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WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 2003

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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North Anna Power Station, Unit 1

On May 14, 2003, a tractor trailer carrying the replaced North Anna, Unit 1, reactor vessel head (RVH) from North Anna Power Station to EnviroCare in Clive, Utah, was involved in a vehicle accident with a pickup truck on Route 42 near Kingman, Kansas. The impact between the tractor trailer and pickup truck caused a 22-inch tear in the plastic packaging that covered the RVH, along with depositing some paint on the metal support plates connecting the head to the tractor trailer. The head itself did not appear to be impacted. The Sumner County, Kansas Fire Department Team responded to the scene. After continuing to travel 20-25 miles, the driver stopped for the evening just south of Kingman, Kansas, and informed his carrier dispatcher of the accident. The following morning, the carrier dispatcher informed Waste Management Group, Inc. (WMG), the subcontractor for the head replacement project, of the accident. WMG requested the tractor trailer be stopped at the nearest available location. The driver of the tractor trailer stopped at a location just east of Greensburg, Kansas, on Route 54. WMG then notified the North Anna Power Station, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the State of Kansas about the accident. Representatives from the Wolf Creek Generating Station, State of Kansas Department of Health & Environment Radiation & Asbestos Control Group, and North Anna Power Station were sent to survey the tractor trailer and assess the damage. Three independent radiological surveys conducted by these representatives determined there had been no spread of radiological contamination and only minor damage had occurred to the shipping container for the reactor vessel head. The shipping container was repaired and inspected to ensure it met the U.S. Department of Transportation packaging standards. The tractor trailer was released by North Anna Power Station and the State of Kansas on May 16, 2003. That same day, the tractor trailer left Greensburg, Kansas, en route to the State of Utah. A more extensive evaluation of the damage will be performed at the tractor trailer's final destination, EnviroCare in Clive, Utah.

Public Comment Proposed GL 2003-XX: "Requirements for Steam Generator Tube Inspections

A proposed generic letter, GL 2003-XX: "Requirements for Steam Generator Tube Inspections," was published in the *Federal Register* on May 14, 2003, (68 FR 25909) for public comment, with a 60-day comment period. In 2002, the staff learned that some licensees were not inspecting the full length of tubing in the tubesheet area with appropriate specialized probes for detecting certain types of defects, like circumferential cracks, that may exist there. Although these licensees were using a safety analysis to justify their inspection practices, these safety analyses were not provided to the NRC for review and approval. The staff asked the licensees to submit TS amendment requests or safety analyses to obtain NRC approval of their inspection approaches. The staff reviewed the resulting submittals on a one-cycle basis before the plants restarted. Upon identification of this issue and its potential generic implications, the staff developed a draft GL to discuss the NRC's interpretation of the requirements in this area. When finalized, the GL will ask the Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR) licensees to assess whether their tube inspection practices comply with regulatory requirements and to propose corrective actions if they do not. A sample change to the technical specifications for plants limiting inspections in the tube sheet region was also included in the proposed GL. The staff

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has received media inquiry on the proposed GL, and an article was published in The Energy Daily on May 15, 2003. The staff is preparing a communication plan to facilitate communication with the internal and external stakeholders.

Staff Issues Final Supplement 11 to The Generic Environmental Impact Statement on License Renewal For St. Lucie Units 1 And 2

The staff issued final Supplement 11 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," regarding St. Lucie, Units 1 and 2 on May 16, 2003. The supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) represents the completion of the staff's environmental review for the license renewal application submitted by Florida Power and Light Company.

The SEIS includes the staff's final analysis in which the staff considers and weighs the environmental effects of the proposed actions, the environmental impacts of alternatives to the proposed actions, and mitigative measures available for reducing or avoiding adverse impacts. They also include the staff's final recommendations regarding the proposed actions; that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for St. Lucie Units 1 and 2 are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decisionmakers would be unreasonable.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is expected to issue the Notice of Filing of the final SEIS in the May 30, 2003, *Federal Register*. The NRC can then proceed with the renewal actions after a 30-day period expires (June 29, 2003), should no Federal agency refer matters in dispute in the final SEIS to the Council on Environmental Quality.

License Renewal Steering Committee Meeting

The NRC License Renewal Steering Committee met with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) License Renewal Working Group on May 16, 2003, to discuss license renewal review resources. Based on the number of applications being reviewed and those planned to be submitted in coming years, a significant increase in the resources allocated for license renewal will be needed. To accommodate the resource needs for license renewal application reviews and the other office's programs, the staff has proposed limiting the number of in-house license renewal application reviews to eight at any one time starting in FY 2004. Based on this proposal, reviews in FY 2004 and 2005 would be delayed ranging from 2 to 18 months. The industry discussed that potential schedule and financial impacts of this proposal. By an April 18, 2003, letter, the staff requested NEI comments on the potential impact of license renewal resources. NEI indicated that they are conducting an industry survey to gather data to respond to that letter. NEI also indicated that they plan to discuss this subject at the June 16, 2003, senior management public meeting.

Commission Briefing

The Commission was briefed by NRC staff on the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) and the results of the Agency Action Review Meeting (AARM) on May 15, 2003. Agenda topics included the results of the Industry Trends and the ROP Self-Assessment Program, an informational update on Davis-Besse, a briefing of the Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

(NMSS) process for selecting licensees for AARM discussion, and the results of four reactor plant licensees (Indian Point 2, Oconee 1, Point Beach 1 and 2, and Cooper) that met the criteria for AARM discussion. Additionally, representatives of Entergy and Greenpeace provided the Commission with their perspectives on the ROP.

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Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes

On May 20-21, 2003, the Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes (ACMUI) held its semi-annual meeting. The first session, on May 20, 2003, was a closed meeting, where NRC staff and ACMUI discussed internal administrative committee business. The open public session began at 1:00 p.m. and included presentations from NRC staff and ACMUI, as well as various outside speakers, including a representative of the Government Accounting Office. Topics covered ranged from discussion of NRC's National Materials Program Pilot Project on Operating Experience, to the requirement that NRC report, to the Department of Health and Human Services' database, certain adverse actions against licensee health care practitioners. A transcript of the meeting will be available via both ADAMS and the NRC website, on approximately June 20, 2003.

Sequoyah Fuels Public Meeting and Site Visit

On the evening of May 13, 2003, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards and the Division of Waste Management, with assistance from staff from the Office of the General Counsel, Region IV, and contractors, held a public meeting in Gore, Oklahoma. Staff discussed the change in classification, from source material to byproduct material, as defined in Section 11e.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act, of most of the waste at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) conversion facility, and how that will affect the reclamation of the site. Additionally, a scoping meeting was conducted for the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the cleanup of the site. Several reporters attended: articles appeared in local media the following day.

On the morning of May 14, 2003, staff met with SFC at its site near Gore, Oklahoma, to discuss technical issues related to the proposed reclamation plan, and to tour the site. Staff from the State of Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and several members of the public attended the meeting and site tour. In the afternoon, staff met with representatives of the Cherokee Nation at their offices in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Meeting of National Academy of Sciences Transportation of Radioactive Waste Committee

On May 16-17, 2003, the National Academy of Sciences convened the first meeting of the Transportation of Radioactive Waste Committee. The panel will study the societal and technical risks of transportation, with a special focus on spent fuel transportation. The purpose of the open portion of the kickoff meeting was to collect the views of the sponsors and interested members of the public. NRC's Spent Fuel Project Office provided the first presentation, followed by the Department of Energy, the Department of Transportation, and the Electric Power Research Institute. Up to eight meetings are planned (some closed) over two years.

Meeting with PacTec Regarding Transport Package for MOX Fresh Fuel Assemblies

On May 15, 2003, Spent Fuel Project Office staff met with Packaging Technology, Inc., (PacTec) to discuss the transport packages that will be used to support the plutonium disposition program for irradiating mixed uranium and plutonium oxide (MOX) fuel in commercial reactors. Current program plans include fabrication of four MOX lead assemblies in Europe. PacTec described the design and analysis of two French-approved package designs that may be used to transport the plutonium oxide from the U.S. to Europe, and the fresh MOX fuel assemblies back to the U.S. PacTec plans to request approval in fall 2003 to use the packages for these import and export shipments. After lead assembly testing, future MOX fuel assemblies will be fabricated in the U.S. and shipped to domestic reactors. PacTec also described the package being designed for shipments within the U.S. It plans to submit an application for package approval to NRC in March 2004.

NRC and DOE Hold Technical Exchange and Management Public Meeting

On May 15, 2003, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff met with Department of Energy (DOE) staff to discuss the use of risk information to address Key Technical Issue (KTI) agreements concerning the DOE Yucca Mountain program. The meeting was held via three-way video-conferencing hosted at NRC Headquarters, with connections to the Yucca Mountain Repository Development Office in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses in San Antonio, Texas. Various stakeholders, including representatives from the State of Nevada, Clark County, and the Electric Power Research Institute attended at the NRC location. Presentations included overviews of: (1) the DOE approach to address KTI agreements using risk information; (2) NRC staff perspective on risk-informed issue resolution; and (3) NRC staff perspective on the combined effects of uncertainty.

NRC Staff Holds Decommissioning Counterparts Meeting

On May 13-14, 2003, staff and management from the Division of Waste Management, representatives from the Office of the General Counsel, and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (observer capacity), and Regional decommissioning staff and management participated in an exchange of current decommissioning issues. The participants discussed the status of the Site Decommissioning Management Plan sites, lessons learned from decommissioning sites managed by the Regions, and a number of cross-cutting issues such as the technical assistance request process, dose modeling, material release, and site characterization. A representative from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) provided an update on ORISE's lessons learned during site confirmatory surveys, and discussed ORISE capabilities to provide future targeted decommissioning training. On May 14, 2003, participants received an on-site briefing, followed by a site tour of the West Valley Demonstration Project, hosted by the Department of Energy and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Staff Participates in 13th Annual Department of Defense Low-Level Radioactive Waste Generators Meeting

On May 12-15, 2003, in response to a Department of Defense invitation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff attended the 13th Annual Low-Level Radioactive Waste

Generators meeting, held in St. Louis, Missouri. Staff delivered a presentation on "NRC Update of Key Programs and Activities in the Waste Arena." The staff presentation focused on decommissioning; low-level waste (LLW); disposition of solid materials; and areas of interagency cooperation. Approximately 150 participants attended the meeting. Participants included representatives from key Federal agencies, the States, the National Academies, and the industry. The meeting concentrated on the future of LLW Compacts, LLW disposal facilities, LLW generation and disposal, and regulatory implications. Industry representatives presented innovative technical approaches for cleanup, waste handling, packaging, transportation, and disposal.

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Public Meeting on Mitigating Systems Performance Index (MSPI) Pilot Program

In a May 21, 2003, public meeting to discuss technical and implementation issues with the MSPI pilot program staff presented the status and most recent findings of the program. In the presentation, the staff discussed the most recent efforts to enhance the Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) models for the pilot plants. Also, the sensitivity of the MSPI results to the generic industry data used in the analysis were presented. General consensus on the principles, assumptions, and modeling details is emerging, and that resolution of technical issues by the end of the summer 2003 may be feasible. The industry has asked for an accelerated schedule for potential implementation of the MSPI beginning in the summer of 2004.

The purpose of the MSPI is to monitor the performance of six systems based on their ability to perform risk-significant functions. The index, which approximates the change in core damage frequency, is comprised of two elements - system unavailability and system reliability. Plant-specific Probabilistic Risk Analysis (PRA) models will be used to calculate the contribution of component failures and maintenance unavailability to the index.

Proactive Degradation Management

Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) staff made a presentation to the International Cooperative Group on Environmentally Assisted Cracking (ICG-EAC) during its 25th Anniversary Meeting on May 11 to 16, 2003 in Ottawa, Canada regarding the need for proactive materials degradation management programs. The main focus of the presentation was to seek ways to develop a more proactive approach for dealing with materials degradation problems. Such an approach to proactive degradation management would identify materials and environment combinations that may lead to degradation; identify and implement effective inspection procedures, techniques, and intervals for components that may be affected; evaluate possible new materials and degradation mechanisms; and evaluate repair and mitigation strategies to ensure that these do not leave the component susceptible to further degradation by the current or other degradation mechanism. It was proposed that the ICG-EAC setup a working group to address proactive materials degradation management.

Following the open meeting presentation to the full membership, RES staff met with the ICG-EAC Executive Committee, in closed session, to further discuss the proposal. Results of these discussions and of the Committee's deliberations were presented by the executive committee chairman to the full membership. The Executive Committee supports the need and interest in developing proactive degradation management, and a special session will be planned for next year's meeting on this subject. The Executive Committee encouraged ICG-EAC members to participate in a group that would be setup by the NRC and to express their interest directly to the RES representative. Many of the ICG-EAC members agreed with the need for, and strongly supported development of proactive materials degradation management.

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RES is planning to assemble a task group to address proactive degradation management selecting materials engineering and corrosion experts from ICG-EAC, systems experts, experts with plant operational experience, etc., as appropriate, possibly in cooperation with Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

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Nuclear Security and Incident Response
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Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-IV-03-026, TXU Energy- SHUTDOWN OF GREATER THAN 72 HOURS.
2. PNO-IV-03-027, SK Geotechnical Corporation - STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE.
3. PNO-IV-03-028, Oklahoma University Medical Center - MEDICAL MISADMINISTRATION.
4. PNO-I-03-016, Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station - BARGAINING UNIT STRIKE AT OYSTER CREEK (#39876).

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Office of Administration
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Radiation Exposure Reports: Labeling Personal Information: Confirmation of Effective Date (Part 20)

A document confirming the effective date of June 9, 2003, for a direct final rule that amends the NRC's regulations on written reports submitted to the NRC that contain personal information was published in the Federal Register on May 22, 2003 (68 FR 27903).

Agency Award

On May 21, 2003, NRC received the "2003 Excellence in Recycling Award" during Montgomery County's Recycling Awareness Week Awards Luncheon. This award was presented by the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services for exceeding the County's recycling goal of 50%. The Director, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, accepted the award for the Agency. The recycling program manager also attended the awards luncheon.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act requests received during the period of
 May 16 through May 22, 2003:

Stakeholders, all documents that identify, interaction, clearance held by, re: 04-29-03 NRC Press Release "NRC Approves Changes to the Design Basis Threat & Issues Orders for Nuclear Power Plants to Further Enhance Security"	FOIA/PA-2003-0282
Security files & associated records on self	FOIA/PA-2003-0283
Court Reporting Services, Solicitation ASL-01-0302, current contractor unit prices for CLINs 001a, b, 002a, b, c, 003a, b, c and 004a, b, c	FOIA/PA-2003-0284
Solicitation Number RS-OCIO-03-314, Computer Facility Operations, contact's section B-Price, incumbent, address and phone number, major contract modifications (Contract NRC-33-98-180)	FOIA/PA-2003-0285
General Electric Nuclear Energy, stop work order of 8-29-97, quality control of power uprate project for GE boiling water reactors, all documents and correspondence	FOIA/PA-2003-0286
James Gibbons, Representative, correspondence and other information requested by or provided to him and other members of his staff, 1-1-97 to present	FOIA/PA-2003-0287
Contracts NRC3398180 and NRC3395173, Data Center Computer Facility Operations Support, copy of contracts	FOIA/PA-2003-0288
Amchitka Island, Alaska, radiation exposure on named individual, 1960's and 1970's, studies and analysis	FOIA/PA-2003-0289
Amchitka Island, Alaska, radiation exposure on named individual, 1960's and 1970's, studies and analysis	FOIA/PA-2003-0290
Amchitka Island, Alaska, radiation exposure on named individual, 1960's and 1970's, studies and analysis	FOIA/PA-2003-0291
Amchitka Island, Alaska, radiation exposure on named individual, 1960's and 1970's, studies and analysis	FOIA/PA-2003-0292

Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
BELCHER, Stephanie **	STUDENT ENGINEER (Summer-hire)	RII
CORBIN, Brian	STUDENT LAW CLERK (Summer-hire)	ASLBP
DIAMOND, David	CONSULTANT	ACRS
GERARDI, Craig ***	STUDENT ENGINEER (Co-op)	RES
JOYCE, Regina	STUDENT IT SPEC. (Summer-hire)	NMSS
KAHN, Aaron	STUDENT MGMT ANALYST (Summer-Hire)	RES
MARINCEL, Michelle	STUDENT ENGINEER (Summer-hire)	NMSS
RUND, Jonathan	STUDENT LAW CLERK (Summer-hire)	ASLBP
PICHUMANI, Raman	CONSULTANT	NRR
STRINGER, Daniel*	STUDENT ENGINEER (Summer-hire)	RIV
WHITE, James	CONSULTANT	ACRS
WOLF, Brian	STUDENT ENGINEER (Summer-hire)	RES
YOUNT, Hannah	STUDENT ENGINEER (Summer-hire)	NMSS
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
MORRELL, Amber	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	RIII

* Actual EOD Date was Monday, May 19, 2003

** Actual EOD Date was Thursday, May 22, 2003

***Returning from LWOP

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

National media attention focused on the terrorism alert level being raised to Orange, including appropriate measures taken to further bolster nuclear power plant security. This includes Pennsylvania's decision to re-deploy the National Guard at its five nuclear power plants.

The New York Times ran separate op-ed pieces on Tuesday for and against the NRC's policy on emergency preparedness and security at nuclear plants.

Reports in the media, including *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, say that South Texas Project nuclear facility officials indicate testing at the plant has confirmed the presence of five small cracks in a location where such damage had never been seen before -- in tubes that penetrate the bottom of the reactor.

Several New Jersey newspapers covered a strike called Thursday by IBEW Local 1289 at the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant. Officials at the facility say the walkout will have no impact on safety, plant operations or security.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
03-063	NRC to Hold Meeting June 4 in California on Potential Nuclear Waste Disposal Facility at Yucca Mountain (5/20)
03-064	NRC Media Workshop Scheduled June 24-25 (5/21)
03-065	NRC Licensing Board Issues Decision on Seismic Issues Affecting Private Fuel Storage Application (5/22)
03-066	NRC Approves Power Uprate For Indian Point Unit 2
Regions:	
IV-03-023	NRC to Hold Pre-decisional Enforcement Conference with Schlumberger Technology Corp. in Montana (5/22)
IV-03-024	NRC Proposes \$6,000 Fine For Global X-Ray and Testing Corp.

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
SECY-03-0069	5/2/03	Results of the License Termination Rule Analysis
Information Papers		
1. SECY-03-0076	5/15/03	SECY-03-0076 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending May 9, 2003
2. SECY-03-0080	5/16/03	Steam Generator Tube Integrity (SGTI) - Plans for Revising the Associated Regulatory Framework

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Chuck Hagel, dated May 9, 2003, concerns comments on NRC's ongoing efforts to enhance security requirements.
2. Letter to Senator Jeff Sessions, dated May 9, 2003, concerns comments on NRC's ongoing efforts to enhance security requirements.
3. Letter to Senator Lindsey Graham, dated May 9, 2003, concerns comments on NRC's ongoing efforts to enhance security requirements
4. Letter to Don Arbuckle, OMB, dated May 9, 2003, provides NRC FY 2003 Regulatory Plan.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. ACRS Meeting Notice, June 12-13, 2003.
2. ACRS Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal.
3. Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel Notice of Amendment of Charter.

Region I
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Millstone Unit 1

On the evening of May 15, 2003, the Millstone I Decommissioning Advisory Committee held its annual meeting at the Waterford, CT Town Hall. A member of the Region I Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch reported to the committee on inspection activities during the past year. A State of Connecticut Department of Radiation Protection representative attended the meeting, as did a Branch Chief from Region I, Division of Reactor Projects. Eight committee members and three members of the public attended the meeting.

Region I Support to Region II Radiation Safety Program

On May 20 - 21, 2003, the NRC Region I Radiation Safety Officer supported Region II by performing an audit of the Region II Radiation Safety Program. This audit satisfies the requirements for an annual program audit in accordance with Management Directive 10.131, "Protection of NRC Employees Against Ionizing Radiation."

Confirmatory Survey Inspection at the Watertown, MA "GSA Site"

Staff from the Region I Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch performed confirmatory radiological surveys of the Watertown, MA "GSA site" on May 21-22, 2003. This site is listed on the NRC's Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) list. The Army Corps of Engineers, acting for the owners of the property, the General Services Administration (GSA), submitted an analysis in April 2003 to demonstrate that the site satisfies the NRC criteria for release for unrestricted use and is eligible for removal from the SDMP list. Staff obtained groundwater and soil samples for NRC confirmatory analysis, and split samples with Commonwealth of Massachusetts staff, who participated in the inspection. The Region I Regional Administrator toured the site and observed survey activities on May 21, 2003.

Haddam Neck Integrated Response Table-Top Security Exercise

On May 22, 2003, a security table-top exercise was held at the Connecticut Yankee (CY) Atomic Power Company's Haddam Neck site. The objectives were to exercise the command and control structure of an event at CY requiring response by a diverse group of external agencies, and to understand the functions and capabilities of the response organizations to a hostile force event involving spent nuclear fuel. Representatives from several local law enforcement and federal agencies, as well as representatives from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, participated in the exercise, which was observed by a Region I inspector.

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Virginia Electric and Power Company - Surry Reactor Vessel Head Replacement

On May 20, 2003, the Regional Administrator visited the site and observed the Reactor Vessel Head Replacement at the Surry nuclear power plant in Surry, VA.

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Computer Security Review

On May 19-22, 2003, the Audit Manager and Project Officer, OIG, and representatives from Carson Associates, conducted a Computer Security Review of the Information Systems in the Region II Office.

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Davis-Besse Inspection Exit on Safety-Significant Programs

On May 23, 2003, Region III (Chicago) met with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company officials at the Davis-Besse plant to present the preliminary findings of an inspection reviewing safety-significant programs. The inspection report will close several items in the NRC Oversight Panel's restart checklist, including agency reviews of the boric acid corrosion management program, the reactor coolant system unidentified leakage monitoring program, the in-service inspection program, and the modification control program.

D. C. Cook Special Team Inspection Exit

On May 20, 2003, a Region III special inspection team presented the preliminary findings to American Electric Power Company officials of the team's review of the circumstances surrounding the April 24, 2003, shutdown of both units at D. C. Cook Nuclear Power Station caused by an intrusion of fish into the circulating and emergency service water intake structure in Lake Michigan. The Regional Administrator and Director, Division of Reactor Projects, participated in the meeting at the plant site.

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 15

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Combs	05/28/03 Las Vegas	1:00 (PDT)	MIT, GAO, former NRC inspector, DOE contractor	DOE QA for Yucca Mountain	Senators Domenici/Reid Energy and Water Development Appropriations
Gerke	06/12/03 TBA	A.M.	NRC Commission and Others	Davis-Besse	Reps. Greenwood/Deutsch Oversight and Investigations Energy and Commerce