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# **WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 28, 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 Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

#### Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit 2 - Issuance of Improved Technical Specifications

On November 21, 2003, the NRC issued the amendment that converts the current Technical Specifications for Indian Point Nuclear Generation Unit 2 to a set of Improved Technical Specifications based on NUREG-1431, Revision 2, "Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Plants," dated June 2001. The amendment was issued in response to a request by the licensee dated March 27, 2002, as supplemented. The licensee plans to implement the amendment on December 11, 2003.

#### R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant - Acquisition by Constellation Energy Group

On November 24, 2003, Constellation Energy Group, Baltimore, MD, announced that it is acquiring the Ginna Power Plant from the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation (RG&E). With this acquisition, Constellation Energy will own and operate three nuclear power stations with 5 units total (Calvert Cliffs 1 and 2, Nine Mile 1 and 2, Ginna). Constellation Energy Group also owns coal, natural gas, hydro and geothermal powered power plants, together totaling approximately 12.6 gigawatts. The terms of the transaction include a long-term power purchase agreement whereby Constellation Energy will sell 90 percent of the plant's output and capacity to RG&E for 10 years.

#### St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 - Notice of Enforcement Discretion (NOED)

On November 22, 2003, St. Lucie contacted Region II to request a NOED for Unit 2 to extend the allowed outage time (AOT) for an inoperable offsite power source from 72 hours to 144 hours. The startup transformers were removed from service for preventive maintenance on November 20, 2003. The insulator mounting boxes on one transformer were degraded beyond repair and new mounting boxes had to be fabricated. Required maintenance would extend beyond the 72-hour AOT, which would end at approximately 0100 on November 23, 2003. The Technical Specification would be satisfied if the 1B transformer was available to supply the Unit 2 bus, but 2 breakers which would allow connecting the 1B startup transformer to the Unit 2 bus had failed to close.

The Region II Administrator gave verbal approval for the NOED following a conference call with the licensee during which the 11 items in the NOED checklist were discussed in detail. St. Lucie indicated that the slight increase in risk associated with operating for an extra 72 hours without the startup transformer was offset by avoiding the risk of shutting down and challenging the emergency diesels to supply vital loads. Also, several compensating measures were initiated including limiting work on the electrical system, limiting work in other areas of each unit that might jeopardize plant operation, restricting access to the switchyard, and providing senior management oversight.

The breakers needed to connect to the Unit No. 1 transformer were restored to operable status a few minutes before the 72-hour AOT expired, so the NOED was not actually required.

# <u>Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station - Report to Support Restart</u>

On November 23, 2003, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) submitted a report to support restart of the plant. The licensee concluded that based upon their activities and plans, that the plant is ready for restart with the exception of a few remaining activities. The licensee requests that a meeting with the NRC be scheduled to discuss the above.

#### Quad Cities Unit 1 - Steam Dryer Repair

On November 24, 2003, Exelon completed repairs to the Quad Cities Unit 1 steam dryer. The repairs were similar to those completed previously on the Quad Cities Unit 2 and Dresden Unit 2 steam dryers. The licensee also identified damage to the 'B' electromatic relief valve actuator that was caused by high vibrations attributed to operation at extended power uprate conditions. The valve actuator was repaired and modifications were made to the other electromatic relief valves to prevent similar failures. The licensee also identified indications on the 'B' recirculation pump impeller which they believe were made by the missing piece of the steam dryer. The licensee believes that the missing piece broke into smaller pieces when impacted by the impeller and that the pieces were swept into the bottom of the reactor vessel through the jet pumps. Exelon is preparing an evaluation of the effects of operating with the loose parts and will submit the evaluation to NRC. Unit 2 restart is planned for November 29, 2003.

# Redesign of PWR Sump Performance Website

Related to Generic Safety Issue 191, NRC is implementing its plan to address a potential concern with the containment sump performance in pressurized-water reactors (PWRs). The NRC has redesigned the PWR performance web page to provide clearer descriptions of past, current, and future technical and regulatory activities. The current website provides a plain-English description of the concern and the NRC's plans. The website also contains links to technical and regulatory documents so external stakeholders can gain a better understanding of the issue. NRC will continue to update the website that is at the following internet address: http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/ops-experience/pwr-sump-performance.html.

# Audit of Framatome ANP for Review of Mixed Oxide Lead Test Assemblies

On November 18-21, 2003, staff from the Division of Systems Safety and Analysis performed an audit of the "Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Design Report" at Framatome ANP in Lynchburg, Virginia, as part of the review of the proposed license amendment to use MOX fuel lead test assemblies at the Catawba plant. During the audit, the staff reviewed calculations and databases which supported the information presented in the fuel design report. The staff is considering an apparent deficiency in the data used to support the rod bow calculations. Framatome agreed to address the issue.

# Pilot Applications of Probabilistic Risk Analysis(PRA) Quality Regulatory Guide

On November 20, 2003, NRC staff met with licensee representatives and the Nuclear Energy Institute to discuss plans for a pilot program to guide implementation of Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1122, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities." DG-1122 describes an approach acceptable

to the NRC for determining that the quality of a PRA (in total or for those parts that support a specific application) sufficient for use in regulatory decision making for light water reactors. The guide is expected to be issued for trial use in late December 2003.

During the meeting, participants discussed the objectives of the pilot program, industry proposals for pilot licensing applications and plans for NRC review. Objectives for the pilot program include:

- clarifying aspects of DG-1122;
- confirming licensee self-assessment processes ensure the base PRA is properly evaluated;
- developing guidance on scope and level of detail for future submittals and staff review;
- identifying improvements to guidance documents and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Standard for PRAs.

The industry has tentatively proposed a number of pilot applications in order to test all aspects of the guidance. Confirmation of these pilot applications will occur when NRC receives formal letters of intent from the licensees involved. Actual submittals for some pilot applications could be received as early as February 2004. The staff plans to use a team approach to review the pilot applications in parallel. The next public meeting with the industry working group involved with the pilot applications is tentatively planned for mid-January 2004.

#### Meeting with NEI's Materials Reliability Program

On November 24, 2003, the NRC staff and NEI's Materials Reliability Program (MRP) participated in a public meeting to discuss the industry's strategic plan to manage potential degradation in the reactor pressure vessel lower head penetrations. The long term goal of this strategic plan is to develop inspection and repair guidelines for use by the industry. MRP representatives discussed the short term evaluations performed in order to assess the consequences of a reactor pressure vessel lower head penetration failure. They also discussed the development of an integrated industry inspection plan that would ensure low probabilities of failure, low probabilities of leakage, and high margins of safety. NEI is seeking industry volunteers to perform volumetric examinations of the reactor pressure vessel lower head penetrations to gather data on the extent of the problem. MRP and the NRC staff plan to hold a follow-up meeting in March 2004 and to continue discussions on this matter.

Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on Consolidated Data Entry (CDE)/Monthly Operating Report (MOR)

On November 18, 2003, members of the Division of Inspection Program Management (DIPM) participated in a public meeting with representatives from the Licensing Action Task Force (LATF) and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) to discuss possible changes to the submittal of monthly operating reports. The meeting was led by members of the Division of Licensing Project Management (DLPM) and discussed the use of INPO's Consolidated Data Entry (CDE) as a possible alternative method for submitting the monthly operating reports.

# NRC HQ staff meeting with South African Regulatory Authority

On November 20, 2003, staff members of the Division of Inspection Program Management (DIPM) met with Chief Executive Officer of the South African National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) and the Process Coordinator, Compliance Assurance Koeberg Plant. The NRC and NNR discussed the operator licensing process, NRC oversight of nuclear power plant training and the accreditation process, and NRC relationships with industry organizations.

#### Public Information Sessions on License Renewal Review Process

The NRC staff has initiated a new approach for license renewal to enhance public openness and confidence within the communities. The staff plans to conduct up-front public information sessions to describe the license renewal process and explain how the public can participate in that process. On November 18 and 20, 2003, the staff conducted the first of such sessions near the Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) and D. C. Cook nuclear plants, respectively. The public information sessions were held shortly upon receipt of the ANO, Unit 2, and D. C. Cook, Units 1 and 2, license renewal applications.

The staff placed advertisements in local newspapers and issued press releases announcing the upcoming sessions. The License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program staff was supported by the regional staff and the Office of General Counsel (OGC). There were about 20 and 35 participants at the ANO and D. C. Cook sessions, respectively. The information sessions were attended by industry representatives and local citizens. In addition, a state government representative, a local government representative, and a reporter attended the ANO session. A Citizens Action Coalition representative, a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representative, a local government representative, and a reporter attended the D. C. Cook session. The public questions related to when there would be an opportunity for a hearing and how certain aging effects on plant equipment would be addressed. The staff responded to these questions and viewed the exchange as being successful in reaching out to the public.

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# Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

# <u>Bilateral Meeting Between the Department of Energy, Russian Federation Gosatomnadzor,</u> and NRC

On November 19-21, 2003, an NRC staff representative of the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards participated in a bilateral meeting between the Department of Energy (DOE), Russian Federation Gosatomnadzor (GAN), and NRC at GAN Headquarters in Moscow. At the meeting, the NRC representative made a presentation on NRC's "Standard Review Plan (SRP) for the Review of an Application for a Mixed-Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility" (NUREG-1718, dated August 2000) and SRP for the "Review of a License Application for a Fuel Cycle Facility" (NUREG-1520, dated January 2002). In the presentation, the NRC representative discussed the benefits of using the two SRPs to conduct licensing reviews, the contents of and differences between the two SRPs, the processes used to develop the two SRPs, and recommendations concerning development and use of fuel cycle SRPs, based on lessons learned. As part of the assistance DOE is providing to the Russian plutonium disposition program, DOE plans to fund GAN's development of an SRP for the Russian MOX facility in 2004.

#### Meeting of the Southern States Energy Board

On November 19-20, 2003, an NRC staff representative from the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) participated in a Southern States Energy Board (Board) meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. This was a joint meeting of the Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee and the Transuranic Waste Transportation Working Group. Various Federal agencies provided status reports on topics of interest to the Board. The SFPO representative provided a presentation addressing: SFPO Organization and Responsibilities, 10 CFR Part 71 Rulemaking, Package Performance Study, National Academy of Sciences study on transportation of spent nuclear fuel, and the Private Fuel Storage license application review. The staff viewed the presentation as being well-received by the participants based on the number of questions generated and extensive discussion.

#### Public Meeting on Monitoring Extremity Doses

On November 20, 2003, the Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety held a public meeting at the request of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc. (CORAR). This was a follow-on to a public meeting held on January 16, 2003, where extremity dosimetry issues were discussed.

A major portion of the meeting consisted of a discussion of nine issues in a draft white paper prepared by CORAR, related to monitoring extremity doses in the radiopharmacy arena. CORAR emphasized that efforts should seek to arrive at an effective way to characterize radiopharmaceutical procedures and methods, provide a procedure to demonstrate compliance, and standardize dosimetry.

NRC is approaching the issue with an analytical focus, and has contracted with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to develop a modeling methodology to calculate doses to different parts of the extremity, from different isotopes, and in different geometries.

#### Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses Annual Program Review

On November 18-20, 2003, staff and senior managers from NRC and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (hereafter, the Center) met in San Antonio, Texas, for the Center's Annual Program Review. The purpose of the review was to focus on management aspects of the entire NRC Program at the Center, consisting of: High-Level Waste (HLW), Uranium Recovery, Decommissioning Project, Spent Fuel Project Office efforts, and National Environmental Protection Act Reviews. The objective of the presentations was to provide NRC management with an overall picture of technical, programmatic, and management aspects of these projects. HLW presentations discussed key regulatory issues; scope, schedule, and cost for FY 2003; development of the Safety Evaluation Report; accomplishments and lessons learned; and work plans for FY 2004. The entire review was available to NRC staff by a video-conference connection between San Antonio and NRC Headquarters.

#### NRC Staff Participates in Westinghouse-Hematite Public Meeting

On November 20, 2003, NRC staff from Region III and Division of Waste Management, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Health, and Jefferson County Health Department participated in a Westinghouse-sponsored public meeting for its Hematite site. Westinghouse holds an NRC license for the Hematite site, has been conducting site decontamination, and is committed to submit a site-wide Decommissioning Plan by April 30, 2004. The Westinghouse presentation covered recent NRC enforcement-related activities and Westinghouse responses, the status of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Work Plan, and the status of public water system connections. Westinghouse announced the appointment of a new on-site Decommissioning Director. NRC staff response to questions was well-received. The staff anticipates, by mid-December, that Westinghouse will submit to NRC an outline of its plan on how it intends to decommission the site. Westinghouse also intends to request a senior-level management meeting with NRC in late January 2004 to discuss Westinghouse's plan on a Phased Decommissioning of the site.

The meeting was well-attended by the members of the community near the site and the Joachim Watershed Community Advisory Group. The community's concern was primarily about the public water supply connection.

#### Staff Attends Forum on Stakeholder Confidence Workshop in Belgium

On November 17-21, 2003, staff from the Division of Waste Management participated in a core group meeting of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC). Staff also accompanied site visits and a workshop that were jointly sponsored by FSC and the Belgian National Agency for Radioactive Waste Management. The FSC is a working party to the Radioactive Waste Management Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency. Delegates to the FSC visited three communities that have entered formal partnerships with the Belgian Government to consider development of repositories for disposal of low-level and short-lived radioactive wastes. These local partnerships, pursued by

the Belgian authorities with the support of Universities in Antwerp and Luxembourg, are an innovative tool for integrating development of proposed repository projects with socio-economic planning. FSC delegates visited two villages in the southern, French-speaking region of Belgium--Fluerus and Farciennes—that have formed a single partnership, and that also host the world's second largest producer of medical radioisotopes. FSC members also visited two communities in Flanders--Mol and Dessel—in a region where much of Belgium's nuclear waste is generated and stored. FSC delegates returned to Brussels for a two-day workshop, entitled "Dealing with interests, values and knowledge in Managing Risk." There, they were joined by a variety of Belgian stakeholders to discuss issues affecting public confidence and acceptance of radioactive waste management and disposal in Belgium. Topics included an overview of the Belgian context for radioactive waste disposal, handling conflicting interests and values, the changing nature of scientific knowledge in society, and the capacity of democracy to accommodate conflicts in these areas. As a member of the FSC core group, NRC's representative facilitated two roundtable discussions. The next FSC meeting will take place during the first week of June 2004 in Paris.

#### Staff Participates in West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting

On November 18, 2003, Division of Waste Management staff participated in a meeting of the West Valley Citizen Task Force (CTF). The CTF has been involved with the West Valley site for several years, and provides a mechanism for representatives of the local population to voice their opinions on closure and management of the site. The focus of this meeting was on performance assessment (PA), with NRC providing a regulatory perspective on PA. The NRC presented an overview of PA and discussed how PA is conducted, use of models, techniques for dealing with uncertainty and variability of data, confidence in results and how results are used, and potentially affected populations. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. DOE's preferred alternative includes closing several West Valley facilities in place, and PA will be used to demonstrate whether the site has met NRC's West Valley Policy Statement and the License Termination Rule. Staff from DOE and State government agencies also attended this meeting.

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# Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

#### Kalinin Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Workshop Summary and Status Report

A PRA workshop was held at the Residence Inn, Bethesda, Maryland, from Monday, November 3 through Tuesday, November 25, 2003. This workshop was attended by the NRC staff and seven members of the Russian Team. This was the final workshop in the BETA project, which began in 1995 with the signing of Implementing Agreements between NRC and Gosatomnadzor (GAN), Scientific and Engineering Center of GAN, Kalinin Nuclear Power Plant, Gidropress, Atomenergoproject, and Rosenergoatom. The overall objectives of the project were to provide comprehensive PRA training to an elite corps of representatives representing the six organizations, to implement the training by conducting a PRA on the Kalinin Unit 1 VVER-1000 nuclear power plant, and to document the results of the project with published reports.

During this workshop, final work was performed on the Level 2 Kalinin VVER 1000 PRA. All project documentation was reviewed and, pending completion of close-out items, will be published for draft review in December 2003.

# Publication of ANSI/ANS-58.21-2003, External Events in PRA Methodology

The American Nuclear Society (ANS) has recently published the standard, ANSI/ANS-58.21-2003, External Events in PRA Methodology. This standard follows the ASME standard on the internal events PRA methodology and is a companion to that standard. The scope of a PRA covered by this Standard is limited to analyzing accident sequences initiated by external events that might occur while a nuclear power plant is at nominal full power. The Standard covers requirements for a Level 1 analysis of the core damage frequency (CDF) and a Level 2 analysis sufficient to evaluate the large early release frequency (LERF). The Standard also includes requirements for the Seismic Margin Assessment (SMA). External events covered within the Standard's scope include both natural external events (e.g., earthquakes, high winds, and external flooding) and human-made external events (e.g., explosions at nearby industrial facilities, and impacts from nearby transportation activities). Appendix A of the Standard contains an extensive list of most of the external events generally included within an external events PRA and hence within the standard's scope.

The staff plans to provide its position on this Standard in Appendix C to DG-1122, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of PRA Results for Risk-Informed Activities." The staff will issue a revised guide with Appendix C for public review and comment in summer 2004. The publication of this standard is a major step in continuing development of consensus standards to facilitate risk-informed applications.

# Office of Administration Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

<u>Licensing Proceeding for the Receipt of High-Level Radioactive Waste at a Geologic</u>
Repository: Licensing Support Network, Submissions to the Electronic Docket (AH31- Part 2)

On November 26, 2003, a proposed rule that would amend the Commission's Rules of Practice was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> (68 FR 66372). The proposed rule addresses the use of the Licensing Support Network and the electronic docket in the licensing proceeding on the disposal of high-level radioactive waste at a geologic repository. The proposed amendments would establish basic requirements and standards for submission of adjudicatory materials to the electronic docket by parties to the high-level radioactive waste licensing proceeding. The comment period for this action closes January 12, 2004.

#### **Contract Award**

As a result of a noncompetitive 8(a) negotiated acquisition, a fixed-price type contract no. NRC-38-04-371 was awarded to Visionary Solutions, LLC of Oakridge, Tennessee, on November 24, 2003. This contract is for the provision of the Transportation of Radioactive Materials course at the NRC's Technical Training Center. The period of performance is one year with four one-year options. The total contract value is \$240,658, inclusive of options. The contract was awarded in ninety days in accordance with the NRC/Small Business Administration partnership agreement.

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# Chief Information Officer Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

#### IT Security

On November 20, 2003, NRC conducted its annual "Computer Security Awareness Day." Over 200 employees and contractors attended the guest speaker's presentation and approximately 650 individuals visited booths in the Exhibit Hall.

#### **ADAMS Disaster Recovery Test**

On November 21, 2003, an ADAMS offsite disaster recovery test was successfully performed. The ADAMS Main Library was successfully restored from back-up tapes in a read-only state. On November 19, 2003, OCIO staff began system restoration at the Carlstadt, NJ Sungard facility. On November 21, 2003, client restoration and system functionality tests were performed at the Sungard Disaster Recovery Work facility in Herndon, VA. This was the third successful test of the ADAMS offsite disaster recovery program.

#### Agency Network Infrastructure Replacement Successfully Completed

The recent completion of the Region III network infrastructure upgrade marks the successful completion of the NRC's overall network infrastructure replacement program. This program included replacing/upgrading all network infrastructure core switches and routers at Headquarters, the four Regional Offices, and the 69 Resident Inspector Offices.

#### OCIO Review of Commissioner Dicus' Records

In October 2003, OCIO conducted its review of Commissioner Dicus' office and personal records for disposition in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration - approved records disposition schedules and the requirements contained in NRC Management Directive 3.53, Part IV, "Procedures for Managing Records and Papers of Commissioners." OCIO found that the material was being processed properly to meet the requirements, and that the appropriate groups of records were being collected and transferred to the Office of the Secretary. Commissioner Dicus' collection is being donated to the Clinton Presidential Library. Seventeen cubic feet of record material is being sent to the Office of the Secretary, and 83 cubic feet of material is being transferred to the Clinton Presidential Library. No materials are being placed in courtesy storage.

# Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests received during the period of November 21 through November 26, 2003:

OI Report 1-2001-014	FOIA/PA-2004-0056
Decommissioning activities & funding/costs for 9 closed nuclear power reactors, all correspondence, inspection reports, notes, summaries, between NRC staff & licensees	FOIA/PA-2004-0057
NRC licensees, current (MLTS)	FOIA/PA-2004-0058
Beaver Valley 1 & 2, Indemnity Agreements, original and Revision 1	FOIA/PA-2004-0059
Radioactivity operations at 1495 Old Deerfield Road, Highland Park IL 60035, all records	FOIA/PA-2004-0060
Deleuw, Cather & Co., 525 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL, license #37-27998-01, all reports, inspections	FOIA/PA-2004-0061
Correspondence between NRC and Erskine B. Bowles, Congressmen Brad Carson, Peter Deutsch, Alcee Hastings, Joseph Hoeffel, Chris John, Jim Marshall & Mark Udall, Jan 1997 through Nov. 2003	FOIA/PA-2004-0062
Investigation files on self	FOIA/PA-2004-0063

# Office of Human Resources Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

Arrivals				
ANDERSON, Theodric	Security Specialist	NSIR		
FINGLASS SR., Jack	Architect	ADM		
SULLIVAN, Jerrol	OIG			
Retirement				
HARDIN, William Brad	Sr. Reliability & Risk Engineer	RES		
MACCAGLIA, Patricia Secretary (OA)		Region I		
Departures				
MURPHY, Thomas D. Administrative Judge		ASLBP		

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# Office of Public Affairs Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

#### Media Interest

FirstEnergy's statement that Davis-Besse will be ready to resume operations in mid-December, as well as news of a grand jury investigation into the conduct of the plant.

Charges by Nevada officials and the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board that casks designed to store spent nuclear fuel in the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository would be at risk for corrosion.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge appeared on the Late Show with David Letterman and discussed NRC's efforts to reduce the vulnerability of nuclear plants, including Indian Point in New York state, to terrorist attack, among other issues.

Press Releases			
Headquarters:	Headquarters:		
03-155	NRC to Hold Public Meeting December 8, 2003, on Environmental Scoping Process for North Anna Early Site Permit (11/25)		
03-156	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Hold December Meeting in Rockville, Maryland (11/25)		
Regions:			
I-03-071	NRC Proposes \$3,000 Fine Against Ohio Firm for Losing Radioactive Material (11/28)		
III-03-070 NRC Oversight Panel to Meet with Davis-Besse Officials December 3, 20 (11/25)			

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# Office of the Secretary Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

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Dec	cision Documents			
1.	SECY-03-0195	11/07/03	Final Rule, 10 CFR Prt 50, "Financial Information Requirements for Applications to Renew or Extend the Term of an Operating License for a Power Reactor"	
2.	SECY-03-0200	11/18/03	Renewal of Full-Power Operating Licenses for McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2	
Info	Information Papers			
1.	SECY-03-0201	11/20/2003	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending November 14, 2003	

#### Commission Correspondence

- 1. Letter to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, dated November 19, 2003, responds to request for NRC to thoroughly review the petition filed by the Union of Concerned Scientists and Riverkeeper, Inc.
- 2. Letter to Senator Thomas Daschle, dated November 19, 2003, concerns the establishment of the South Dakota Scientific and Technological Facilities Authority.
- 3. Letter to Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey, dated November 19, 2003, responds to letter expressing support for the immediate repair of the containment sumps at Indian Point Generating Units No. 2 and 3.

#### Federal Register Notices Issued

- 1. Notice of Hearing and Opportunity to Petition for Leave to Intervene Early Site Permit for the North Anna ESP Site.
- 2. Licensing Support Network Advisory Panel Notice of Public Meeting.

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# Region II Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

# Carolina Power and Light Company - Brunswick Management Meeting

On November 25, 2003, representatives from Carolina Power and Light Company were in the Regional office to attend a management meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the performance of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant.

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# Office of Congressional Affairs Items of Interest Week Ending November 28, 2003

CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 40					
OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Combs	12/06/03 Kentucky	9:00	ТВА	Cleanup at DOE's Paducah Site	Senators Alexander/Graham Energy Energy and Natural Resources

Note: The House returns on December 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Senate returns on December 9th.

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