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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 (NRR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending November 28, 2008

Public Meeting on Steam Generator Tube H* Analysis

On November 19, 2008, the staff participated in a Category 2 public meeting with the industry to discuss the status of the industry's H* analysis approach, which is being used to develop the technical basis for limiting the extent of inspections in the tubesheet region in units with thermally-treated Alloy 600 steam generator tubes. The discussion included comparisons of modeling work by Westinghouse and Argonne National Laboratory, consideration of the staff's technical issues with H*, and the industry's schedule for completion of activities and submission of documentation.

Issuance of the Renewed Operating License for Wolf Creek Generating Station

On November 20, 2008, the operating license for Wolf Creek Generating Station was renewed, authorizing operation for an additional 20 years. The new expiration date is March 11, 2045. The staff completed an on-time review as documented in the safety evaluation report, NUREG 1915 issued in October 2008, and the supplemental environmental impact statement, NUREG 1437, supplement 32 issued in May 2008.

Public Meeting on Maintenance Rule, 10 CFR 50.65

On November 20, 2008, the staff hosted a Category 2 public meeting regarding updating the industry guidance on implementation of the Maintenance Rule, 10 CFR 50.65. Representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), licensees, industry groups and members of the public participated in the discussions. Discussion included NEI's proposed changes to NUMARC 93-01, "Industry Guideline for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants." Staff discussed clarifications to the guidance on accounting for fire and other external events in 50.65(a)(4) risk assessments and managing risk when performing maintenance during low power and shutdown operations. The discussions were productive in clarifying industry and NRC views and in identifying future actions to develop consensus on updating the NEI guidance document and associated NRC regulatory guides.

Davis-Besse Improved Technical Specification Amendment

On November 21, 2008, the staff issued the Davis-Besse Improved Technical Specification Amendment. This amendment included 24 Beyond Scope Issues which involved numerous branches in NRR. Due to the size and complexity of this conversion, many lessons learned have been compiled and will be used in future conversions.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
Items of Interest
Week Ending November 28, 2008

New Uranium Recovery Webpage

On November 21, 2008, a new webpage describing NRC's uranium recovery program was made available on the NRC's public webpage. The page includes information on existing licensees, anticipated applications for new facilities, restarts, expansions, descriptions of different extraction methods, and an outreach strategy for Native American Tribes. The site is available from the NRC public webpage under the Nuclear Materials heading, or from the following direct link: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery.html>

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 21, 2008 through November 28, 2008:

NRC response to the Office of Management and Budget directive to provide "hot" issue items to the White House by November 1, 2008	FOIA/PA-2009-0041
Allegation RIV-2007-A-0028, Allegation RIV-2007-A-0093, Allegation, RIV-2007-A-0096, Allegation RIV-A-2007-A-0130, Allegation RIV-2006-A-0033, Office of Investigations (OI) report of investigation 4-2007-183, OI Case #4-2006-0025, OI Case 4-2006-0035, Case No.2007-ERA-0006	FOIA/PA-2009-0042
FOIA log for most recent 2 years	FOIA/PA-2009-0043
NRCTX080031, ISDN Phone Service awarded to AT&T June 10, 2008, entire delivery order including statement of work and all modifications	FOIA/PA-2009-0044

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
Nguyen, Janice	Health Physicist (Term)	RI
Departures		
Gill, Amritpal	Senior Electrical Engineer	NRO
Jabbour, Kahtan	Senior Mechanical Engineer	NRO

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

Decisions to deny two contentions and the request for new calculations from the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board panel on the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant license renewal proceedings

Victoria County's recent decision to consider another design for a new reactor and the status of NRC's review of the combined license application

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
08 - 215	NRC to Hold Public Meeting December 1 to Discuss Reporting Requirements for Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning Funds (11/24)
08 - 216	NRC Accepts Application for New Reactor at Fermi Site (11/25)
08 - 217	NRC'S PAPO Board to Hold Meeting to Discuss Handling of Classified Information in Yucca Mountain Hearings (11/25)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-08-0154	10/15/08	Proposed Agreement Between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Commission Pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended
SRM-SECY-08-0154	11/05/08	(Same)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0154	11/05/08	(Same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-08-0180	11/21/08	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 14, 2008

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Extension of comment period – Consideration of Environmental Impacts of Temporary Storage of Spent Fuel After Cessation of Reactor Operation and Waste Confidence Decision Update.