories of public meetings convened by the NRC and describes criteria for the level of public participation, information availability, and follow-up effort associated with each meeting category. The revised policy became effective May 28, 2002.

Rulemaking Communications Improvements (10 CFR Chapter I)

A document requesting public comment and recommendations on options for improving NRC communications with the public on agency rulemaking activities was published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2002 (67 FR 37733). The comment period for this action closes July 1, 2002.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the period of
May 24, 2002 through May 30, 2002:

Investigation on named individual (FOIA/PA-2002-0281)

OIG Investigation (FOIA/PA-2002-0282)

Named individual, all records from 1902 -1984 (FOIA/PA-2002-0283)

MLTS, annual report derived from database, printout of first 100 records (FOIA/PA-2002-0284)

Radioactive protective clothing, description and where it can be obtained (FOIA/PA-2002-0285)

Connecticut Yankee, proposed Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), all documents (FOIA/PA-2002-0286)

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
BENNEY, Brian	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
DAVIS, Mildred	SECRETARY	RES
DITTO, David	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	OIG
EADS, Johnny	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
GERARDI, Craig	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
GOVAN, Tekia	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
HAHN, Matthew	INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST	NSIR
HARRIS, Brian	STUDENT LAW CLERK	OGC
HENDERSON, Erica	STUDENT CLERK	NRR
HOPKINS, Ogbonna	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	NRR
JOHNSON, Robert	REACTOR SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
KLEIN, Gabriel	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
KORMANN, Matthew	INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST	NSIR
LANDER, Christy	STUDENT CLERK	RI
MCDERMOTT, Jeffrey	CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICER	OCA
MOCK, Aisha	STUDENT CLERK	RIII
NEILL, Charles	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIV
NEUNER III, Burton	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIII
O'HARA, Timothy	REACTOR INSPECTOR	RI
POTUCEK, Daniel	STUDENT CLERK	ADM
RHO, Jennifer	STUDENT SOCIAL SCIENTIST	OIP
RIVERA, Eric	STUDENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ANALYST	OCFO
SMITH, Katherine	STUDENT ENGINEER	RI
SNOWBERGER, Dwight	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
STEVENS, Matthew	STUDENT SOCIAL SCIENTIST	OIP

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ENCLOSURE I

TEGELER, Bret	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	RES
TERRY, Tomeka	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	NRR
THOMAS, Vaughn	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	RES
YODER, Matthew	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	NRR
Retirements		
BENEDICT, Robert	SENIOR REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
JENKINS, Jerry	STAFF ACCOUNTANT	OCFO
LATORRE, Marie	OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANT	RIII
SUMMEROUR, JoAnn	FOIA & CORRESPONDENCE ANALYST	RES
WOOD, Robert	LICENSEE FINANCIAL POLICY ADVISOR	NRR
Departures		
ESTER, Readith	SECRETARY	RIII
KING-WERTMAN, Nancy	SECRETARY (OA)	NRR
MINER, Lloyd	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
RIVERA-MARTINEZ, Dwight	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	RIII

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

There was media interest in a public meeting between NRC and Entergy officials regarding performance issues at the Indian Point nuclear plant.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
02-066	NRC to Meet with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. June 4 To Discuss Replacement of Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel Head
02-067	NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste To Meet June 18 - 20 in Rockville, Maryland
Regions:	
II-02-031	NRC Commissioner to Visit Turkey Point Nuclear Plant June 6
III-02-030	NRC Chairman to Visit Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant on May 30
III-02-031	Chairman's Visit to Fermi 2 Nuclear Plant on May 30 Postponed
IV-02-026	NRC Names John Kramer Senior Resident Inspector at Fort Calhoun Station

Office of International Programs
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Canadian Visit

On May 29, 2002, Ms. Linda Keen, President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) visited the NRC for discussions with the Chairman and Commissioners, and signed a renewal of the NRC-CNSC safety arrangement. Ms. Keen also attended the Commission's briefing on the status of new reactor licensing activities.

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Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMSECY-02-0015	04/04/02	Withholding Sensitive Homeland Security Information from the Public
SRM on 02-0015	05/28/02	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 02-0015	05/28/02	(same)
2. COMSECY-02-0024	5/10/02	Renewal of Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Charter
SRM on 02-0024	5/30/02	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 02-0024	5/30/02	(same)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator James M. Inhofe dated May 17, 2002, concerns revision to regulations on the medical use of byproduct materials in 10 CFR Part 35.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes Subcommittee - Notice of Meeting.
2. Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings - Policy Statement.
3. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste - Notice of Meeting.
4. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste - Renewal Notice.
5. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Meeting on Planning and Procedures.

Region I
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Indian Point Unit 2 Activities

On May 30, 2002 at 3:00 p.m., the NRC held a regulatory performance meeting near the Indian Point site to provide an assessment of progress by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. in improving performance at Indian Point Unit 2. The Regional Administrator and the Deputy Director, DRP, attended the meeting. The NRC summarized previous assessments and described the next steps in monitoring and assessing IP2, a multiple degraded cornerstone plant. During its presentation, Entergy described progress in improving plant performance through its fundamentals improvement plan (FIP), including a description of stationwide initiatives that are underway.

At the end of the meeting between Entergy and NRC, the public was offered the opportunity to ask questions of NRC officials. Approximately 75 people, mostly licensee employees, attended the meeting. Numerous questions and comments were offered over a two-hour period, including: the timing and adequacy of performance improvement efforts, plant technical issues, offsite releases, the Riverkeeper 2.206 petition, open condition reports in the corrective action program, design basis verification, basis for extending the containment integrated leak rate test, Davis Besse reactor vessel head issues, plant security issues, and evacuation issues. These questions and comments were addressed by NRC management.

Region II
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Florida Power Corporation - Crystal River Emergency Preparedness Exercise

On May 29-30, 2002, Region II participated in the Crystal River-Emergency Preparedness Exercise with representatives from the State of Florida, the licensee, local county emergency response organizations, the Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The exercise covered the plume and ingestion pathway phases of a postulated event. The Director, Division of Reactor Projects, was the Site Team Leader/Director of Site Operations. The exercise was covered by media, including local TV stations and newspapers.

The Region II State Liaison Officer participated as a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Regional Assistance Committee to evaluate the performance of the State of Florida and applicable local governments.

Westinghouse Electric Company

The Region issued escalated enforcement to the licensee for a Severity Level III violation regarding the transportation of uranium in a container marked as empty to the BWXT facility in Lynchburg, Virginia. The Region issued a Severity Level III action with no civil penalty based on the licensee's actions to identify and correct the problem, which occurred in the July 2001 time frame.

BWXT Technologies, Inc. - Media Interest in Plant Evacuation

On May 28, the licensee evacuated employees from the facility near Lynchburg, Virginia, due to an unexpected actuation of the criticality monitoring alarm system. There was no criticality and the false alarm was due to an electrical power supply fault due to leaking water (see PNO-II-02-020).

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 56

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Keeling	06/04/02 2237 RHOB	4:00	Hearing to be immediately followed by a markup	H.R. 4598, Homeland Security Information Security Act	Reps. Smith/Scott Crime, Terrorism & Homeland Security Judiciary
Combs	06/05/02 SD-366	9:30	Markup	S.J.Res. 34, Approving Yucca Mountain for the Repository	Senators Bingaman/Murkowski Energy and Natural Resources
Keeling	06/05/02 SD-406	10:00	Chairman, Exelon, UCS, POGO, and others	S. 1586 and S. 1746, Security at Nuclear Power Plants	Senators Jeffords/Smith Environment and Public Works
Gerke	06/06/02 2247 RHOB	10:00	TBA	Federal Financial Management Improvement Act: Are Agencies Meeting the Challenge?	Reps. Horn/Schakowsky Gov't Efficiency, Fincl Management, & Intergovernmental Relations Government Reform