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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
Items of Interest
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NRC Information Notice 2002-01: Metalclad Switchgear Failures and Consequent Losses of Offsite Power Dated: January 8, 2002.

The NRC is issuing this information notice to inform addressees of electrical equipment failure modes and design vulnerabilities identified following recent transients at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and at a foreign nuclear power station.

NRC Information Notice 2002-02: Recent Experience with Plugged Steam Generator Tubes Dated: January 8, 2002.

The NRC is issuing this information notice to inform addressees about findings from recent inspections and examinations of steam generator tubes at Three Mile Island Unit 1 (TMI-1).

Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2

The NRC continues to monitor the progress regarding the labor contract between FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union, Local 29, at Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (BVPS-1 and 2), which expired on September 30, 2001. Personnel covered by this contract include reactor operators, plant equipment operators, most maintenance staff, health physics staff, and some clerical staff. Security personnel are not covered by this contract.

Management Changes at Exelon's Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, LaSalle and Quad Cities Generating Stations

Bruce Williams, Exelon Nuclear's Vice President of Nuclear Oversight, has been named Site Vice President for Three Mile Island, Unit 1 (TMI-1) effective January 8, 2002. He replaces Mark E. Warner who is leaving the company for other opportunities in the Nuclear Industry. Joel P. Dimette, Jr., Vice President of Operational Projects, will replace Mr. Williams as the Vice President of Nuclear Oversight.

Charles G. (Chip) Pardee, Site Vice President of LaSalle Generating Station, Units 1&2, has been named Senior Vice President of the Exelon Nuclear Mid-Atlantic Regional Operating Group in Kennett Square, PA effective February 4, 2002. Joe Hagan, the current Senior Vice President, will retire on February 4, 2002. Mr. Pardee was the Director of Nuclear Plant Operations at Crystal River Unit 3 prior to joining Exelon.

George P. Barnes, formerly plant manager at Quad Cities, is the new site vice president at LaSalle effective January 8, 2002. Mike Perito, currently the Quad Cities operations manager, will be the acting plant manager at Quad Cities until a permanent replacement is named.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Quarterly Meeting of Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards

On January 8, 2002, the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards (ISCORS) held its quarterly meeting at the Department of Energy (DOE) Forrestal Building. ISCORS members from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, DOE, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Office of Management and Budget, the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Defense participated, along with staff from the States of New Jersey and Illinois. In addition to reports on a variety of projects that ISCORS subcommittees are working on, the agenda included a presentation by Dr. John Till of the Risk Assessment Corporation on activities of the National Council on Radiation Protection (NCRP) Scientific 64 Committee on Environmental Issues, and NCRP in general.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Publication of a New Comparative Analysis of Light Water Reactor (LWR) Fuel Designs

In 1980, NRC published a report that provided a comparative analysis of LWR fuel designs and served as a handy reference for typical design and operating parameters for all types of fuel then in operation in U.S. power reactors. During the past twenty years, significant changes have been made in fuel designs, burnups, and analytical computer codes. The present report is an update of the earlier report and typical fuel design parameters are tabulated for almost all fuel types in current operation.

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Incident Response Operations
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Inaugural NSEPC Meeting

On January 9, 2002, the Incident Response Operations (IRO) and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) participated in the inaugural meeting of the Committee for National Security and Emergency Preparedness Communications (NSEPC). The NSEPC was created under Executive Order 13231 dated October 8, 2001. The Executive Order created the Critical Infrastructure Protection Board to coordinate federal activities related to the protection of the nation's critical infrastructure. The NSEPC was formed by renaming the National Communications System's Committee of Principles as the NSEPC and establishing it as a standing committee under the Critical Infrastructure Protection Board. The NRC continues to support this activity as an invited member of the committee with full voting privileges. The inaugural meeting included a presentation on Federal communications following the September 11 events and establishing administrative protocols for the NSEPC.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-II-02-001, South Broward Hospital District, MEDICAL MISADMINISTRATION.
2. PNO-III-01-039A, Spectrum Pharmacy, MULTIPLE MISADMINISTRATIONS INVOLVING UNDERDOSAGES OF SAMARIUM-153 (UPDATE).
3. PNO-IV-02-001A, Source Production and Equipment Company, HIGH RADIATION LEVELS DETECTED ON IMPORTED PACKAGE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL (UPDATE).

Office of Administration
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Jeffery C. Angel; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-35-15)

A document that denies a petition for rulemaking submitted by Jeffery C. Angel was published in the Federal Register on January 3, 2002 (67 FR 274). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations concerning the medical use of byproduct material to prohibit the hand-held administration of radiopharmaceuticals by injection and to require the use of the Angel Shield, a device to administer radioactive substances. The NRC is denying the petition because the requested action would limit the flexibility of licensees to use other strategies, including those that may be more effective than the specified device, to achieve doses that are as low as reasonably achievable.

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ENCLOSURE F

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of
January 4, 2002 through January 10, 2002:

Amount of nuclear missiles built in United States in the past year. (FOIA/PA-2002-0080)

Allegation No. RII-2001-A-0084, all related documents. (FOIA/PA-2002-0081)

Allegation No. RII-1997-A-0159, all related documents. (FOIA/PA-2002-0082)

Enforcement Action No. EA-01-261 and Individual Action No. IA-01-055. (FOIA/PA-2002-0083)

Temeline power plant, Temeline, Czech Republic, all documents related to 1993 upgrade by Westinghouse Power Corp. (FOIA/PA-2002-0084)

Project Sapphire, Kazakhstan, 1994 through 2001 documents related to highly-enriched uranium processing by BWX Technologies. (FOIA/PA-2002-0085)

San Onofre power plant, Southern California Edison, OI report of investigation 4-2000-063. (FOIA/PA-2002-0086)

Radiation exposure records on self. (FOIA/PA-2002-0087)

Senior Reactor Operator listing from 1997 to present. (FOIA/PA-2002-0088)

Daily plant status reports, 12/01/01 through 01/08/02. (FOIA/PA-2002-0089)

Office of Human Resources
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Group Sessions to be Offered by the Employee Assistance Program for Employees Who Have Lost Significant Persons in Their Lives

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is offering a series of small group sessions targeted to employees who have lost a significant person in their lives. Specifically, group members will have the opportunity to process difficult feelings including sadness and anger; deal with barriers to healthy grieving such as denial, avoidance, and irrational guilt; get help with trauma-based reactions to the loved one's death; diffuse feelings of isolation and alienation; take stock of how they have been affected (at home and at work) by the loss; and share coping strategies and comforting ways to remember the loved one. For additional information, employees may contact Vicky Balenger, EAP Consultant, via e-mail (vjb), or by phone (301-415-3869).

Arrivals		
BLOUNT, Thomas	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST	NRR
CORBETT, James	BRANCH CHIEF	OCIO
CLARK, Rosa	SENIOR SYSTEMS ACCOUNTANT	OCFO
FORD, Tanya	GENERAL ENGINEER/SCIENTIST	NRR
KLUG, Thomas	PHYSICAL SECURITY/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INSPECTOR	RIV
LUO, Ming	IT SPECIALIST (CUSTOMER SERVICE)	RIII
MILLER, Erin	SECRETARY (SPAC)	HR
TIFFT, Doug	ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	RES
Retirements		
TURDICI, James	DIRECTOR	OCFO
Departures		
ANDERSON, Angel	STUDENT CLERK	RIII
BAKSH, Sarah	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIII
FERNANDES, Ricardo	SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR	RI
HORACE, Eddie	TECHNICAL INTERN	RIV
MORENO, Jeffrey	STUDENT ENGINEER	RIV
O'KELLY, Kevin	OFFICE ASSISTANT	RIII
ZACK, Michael	PROGRAM ANALYST	OCFO

Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

Chairman Meserve was interviewed by CNBC-TV about nuclear power plant security.

There was media interest in the arrest of a California pipefitter with an arsenal of 300 weapons who threatened employees at the San Onofre nuclear plant after he was fired there.

A container of Iridium-192, shipped from Sweden, emitted high levels of radiation on arrival in New Orleans, prompting some press reports.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
02-004	NRC Renews License For Hatch Plant for An Additional 20 Years
Regions:	
I-02-002	NRC Special Inspection Team to Report on Review Related To Loss of Spent Fuel Rods at Millstone Unit 1 Nuclear Plant

Office of International Programs
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Meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Armenia

On January 7, 2002, the Office of International Programs (OIP) participated in an interagency meeting at the State Department with John M. Ordway, the new U.S. Ambassador to Armenia. The primary purpose of this meeting was to brief Ambassador Ordway on nuclear safety-related activities and issues with Armenia, including Armenia's current plans to restructure and privatize its electricity generating and distribution assets.

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Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-01-0223	12/17/01	Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Renewal of Full-Power Operating Licenses
SRM on 01-0223	1/7/02	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0223	1/7/02	(same)
2. Revised SRM on 01-0113	1/10/02	Fatigue of Workers at Nuclear Power Plants
SRM on 01-0113	1/8/02	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0113	1/8/02	(same)
3. SRM on 01-0137	1/8/02	Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings
Commission Voting Record on 01-0137	1/8/02	(same)
4. SECY-01-0206	1/10/02	Proposed Rule: 10 CFR Part 63: Specification of a Probability for Unlikely Features, Events, and Processes
SRM on 01-0206	1/10/02	(same)
Commission Voting Record on 01-0206	1/10/02	(same)
5. SRM on SECY-01-0209	1/10/02	Framework Document for International Activities
Commission Voting Record on 01-0209	1/10/02	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-02-0004	1/9/02	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending January 4, 2002
2. SECY-01-0228	12/21/01	Annual Report on Feedback from Licensees Regarding the Impact of NRC's Activities on Licensees' Operations

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of Maine, dated December 20, 2001, concerns the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station in Wiscasset, Maine.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting.

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Region I
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Management Meeting with Connecticut Yankee and Yankee Rowe

On January 10, 2002, senior managers from Connecticut Yankee and Yankee Rowe met with Region I management at the King of Prussia office. In addition, representatives of NRR, the State of Connecticut, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Citizens Decommissioning Advisory Committee (CDAC) participated in the meeting. The meeting was open to public observation. The purpose of the meeting was for Connecticut Yankee and Yankee Rowe to discuss the status of decommissioning activities at each site. The topics presented were Safety Performance, Fuel Storage and Transfer Preparations and Activities, Oversight of Work, Radiological Work Performance, Dose Reduction Improvements, License Termination Plan, Ground Water Characterization, Security Enhancements, Public Participation, and End State Strategic Planning. No members of the public were in attendance.

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Region II
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Emergency Preparedness/Terrorism Conference

On January 9-10, 2002, the Regional State Liaison Officer participated in an emergency preparedness/terrorism conference, jointly sponsored by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Coast Guard, in Mobile, Alabama.

Town Hall Meeting at Crystal River

On January 12, 2002, the Senior Resident Inspector and Regional State Liaison Officer participated in a Town Hall meeting, sponsored by the Democratic League of Women Voters, in Crystal River, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting was to address concerns voiced by the local community relative to nuclear plant safety, with emphasis placed on security, as an aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001.

The principal topics discussed at the meeting centered around plant operations, security, spent fuel pool accidents, potassium iodide, and emergency plans and response. The meeting was well attended, and provided an excellent forum for Citrus County officials, Florida Power Corp., and the Commission to exchange current information and to interact with the local community in a beneficial manner.