

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Chemical Effects Audit of North Anna Units 1 and 2

From November 12 to 14, 2008, the staff conducted an audit at Dominion's Innsbrook facility in Glen Allen, Virginia on the chemical effects analyses developed in response to Generic Letter (GL) 2004-02 for North Anna Units 1 and 2. The staff interacted with Dominion, North Anna, and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited personnel and reviewed technical documents on chemical effects analysis and strainer head loss testing. The staff determined that the chemical effects analysis performed by the licensee, including the integrated strainer head loss testing conducted by the vendor, are generally adequate to address these parts of the licensee's response to GL 2004-02. At the time of the exit meeting, the staff identified one draft open item. The licensee indicated that they will provide additional information in an expedited manner in an attempt to resolve the draft open item prior to issuance of the audit report by the staff. The staff will document the review of the licensee's strategy for resolving chemical effects in an audit report.

Public Meeting with University of Florida to discuss use of Digital Instrumentation and Controls (I&C)

On November 18, 2008, the staff held a Category 1 public meeting to discuss a digital I&C upgrade to the University of Florida Training Reactor (UFTR). The meeting was attended by representatives from UFTR, Areva, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and staff from the Instrumentation & Controls Branch (EICB) and Research and Test Reactors (PRTA) branch. The discussion primarily focused on the actions and documentation required for UFTR to submit their licensing amendment with specific discussion regarding Diversity and Defense In-depth (D3), Safety, and Reliability Analyses for the digital system.

Public Meeting Regarding the Fire-Inducted Circuit Failure Issue

On November 19, 2008, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with NEI representatives, industry stakeholders, and consultants, to discuss the technical items related to the closure of the fire-induced circuit failure issue. The topics covered during the meeting included the protection required for flow diversion paths and the consideration of multiple spurious actuation combinations. The NRC staff and industry stakeholders reached consensus on these issues to the extent that NEI can complete developing a document that discusses resolving fire-induced circuit failure issues. NEI also discussed that Limerick has volunteered to be a pilot plant for the approach that they are documenting. One concern that NEI brought up was the schedule in SECY 08-171, the fire protection "closure plan." It was not clear to the industry that they would have their tools for resolving circuit failure issues completed to support the schedule as listed in SECY 08-171.

Observation of Meeting of the National Nuclear Accrediting Board (NNAB)

On November 19, 2008, the staff observed two meetings of NNAB. The NRC recognizes Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) managed accreditation as a means of meeting

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systems approach to training requirements. Observation of the NNAB meetings allows NRC to monitor the implementation of programmatic aspects of the accreditation process, to understand what is happening with industry training programs, to assess the effectiveness of the accreditation process, and to determine the overall well-being of industry training programs.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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NRC / Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Workshop

On November 17-20, 2008, staff, in conjunction with EPRI, conducted a workshop on NUREG/CR-6850, "EPRI/NRC-RES Fire PRA Methodology for Nuclear Power Facilities," at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. This workshop, which included modules on circuit analysis, fire analysis, and probabilistic risk assessment, is responsive to stakeholder requests for training to support implementation of the risk-informed, performance-based fire protection rule, 10CFR50.48c. Over 130 participants attended this workshop, including stakeholders from industry and NRC as well as a number of international participants.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Contract Award for Safeguards Information (SGI) Local Area Network and Electronic Safe (SLES)

On November 18, 2008, as a result of a competitive GSA Federal Supply Schedule acquisition, a time and materials type delivery order (NRC-DR-07-09-151) for the SLES implementation support services was awarded to High Performance Technologies, Inc. (HTPi) located in Reston, Virginia. The services include providing a secure network for authorized users to access SGI documents electronically, implement a secure SGI repository in compliance with the National Archives & Records Repository Administration requirements and enable management of the SGI documents in a centralized electronic management system. The period of performance is November 18, 2008, through November 17, 2009, with two one-year option periods. The total value of the contract, inclusive of option periods, is \$5,719,734.00.

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 14, 2008 through November 20, 2008:

NRC organization chart, telephone book, and any listings of key personnel by positions and/or office	FOIA/PA-2009-0034
Seismic issues in the central and eastern United States, all communications between January 1, 2004, and October 31, 2008, involving the Nuclear Energy Institute and NRC	FOIA/PA-2009-0035
Material License Tracking System database	FOIA/PA-2009-0036
Allegation NRR-1999-A-0058, all documents including correspondence between named individual and NRC	FOIA/PA-2009-0037
Allegation RIV-2005-A-107, Allegation RIV-2006-A-084, to include all transcripts, witness statements, and all records pertaining to named individual and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station	FOIA/PA-2009-0038
Feasibility reports to Atomic Energy Council by Metals and Controls, Inc., docket 70-33, 1955 through 1970	FOIA/PA-2009-0039
Specific information on all NRC employees by employee number to include title, series, grade, salary, appraisal score/rating, awards, promotions, etc.	FOIA/PA-2009-0040

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Banas, Paul	Team Leader	OIS
Bhatia, Bhupendra	Electrical Engineer	NRO
Borowsky, Joseph	Reactor System Engineer	RES
Bucholtz, Kristy	Reactor Systems Engineer	NRR
Dufrene, Linda	Secretary (OA)	RIV
Eccleston, Charles	Project Manager	NRR
Green, Rodneshia	Secretary (OA)	NRR
Hamilton, LaJuan	Office Automation Assistant	NRO
Lam, Kim	Secretary (OA)	RES
Lee, Jeremy	Project Manager	NRR
Orlando, Dennise	Senior Instructional Systems Specialist	HR
Rockhill, Rupert	Security Specialist	NSIR
Smagacz, Phillip	Reactor Engineer	RIII
Smiroldo, Elizabeth	International Relations Officer	OIP
Sowa, Jeffrey	Project Engineer (RIDP)	RII
Yip, Brian	Physical Security Inspector	RI
Departures		
Calingo, John Alexander	IT Specialist (SYSANALYSIS)	NRR
Leslie, Nancy	Secretary (OA)	RES
Yee, Donald	Project Manager	NRR

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

The renaissance of the nuclear power industry and the status of new reactor applications

NRC's oversight safety of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant near Brattleboro, Vermont

The latest test of the new siren system at the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan, New York

Louisiana Energy Services' recent announcement of their intentions to expand a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility under construction near Eunice, New Mexico, and NRC's licensing requirements

Tritium exit signs missing from Wal-Mart stores

Other Public Affairs Items:

Chairman Dale Klein during his visit to India answered questions from the international press about U.S.-India cooperation in the nuclear arena.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
08-207	NRC Issues FY 2008 Performance and Accountability Report (11/17)
08-208	NRC to Hold Public Meeting December 4 in Rockville, Maryland, to Discuss Agency's Internal Safety Culture (11/17)
08-209	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet December 4-6 in Rockville, Maryland (11/18)
08-210	NRC Staff Issues Safety Evaluation for Vogtle Early Site Permit, Limited Work Request Applications (11/18)
08-211	NRC Considering Request by Virginia to Become an "Agreement State" (11/18)
08-212	NRC Meeting with Public December 4 on Environmental Scoping for Levy County New Reactor Application (2/19)
08-213	NRC Approves License Renewal for Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant for an Additional 20 years (2/20)
08-217	NRC Licensing Board to Webcast Portion of Hearing on Davis-Besse Enforcement Case (11/21)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-08-0170	11/04/08	Final Rule: 10 CFR Part 63, "Implementation of a Dose Standard After 10,000 Years" (RIN 3150-AH68)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-08-0177	11/14/08	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 7, 2008
2. SECY-08-0166	10/30/08	Training and Infrastructure Needs Due to Digital Modifications on Operating Reactors to Support Reactor Inspections and Operator Licensing
3. SECY-08-0168	10/31/08	Annual Update on the Status of Emergency Preparedness Activities
4. SECY-08-0169	10/31/08	Semiannual Update of the Risk-Informed and Performance-Based Plan
5. SECY-97-290	12/17/97	Lessons Learned Concerning the Certification of the Gaseous Diffusion Plants

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to The President, Congress, OMB, and GAO, dated November 7, 2008, submits NRC's Fiscal Year 2008 Performance and Accountability Report.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting (December 04-06, 2008)

Region IV (RIV)
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Management Change at Diablo Canyon

On November 14, 2008, Pacific Gas and Electric announced that Mr. Loren Sharp, the current Director and Plant Manager for the Humboldt Bay Nuclear organization, will assume the position of Senior Director of Engineering Services at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Mr. Sharp replaces Ken Peters who was recently promoted to Station Director. This change is effective December 16, 2008.

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