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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
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Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute

On April 1, 2002, representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) met with NRC staff and management. The meeting was requested by NEI as a follow-up to a January 17, 2002, meeting and is the first of several periodic meetings between industry and NRC senior management to discuss issues related to new reactor licensing. The main topics of this meeting were: scheduling of concurrent Early Site Permit (ESP) applications, Part 52 update, industry petitions for rulemaking, programmatic inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC), and finality of ITAAC sign-offs. Representatives from Dominion, Exelon and Entergy were in attendance. Dominion identified North Anna as the site selected for its early site permit application. This is the first site that has been identified by a potential applicant. Entergy expects to identify a site in the next two to three weeks and Exelon expects to do the same in September 2003.

AP1000

The NRC received Westinghouse Electric Company's design certification application for the AP1000, dated March 28, 2002. The AP1000 standard design is an approximately 1100 megawatts electric pressurized water reactor plant in which passive safety systems are used. All of the safety systems are designed to be passive, where natural forces, such as gravity, natural circulation, and stored energy (in the form of pressurized accumulators and batteries), are used as the motive forces of these systems. The AP1000 application includes the entire power generation complex, except those elements and features considered site-specific. The design of the AP1000 is based closely on the AP600 design that was certified on December 16, 1999.

Control Room Habitability Guidance

On March 28, 2002, the Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch (SPSB) issued for public comment the final two of five draft guides (DG) addressing control room habitability. They are DG-1114, "Control Room Habitability at Light-Water Nuclear Power Reactors," and DG-1115, "Demonstrating Control Room Envelope Integrity at Nuclear Power Reactors." These new draft guides complement the existing regulatory guides (RG) 1.183, "Alternative Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors," issued July 2000, and the two regulatory guides that are out for public comment DG-1111, "Atmospheric Relative Concentrations for Control Room Habitability Assessments at Nuclear Power Plants," issued December 2001, and DG-1113, "Methods and Assumptions for Evaluating Radiological Consequences of Design Basis Accidents at Light-Water Nuclear Power Reactors," issued January 2002. The four draft guides endorse guidance contained in NEI 99-03, "Control Room Habitability Assessment Guidance," where possible. This suite of five regulatory guides provides guidance on assessing control room habitability through assessment and testing of control room envelope integrity and radiological analyses of the control room environment.

Meeting with NEI on GSI-191, "Assessment of Debris Accumulation on PWR Sump Performance"

On March 28, 2002, the staff met with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and industry representatives to discuss planned NRC and PWR industry actions to address GSI-191. The NRC has concluded that plant-specific analyses should be performed to determine whether debris accumulation in pressurized water reactor (PWR) containments will impede emergency core cooling system operation during recirculation. The industry program will include all PWR Owners Groups and be coordinated by NEI. Key features of the industry program include a utility configuration assessment; development of an Industry Evaluation Guide, followed by plant specific assessments with resultant corrective actions and modifications, as necessary.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Staff Attends Meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Committee on Nuclear Quality Assurance

On March 25-28, 2002, staff from the Division of Waste Management participated in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Nuclear Quality Assurance Main Committee meeting. Quality Assurance professionals from Federal and private organizations attended the meeting. The purpose of this working group is to develop, manage, and coordinate quality assurance and quality assurance-related codes and standards. These codes and standards are applicable to siting, design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear power plants and nuclear fuel cycle facilities. Project teams and subcommittees met throughout the course of the conference and discussed topics such as "Guidance on Electronic Records"; "Risk-Based Quality Assurance"; "International Organization for Standardization (ISO9000) Development"; and "Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications." The Committee members also voted on ballots effecting change in Nuclear Quality Assurance. The ASME Committee on Nuclear Quality Assurance will hold its next meeting September 30 through October 2, 2002.

Public Meeting on NAC-MPC Spent Fuel Storage Cask Amendment/Exemption

On March 27, 2002, the Spent Fuel Project Office held a public meeting with NAC International and Yankee Atomic Electric Company to discuss the need for an amendment and an exemption to the NAC-MPC spent fuel storage cask. The scope of the amendment/exemption request will include: (a) a damaged fuel can; (b) recaging of Gulf-United fuel; (c) empty fuel cages; and (d) minor variations to Yankee class fuel. The applicant plans to submit the amendment request in May 2002 and the exemption request in July 2002, to support fuel storage activities in 2002 at the Yankee Rowe power plant in Rowe, Massachusetts.

Public Meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric on Diablo Canyon Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

On March 28, 2002, staff from the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) held a public meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to discuss the application review process and schedule for the Diablo Canyon Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation. Based on the meeting, SFPO will attempt to optimize scheduling of the technical review to meet the applicant's needs. Both SFPO and PG&E agreed that frequent communication is the key to a successful review.

Staff Attends the Nuclear Energy Institute/Electric Power Research Institute Decommissioning Forum 2002

On March 25-26, 2002, representatives of the Division of Waste Management and the Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety took part in a Decommissioning Forum hosted by the Nuclear Energy Institute and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in Tempe, Arizona. Other participants in the meeting included licensees, nuclear industry officials, and State and

Low-Level Waste (LLW) Compact officials. There were approximately 70 attendees. The forum included presentations on Decommissioning Security Issues such as the current regulatory posture and industry response. A License Termination session included "Nuclear Regulatory Commission Lessons Learned"; "EPRI License Termination Plan (LTP) Guide", and outstanding LTP issues from Connecticut Yankee, Big Rock Point, Maine Yankee, and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. A Decommissioning Technology session included presentations on characterization and segmentation of reactor vessel internals; experience in liquid processing with high-shear filtration; an advanced decontamination process; and validation of digital instrument response. The forum also included a session on Entombment, at which comments from the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking were discussed, as well as industry, LLW Compact, and States perspectives.

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Incident Response Operations
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Hatch Alert

An alert was declared at Edwin I. Hatch, Unit 2 on April 2, 2002, at 10:40 EST. The reason for the declaration was the loss of 3 annunciator panels in the control room. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) entered Monitoring Phase of Normal Mode at 11:30 EST. The Licensee determined that a failure of an electrical power supply to the panels was the source of the problem and corrected it. The Licensee terminated the Alert at 12:37 EST and the NRC exited Monitoring Phase of Normal Mode at 1:15 EST.

Rating for Davis-Besse Condition

On April 2, 2002, the staff issued an International Nuclear Event Scale (INES) rating of the degraded reactor vessel head condition discovered at Davis-Besse. The staff gave this event a provisional level 3 rating. The rating may be revised once additional information is obtained.

The staff has begun to express significant interest in foreign events rated using the INES. Incident Response Operations plans to conduct additional briefings and training to further acquaint the staff with the use of the INES and the meanings of the different rating levels.

Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-III-02-013, Rush-Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, INTRAVASCULAR BRACHYTHERAPY MISADMINISTRATION (UNDERDOSE).
2. PNO-II-02-014A, Thompson-Arthur Division APAC-Carolina, Inc., RECOVERED PORTABLE GAUGE.
3. PNO-II-02-015, Southern Nuclear Company (Hatch Unit 2), LOST ANNUNCIATION IN CONTROL ROOM.
4. PNO-III-02-006B, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. (Davis Besse), REACTOR VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION (SECOND UPDATE).
5. PNO-III-02-014, Guardian Automotive, Inc., LOST STATIC ELIMINATOR DEVICES.
6. PNO-IV-02-019, Framatome ANP, Inc., REPORT OF LOSS OF CRITICALITY SAFETY CONTROL (BULLETIN 91-01 REPORT).

Office of Administration
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Acquisition Training and Certification Program

On April 4, 2002, the Division of Contracts and Property Management conducted a mandatory Acquisition Certification and Training Program module entitled "Organizational Conflicts of Interest" with 21 attendees. This half-day module includes a discussion of what constitutes a conflict of interest (COI) and how the Agency regulations treat COI. Lectures also include the process for identifying and resolving COI situations for contract awards to both the private sector and DOE Laboratory agreements. Class participants work in groups to analyze situations to determine if COI exists and, if so, how to resolve the COI.

Contract Award

On April 3, 2002, a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract, NRC-02-02-003, was awarded to Southwest Research Institute (SwRI). The total estimated cost of this contract is \$124,956. The work, entitled "Technical Assistance in Evaluating an Incidental Waste Methodology for Closure of High-Level Waste Tanks at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory," is a "work for others" award to SwRI to maintain essential capabilities at the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA). The period of performance is April 3, 2002, through January 2, 2003. The following streamlining methods were used: SOW electronically transmitted; waiver of audit requirements; and simplified evaluation report.

Revision of the Skin Dose Limit (Part 20)

A final rule that amends the definition and method of calculating Shallow-dose equivalents (SDEs) was published in the Federal Register on April 5, 2002 (67 FR 16298). The final rule specifies that the assigned SDE must be the dose averaged over the 10 square centimeters of skin receiving the highest exposure, rather than 1 square centimeter as stated in the existing regulation. The rule becomes effective on June 4, 2002.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of
March 29, 2002 through April 4, 2002:

Freedom of Information Act Case Log, October 1, 2000 through present for NRC (FOIA/PA-2002-0205)

Material Licensing Tracking System (MLTS) for State of Florida, re: hospitals, mobile nuclear, out patient clinics, and pharmacies licensed for radioactive materials (FOIA/PA-2002-0206)

NUREG-1717 "Systematic Radiological Assessment of Exemptions for Source and Byproduct Materials" (June 2001) (FOIA/PA-2002-0207)

Records, re: previous requests, scientology, terrorists, anthrax, school shootings, mind control/hypnosis, and fees owed to Dept. of VA (FOIA/PA-2002-0208)

Site Assessment - NY - 11th Avenue and West 42nd Street, 534 11th Avenue, a/k/a 560 West 42nd Street, New York County, NY (FOIA/PA-2002-0209)

"Work for Others" (WFO) Programs with Department of Energy (FOIA/PA-2002-0210)

Sellafield, England power plant, U S reaction to sanctioning of MOX fuel at site (FOIA/PA-2002-0211)

Site Assessment - NY - W 34th and Broadway, 1293-1311 Broadway, New York, NY (FOIA/PA-2002-0212)

Payroll, FY 2001, NRC Employee Payroll (FOIA/PA-2002-0213)

Research reactors, advice and recommendations by Nils Diaz, re: potential improvements (FOIA/PA-2002-0214)

Sources of radioactive materials missing and unaccounted for since 1996 in the U.S. (FOIA/PA-2002-0215)

Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
COLON, JR., Heriberto	CONTRACT MANAGEMENT INTERN	ADM
NAZARIO, Tomy	NUCLEAR SAFETY INTERN	NRR
WARREN, Geoffrey	HEALTH PHYSICIST	RIII
Departures		
CORTINOVIS, Charles	LEGAL INTERN	OGC

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Office of State and Tribal Programs
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March 2002 Organization of Agreement States Board Meeting

On March 20-21, 2002, Staff from the Office of State and Tribal Programs attended the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) Board Meeting. The meeting was also attended by members of the Conference of Radiation Control Programs Directors' (CRCPD) Board. Topics discussed included: OAS Incorporation; a position paper on a uniform national radiation protection policy; the upcoming August Commission brief; CRCPD and OAS coordination; proposed revisions to NRC M.D. 8.8, "Management of Allegations;" National Materials Program pilot studies; and the annual Agreement States meeting.

In reference to the last topic, the OAS has informed the NRC staff that they have moved the location of their annual meeting from Rockville, Maryland to Denver, Colorado, and have rescheduled the meeting for October 1-3, 2002. At the recent OAS Executive Board Meeting, the OAS Board suggested alternative locations be considered for future annual meetings including Annapolis, Maryland or one of the NRC Regional Offices.

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

There was media interest in the Augmented Inspection Team exit meeting with FirstEnergy regarding corrosion in the Davis-Besse reactor pressure vessel head.

Chairman Meserve's response to an inquiry from Sen. Harry Reid, Nv., about the adequacy of computer modeling for testing high-level waste shipping casks drew media interest.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
02-036	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet April 11-13 in Rockville, Maryland
02-037	NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste to Meet April 16-18 in Rockville, Maryland
02-038	Westinghouse Electric Company Submits Application for Design Certification of its AP1000 Nuclear Reactor
02-039	NRC Revises Skin Dose Limits for Workers at Nuclear Facilities
02-040	NRC to Sponsor International Conference on Wire System Aging April 23-25 in Rockville, Maryland
02-041	NRC Approves Power Uprate for Clinton Nuclear Power Plant
02-042	NRC Approves Power Uprate for Waterford Electric Station, Unit 3
02-043	NRC to Meet with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company April 10 to Discuss Proposed Repairs to Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel
02-044	NRC Will Hold Public Meeting on April 8 in Rockville, Maryland, to Discuss Post 9/11 Reactor Security Activities
02-045	NRC Names Victor H. Ransom to Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
02-046	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Rule for Packaging and Transporting Radioactive Materials
02-047	NRC Forms Office of Security to Streamline Security, Safeguards and Incident Response Activities

Regions:	
I-02-025	Licensing Board to Hear Oral Arguments on Millstone Spent Fuel Pool
I-02-026	NRC to Meet with RG&E to Discuss Ginna Plant Performance
I-02-027	NRC to Meet with Entergy to Discuss Fitzpatrick Plant Performance
I-02-028	NRC To Meet with CCNPP to Discuss Calvert Cliffs Plant Performance
I-02-029	NRC To Meet with Amergen to Discuss Oyster Creek Plant Performance
I-02-030	NRC to Meet with First Energy to Discuss Beaver Valley Plant Performance
I-02-031	NRC to Meet with Entergy to Discuss Indian Point 3 Plant Performance
II-02-020	NRC to Meet with CP&L Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Harris Nuclear Power Plant
II-02-021	NRC to Meet with CP&L Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant
II-02-022	NRC to Meet with SCE&G Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Summer Nuclear Power Plant
II-02-023	NRC to Meet with Progress Energy/Florida Power Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant
II-02-024	NRC to Meet with Southern Nuclear Officials to Discuss Safety Performance at Hatch Nuclear Power Plant
III-02-013	NRC to Meet with Exelon Generation Co. April 9 to Discuss Byron Nuclear Power Station Safety Performance
III-02-014	NRC to Meet with Exelon Generation Co. April 10 to Discuss Braidwood Nuclear Power Station Safety Performance
III-02-015	NRC to Meet with Nuclear Management Co. April 9 to Discuss Point Beach and Kewaunee Nuclear Plant Safety Performance
III-02-016	NRC To Meet with American Electric Power April 12 to Discuss D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Station Safety Performance
IV-02-015	NRC to Meet with Entergy Operations, Inc. to Discuss Safety Performance at River Bend
IV-02-016	NRC to Meet with Energy Northwest to Discuss Safety Performance at Columbia Generating Station
IV-02-017	NRC to Meet with Entergy to Discuss Safety Performance at Grand Gulf
IV-02-018	NRC to Meet with Entergy to Discuss Safety Performance at Arkansas Nuclear One

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IV-02-019	NRC to Meet with SCE to Discuss Safety Performance at SONGS
IV-02-020	NRC to Meet with PG&E to Discuss Safety Performance at Diablo Canyon
IV-02-021	NRC to Meet with Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Co. to Discuss Safety Performance at Wolf Creek

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Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-00-0201	03/29/02	Proposed Rule - 10 CFR Part 40 Amendments to Require NRC Approval for Transfer from Licensees to Exempt Persons
Commission Voting Record on 00-0201	03/29/02	(same)
Negative Consent Documents		
1. SECY-02-0044	03/14/02	Annual Status Report for FY 2001 on the Administration of the NRC's Requalification Program and the Results of Initial Operator Licensing Examinations
SRM on 02-0044	04/3/02	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-02-0056	03/28/02	SECY-02-0056 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending March 22, 2002
2. SECY-02-0046	03/18/02	Proposed Bulletin: "Reactor Vessel Head Degradation and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity"
3. SECY-02-0051	03/22/02	Annual Paper - NRC Staff Participation in IAEA and NEA Activities
Memoranda		
1. M020319	4/1/02	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs, Performance, and Plans
2. M020403	4/3/02	Staff Requirements - Affirmation Session

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress dated April 5, 2002, appraises of an organizational change the NRC is undertaking to enhance the safeguards and security programs.

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2. Letter to the White House, OHS, DOE, FEMA, FBI, DOJ, DOT, CIA and DOD dated April 5, 2002, appraises of an organizational change the NRC is undertaking to enhance the safeguards and security programs.
3. Letter to Senator Harry Reid dated April 2, 2002, provides response to request for information on how NRC evaluates the safety of containers used to transport spent nuclear fuel by rail and road.
4. Letter to Congress dated March 25, 2002, provides NRC's response to the General Accounting Office report entitled "Nuclear Regulation - Progress Made in Emergency Preparedness at Indian Point 2, but Additional Improvements Needed."

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Nuclear Energy Institute; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking... Notice of receipt.
2. Final Rule - Revision of the Skin Dose Limit, 10 CFR Part 20.

Region I
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Meeting with State of Rhode Island

On April 3, 2002, the Region I Regional State Agreements Officer and a representative from the Office of State and Tribal Programs met with the Rhode Island Radiation Program Director and staff to discuss the status of the State's radioactive materials program. The meeting focused on the State's efforts to reduce their inspection backlog and preparation for the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program review scheduled for October 2002

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Region II
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Southern Nuclear Company - Hatch Unit 2 Alert Declaration

On April 2, 2002, the licensee was in an ALERT emergency classification status from 10:40 am - 12:37 p.m. The ALERT was declared, based on the intermittent loss of power to three annunciator alarm panels in the Hatch Unit 2 main control room. The unit operated at 100 percent power throughout the event. The licensee declared an alert in accordance with their emergency plan. The licensee repaired the cause of the loss of annunciation panels (i.e., the failure of a power supply) and restored the panels to service prior to exiting the ALERT.

The NRC resident inspector was onsite and responded to the control room and Region II activated their Incident Response Center during the event. After consultation with the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Incident Response Operations, Region II entered the monitoring mode. The licensee has established an Event Review Team to determine the cause of the failed power supply.

Entrance Meeting with the Regional Administrator and Senior Managers to Discuss the Upcoming Inspector General's Audit Review in Region II

On April 4, 2002, the Assistant Inspector General for Audits; Staff Assistant for Planning and Reporting; and the Team Leaders for the areas of Information Technology & Administration, Financial Management, and Technical, met with the Regional Administrator and senior managers. The purpose was to discuss the scope of the Inspector General Audit Review of Region II from April 15 - May 3, 2002. The Region provided an overview of the Region's organization and challenges and discussed the information in the background books, provided to the audit teams.

Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Annual Assessment Meetings

On April 2, 2002, a Region II Branch Chief in the Division of Reactor Projects held the ROP Annual Assessment meeting for the H. B. Robinson nuclear plant at the Hartsville City Hall in Hartsville, SC.

Florida Power Corporation - Crystal River Nuclear Plant

On April 2-4, 2002, the Region II State Liaison Officer participated in an emergency preparedness drill conducted by the licensee and officials of the State of Florida and applicable local governments. This was to provide insights as to NRC interface during these drills, as a part of the NRC's outreach program in this area.

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SONGS Management Changes

Southern California Edison Company, licensee for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), announced the following management changes, effective May 1, 2002.

R. Krieger, Vice President, Operations and Maintenance, will assume the position of Vice President of Power Production, which is outside of the nuclear area. J. Wambold, currently Vice President Business Planning and Financial Services, will assume the position as Vice President, Operations and Maintenance. Site Security and Site Emergency Preparedness divisions will report directly to J. Wambold. Business Planning and Financial Services, Business Administration and Workforce Planning, Nuclear Communications, Nuclear Human Resources and Labor Relations will also report to J. Wambold.

D. Nunn, Vice President, Engineering Technical Services, will assume additional responsibilities, including the Decommissioning Project and Nuclear Information Services.

R. Waldo, currently Operations manager, has been selected as the Plant Manager and will have responsibilities for Operations, Maintenance, Health Physics, Chemistry, and Training. He will report to J. Wambold.

Annual Assessment Meeting with Nebraska Public Power District

On April 2, 2002, the NRC met with Nebraska Public Power District officials to discuss the results of the NRC's annual assessment of performance at Cooper Nuclear Station. Cooper Nuclear Station was in the Degraded Cornerstone Column of the Action Matrix at the end of the assessment period, and entered the Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone Column on April 1, 2002. The meeting was well attended by the public, state and local officials, plant employees, and the media. Members of the public expressed interest in the impact that the NRC's assessment of Cooper's performance would have on the continued operation of the plant.

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 48

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Gerke	04/09/02 2154 RHOB	10:00	GAO, Treasury, OMB	Report Card on Financial Management at Federal Agencies	Reps. Horn/Schakowsky Gov't Efficiency, Financial Mgmt Government Reform
Keeling	04/10/02 S-407	4:00	Chairman Meserve, Los Alamos, LLNL, Cal Tech Closed Briefing	Radiological Dispersal Devices	Senators Biden/Helms Foreign Relations
Keeling	04/11/02 SD-342	9:00	TBA	Establishing a Department of National Homeland Security	Senators Lieberman/Thompson Governmental Affairs
Keeling	04/11/02 2123 RHOB	1:00	Commission, NEI, and others Open Hearing Becoming A Closed Executive Session	Security at Nuclear Power Plants	Reps. Greenwood/Deutsch Oversight and Investigations Energy and Commerce
Keeling	04/11/02 SH-216	2:00	UCS and NEI	Nuclear Facility Security	Senators Byrd/Stevens Appropriations
Gerke	04/23/02 SD-342	10:00	TBA	Human Capital and the Federal Government	Senators Durbin/Voinovich Oversight of Gov't Mgmt Governmental Affairs
Combs	04/25/02 2322 RHOB	10:00	Chairman Meserve, Secretary Abraham, Gov. Guinn (R-NV), NEI, GAO, US PIRG, NARUC, and others	Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository	Reps. Barton/Boucher Energy and Air Quality Energy and Commerce

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