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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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Briefing of Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) on Fire Protection

On April 23, 2004, staff from the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) briefed the ACRS Subcommittee on the current status of a number of fire protection issues. These issues included resolution of post-fire safe-shutdown associated circuit inspections; revised fire protection significance determination process; fire risk re-quantification; and rulemaking for operator manual actions and revision to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 50, Section 50.48, "Fire protection." Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) also briefed the ACRS Subcommittee providing the nuclear power industry's perspective on these issues.

NRC Information Notice 2004-08: "Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Leakage Attributed to Propagation of Cracking in Reactor Vessel Nozzle Welds," dated April 22, 2004

The subject Information Notice was issued to alert addressees of cracking identified in the nozzle-to-cap weld of control rod drive return-line penetration N10 at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (Pilgrim Station). During a planned outage in September 2003, the licensee for Pilgrim Station conducted inspections to identify drywell leakage. On October 1, 2003, the licensee's inspections revealed leakage from the nozzle-to-cap weld area of control rod drive return-line penetration N10. The NRC expects recipients to review the information in this notice for applicability to their facilities and consider actions, as appropriate, to avoid similar problems. However, suggestions contained in this information notice do not constitute NRC requirements and, therefore, do not require any specific action or written response.

NRC Information Notice 2004-09: "Corrosion of Steel Containment and Containment Liner," dated April 27, 2004

The subject Information Notice was issued to alert addressees of recent discovery of corrosion in freestanding metallic containment structures and in liner plates of reinforced and pre-stressed concrete containment structures. As discussed in Information Notice 97-10, "Liner Plate Corrosion in Concrete Containments," the containment liners have safety factors well above the theoretically calculated strains. Corrosion (metal thinning) of the liner plate or freestanding metallic containment could change the failure threshold of the containment under a challenging environmental or accident condition. Thinning changes the geometry of the containment shell or liner plate, which may reduce the design margin of safety against postulated accident and environmental loads. Recent experience has shown that the integrity of the moisture barrier seal at the floor-to-liner or floor-to-containment junction is important in avoiding conditions conducive to corrosion and thinning of the containment liner plate material. It is expected that recipients will review this information for applicability to their facilities and consider actions, as appropriate. However, the suggestions in this information notice are not NRC requirements; therefore, no specific action or written response is required.

Construction Inspection Program Information Management System Development Meeting with Industry

On April 26, 2004, NRR staff held a Category 2 public meeting with representatives of NEI, Bechtel, Atomic Energy of Canada, and Toshiba to continue discussions about the form and content of schedules for new reactor construction as well as the form and content of the reports to document Inspections, Tests, Analysis, and Acceptance Criteria completion. The information will be used to support the development of the Construction Inspection Program Information Management System.

International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA's) Working Group on Inspection Practices Hosts Workshop

Between April 25-28, 2004, NRR staff supported a workshop hosted by the IAEA's Working Group on Inspection Practices (WGIP) in Budapest, Hungary. The WGIP International Workshop objectives were for inspectors and inspection program managers to formulate consensus commendable inspection practices on several topics of interest. Topics this year were Risk-Informed Inspections, Inspection of Licensee Performance (safety culture), and Inspections at or near End-of-Life.

Workshop on Proposed Emergency Planning (EP) Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC)

On April 27, 2004, NRR staff held a Category 3 public workshop to discuss the draft proposed EP ITAAC associated with a Combined Operating License. The NRC staff, in consultation with Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) staff, developed the proposed draft EP ITAAC. Participants at the workshop included representatives from industry, DHS/FEMA, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Illinois. The main topics of discussion were the role of risk information in the development of EP ITAAC, and whether it is appropriate to have ITAAC associated with offsite actions. A Federal Register notice (FRN) was issued to announce the workshop and to solicit comments on the proposed draft EP ITAAC. The comment period for the FRN ends on May 27, 2004.

Public Meeting on Emergency Action Level (EAL) Change Submittals

On April 26, 2004, staff from the Emergency Preparedness Project Office (EPPO) conducted a public meeting to discuss acceptable methods to submit and implement changes to emergency action levels (EALs). Examples of good practices and lessons learned from recent licensee submittals were presented and discussed. Representatives of several licensees who are in the process of preparing EAL-scheme revisions were in attendance and stated that their planned submittals will be modified to incorporate the guidance provided in the meeting. A list of questions was collected during the meeting. The questions will be reviewed and answered by EPPO and will be included on the NRC EPPO website and in ADAMS.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Department of Energy Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs'
Meeting on Risk-Based End States

On April 21, 2004, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection staff observed a Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs' meeting in Washington, D.C. The Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) members who attended were associated with nine major DOE sites (Hanford; Fernald; Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory; Nevada Test Site; Northern New Mexico; Oak Ridge; Paducah; Rocky Flats; and Savannah River). The purpose of the meeting was for each CAB to identify and discuss key issues with DOE's Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. DOE also presented an update on its Risk-Based End State (RBES) process, which focuses on risk reduction and ensures consideration of appropriate risk scenarios and future land use as drivers for remedial cleanup choices. Plans for completing the RBES Vision documents that include public involvement were also discussed. RBES was the key issue common to all CABs, and each CAB identified its concerns during discussions with DOE. Major concerns expressed by the CABs included: DOE's accelerated schedule initially preventing public involvement; RBES resulting in less cleanup; lack of public understanding of risk and need for risk training; the need for risk assessments to measure safety and to quantify potential cleanup changes; and the relationship of RBES to existing cleanup agreements and the National Environmental Policy Act process.

Staff Meeting with Rancho Seco Licensee on License Termination Plan

On April 28, 2004, Rancho Seco licensee personnel met with the Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection staff to discuss their License Termination Plan (LTP), which they intend to submit in June 2005. They discussed their current decommissioning status and their license termination approach. The staff provided feedback on lessons learned from previous LTP submittals. The licensee and staff agreed to conduct future meetings to discuss specific aspects of the LTP.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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International Workshop on Subsurface Reactive Transport Modeling

On April 20-22, 2004, RES and NMSS staff, contractors, and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) staff participated in an international workshop in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on "Conceptual Model Development for Subsurface Reactive transport Modeling of Inorganic Contaminants, Radionuclides, and Nutrients." The workshop was an activity of the Working Group on Subsurface Reactive Solute Transport under the interagency steering committee on multimedia environmental modeling. The workshop explored the state-of-the-art for incorporating chemical processes into modeling the movement of inorganic contaminants, radionuclides, and nutrients through complex natural systems. One common observation was that the understanding of sorption processes as surface phenomena has advanced to the point that environmental transport codes used in performance assessment should begin applying this information in site assessments. The recommendations from this workshop will be used to guide cooperative development of more realistic performance assessment tools for use by the participating agencies.

Workshop on International Developments and Cooperation on Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection and Nondestructive Testing Qualification

On April 13-14, 2004, staff participated and presented papers at the Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations (CSNI) "Workshop on International Developments and Cooperation on Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection (RI-ISI) and Nondestructive Testing (NDT) Qualification" at the Swedish Nuclear Inspectorate (SKI) Offices in Stockholm, Sweden. Objectives of the Workshop were to discuss experiences, research, and initiatives related to RI-ISI and NDT. Attendees included regulatory, industry, and research organization representatives. US participants also included representatives of EPRI and vendors. For several of the European countries, implementation of RI-ISI is still emerging, and therefore, there is a significant methods development work in progress by both regulators and industry. A major initiative is related to development of structural reliability methodology. This is of significant interest to NRC, and complements our activities related to development of probabilistic fracture mechanics (PFM) codes to evaluate effects of degradations on structural integrity.

The RES staff members also attended annual meetings of the Metals Subgroup and the Main Working Group on Integrity of Components and Structures (WGIAGE) on April 15 and 16, respectively. Progress on ongoing activities was discussed by the representatives of the lead countries. Several new activities were also discussed. Items of special interest to NRC included: ongoing benchmark project on methods to evaluate pressurized thermal shock (PTS); ongoing survey of member countries on experiences and research activities related to Primary Water Stress Corrosion Cracking and Alloy 600 and 690; and a possible new initiative on benchmarking of PFM codes.

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) Meeting on Risk-Informed Decision Making for NMSS Activities

On April 20, 2004, staff of Division of Risk Analysis and Applications and the Risk Task Group of NMSS briefed the ACNW on the progress made on risk-informing NMSS activities. The staff described: (1) the proposed risk-informed decision-making process, (2) two pilot studies performed to test the proposed risk-informed decision-making process and the lessons learned, and (3) key issues associated with implementation of the proposed approach. The staff requested ACNW input on the proposed risk-informed approach and relevant key issues. The ACNW noted that the staff was making progress on risk informing NMSS activities.

Briefing of ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and Human Factors

On April 22, 2004, RES and contractor staff briefed the ACRS subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and Human Factors on the following: (1) the draft report "Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA);" (2) the expert opinion elicitation process developed as part of ATHEANA (A Technique for Human Event Analysis); and (3) the development of the Human Event Repository and Analysis (HERA) database.

The draft report in Item (1) addresses the NRC's need for guidance to perform and review HRAs and supports the implementation of Regulatory Guide 1.200, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results For Risk-Informed Activities." RES developed a quantification approach that utilizes a formal, expert opinion elicitation process that incorporates strategies for addressing past concerns about expert elicitation approaches (e.g., variation between experts in their judgments), in response to previous ACRS recommendations on ATHEANA and the need to address uncertainties in Human Reliability Analysis (HRA). This methodology was used to perform the PRA/HRA associated with the pressurized thermal shock (PTS) studies and has been published in the Reliability Engineering & System Safety journal.

The objective of HERA in Item (3) is to extract information on human performance from operational experience, simulators, and the open literature and make it readily available to human reliability and human factors analysts. HERA will support better integration of existing human performance information in rulemaking, licensing and oversight. Examples are: licensee applications for plant modifications, evaluation and feedback to licensee programs, and the identification of safety concerns.

OECD Halden Reactor Project (HRP) staff also provided an overview of the HRP efforts for designing and performing simulator experiments specifically for HRA. Subcommittee members stated that the HRP HRA activities are promising for addressing important issues related with the modeling of human performance in HRA and for quantifying human failure events and that they would like to have further discussions with the staff on this topic in the future.

Meeting on Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance

On April 28, 2004, staff members from RES, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), and NRR conducted a public meeting at NRC Headquarters on Generic Safety Issue

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(GSI)-191, "Assessment of Debris Accumulation on Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance." Other participants included representatives from the Office of Public Affairs, ACRS, Electric Power Research Institute, Westinghouse Owners' Group and licensees. The meeting objective was to discuss the status of the cooperative research effort by industry and the NRC to determine and characterize the chemical by-products that may develop in a representative post-loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) containment environment. This research is being conducted in response to a concern raised by the ACRS on this subject, and to support resolution of GSI-191. NRC and industry representatives presented preliminary analytical results supporting the test program, the draft final test plan for the integrated chemical effects test, and provided an update of the selection process for the test facility.

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Nuclear Security and Incident Response
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Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-I-04-011a, Baxter Healthcare Corporation - UPDATE TO UNSHIELDED SOURCE RACK AT IRRADIATOR IN PUERTO RICO AND FORMATION OF AN AUGMENTED INSPECTION TEAM (AIT).
2. PNO-I-04-011, Baxter Healthcare Corporation - UNSHIELDED SOURCE RACK AT IRRADIATOR IN PUERTO RICO.
3. PNO-III-04-005, Missouri Baptist Medical Center - BRACHYTHERAPY MEDICAL EVENT.

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Office of Administration
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Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2004 (AH37 - Parts 170 and 171)

On April 26, 2004, a final rule that amends the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to the NRC's applicants and licensees was published in the Federal Register (69 FR 22664). The final rule ensures the NRC's compliance with the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1990. The Act mandates that the NRC recover approximately 92 percent of its budget authority in Fiscal Year 2004, less amounts appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund. The amount to be recovered for FY 2004 is approximately \$545.3 million. The final rule becomes effective June 25, 2004.

Public Records (AH12 - Part 9)

On April 27, 2004, a proposed rule that would amend the regulations concerning availability of agency records under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act was published in the Federal Register (69 FR 22737). The proposed rule would reflect changes in officials who initially deny access to records or who deny access to records whose initial denial has been appealed. The proposed rule would also establish procedures under which the NRC would provide predislosure information to submitters of confidential business or commercial information. The comment period for this action closes July 12, 2004.

Contract Award

On April 21, 2004, a cost-plus-fixed fee contract, no. NRC-04-04-072, was awarded to Advanced Systems Technology and Management, an 8(a) firm, for work involving the developmental assessment of thermal-hydraulic capabilities of the TRACE code. The period of performance is eight months and the total estimated cost of the contract is \$199,977.00.

Chief Information Officer
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Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons With Limited English Proficiency"

Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) staff met with representatives from the Office of Small Business and Civil Rights (SBCR) to discuss how to apply provisions of Executive Order 13166 to certain NRC public information. The order asks Federal Agencies to improve access to services for people with limited English proficiency. OCIO and SBCR are investigating best practices in other agencies to determine the most effective way to satisfy the order.

NRC Announcements Daily Email Testing

The combined Daily E-mail of NRC Announcements test was very successful. The change to the announcements program generated a high level of interest as evidenced by over 700 responses to the integrated feedback form. Eighty-nine percent of the respondents preferred the combined daily email, while eleven percent preferred the current multiple individual E-mails. In addition, hundreds of comments were also received. Based on this feedback, several modifications will be made prior to the introduction of this service in May 2004.

Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests received during the period of April 23 through April 29, 2004:

Site Assessment, Los Alamos Inn, 2201 Trinity Dr., Los Alamos NM, subsurface radioactive contamination	FOIA/PA-2004-0215
Pipe Fabricators in USA with nuclear compliance certification	FOIA/PA-2004-0216
Davis-Besse inspection results memo from Senior Resident Inspector	FOIA/PA-2004-0217
Tri-State Industrial Laundries, Inc., (Environmental Laundries, Inc.), Utica, NY, termination license	FOIA/PA-2004-0218
Interstate Industrial Laundry & Decontamination Service, Santa Fe, NM, original license	FOIA/PA-2004-0219
Contracts/Purchase Orders for lodging facilities in the state of Pennsylvania	FOIA/PA-2004-0220
Uniroyal Chemical Co. Inc [Crompton Manufacturing Co], 720 Fairport Nursery Rd, Painesville, OH, FUSRAP Site, all records	FOIA/PA-2004-0221
Employee listing, GS-10 & above, working or living in State of Virginia	FOIA/PA-2004-0222
Site assessment, Acadiana Gulf of Mexico Access Channel (AGMAC), land use history to locate contamination	FOIA/PA-2004-0223
NRC Personnel Manual, Handbook, & Directives, all updates since 01/01/01	FOIA/PA-2004-0224

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Breeder Test Facility (BTF) bldg. of General Electric Nuclear Energy facility at 175 Curtner Ave, San Jose, CA, Description of manufacturer, trade name, supplier, model & origin of 2-megawatt gas heater	FOIA/PA-2004-0225
Spent Fuel Pool - analysis of a spent fuel pool accident scenario and assessments of vulnerability since 09/11/01	FOIA/PA-2004-0226
Correspondence between NRC and Peter Deutch, Betty (Elizabeth) Castor, or Alex (Alexander) Penelas	FOIA/PA-2004-0227

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Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
Charles Bechhoefer	Consultant	ASLBP
Michael L. Brown	Operations Engineer	R-I
Anna Buseman-Williams	Student Engineer	R-I
Margaret Chatterton	Consultant	NMSS
Rebecca Erickson	Sr. Budget Analyst	OCFO
Vijay Goel	Electrical Engineer	NRR
Jeffrey D. Grant	Emergency Response Coordinator	NSIR
Leroy Hardin	IT Specialist	ASLBP
Douglas W. Hase	Security Analyst	NSIR
Christopher L. Jackson	Contract Mngt. Spec (Intern)	ADM
May (Xiaomei) Ma	Budget Analyst	RES
Amanda Mariani	Secretary (OA)	HR
Sheri Minnick	Regional State Program Officer	R-I
Paul E. Norian	Consultant	RES
Brooke D. Poole	Attorney	OGC
Charles Stancil	Reactor Engineer	R-IV
Stacey Sakai	Nuclear Safety Intern	NRR
Glenn W. Tuttle	MC&A Physical Scientist	NSIR
Samuel Fowler	Student Engineer	R-II
Shirley Xu	Health Physicist	R-I
Retirements		
Charles Bechhoefer	Administrative Judge (Legal)	ASLBP
Angela T. Chou	Reactor Engineer	NRR
Charles E. Fitzgerald	IT Specialist (PLCYPLN)	OCIO
Linda O. Lessler	Paralegal Specialist	OGC

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John McGrath	Sr. Health Physicist	R-I
Robert D. Rhoten	Secretary (OA)	NRR
Barbara A. Hawkins	Sr. Payroll Technician	OCFO
Departures		
Linda S. Frueh	Special Assistant	NMSS
Eileen Neff	Criminal Investigator	OI

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

The Office of Public Affairs (OPA) responded to significant media inquiries on the following:

The Vermont Yankee uprate application and the potentially missing spent fuel rod fragments.

Security and the potential for terrorist attacks against U.S. nuclear plants.

Impacts on NRC's license review if DOE documents are not available in the Licensing Support Network six months in advance of the application for the Yucca Mountain waste repository.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA, along with the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR), participated in a tabletop exercise sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security on how federal agencies would handle the public affairs aspects of a response to a terrorist attack involving biological weapons.

OPA participated with other offices in a tabletop exercise on a hypothetical response to a terrorist attack at the Indian Point nuclear plant.

OPA staff assisted at public meetings for the Indian Point and Dresden power plants.

OPA helped NSIR host about 30 students in connection with the American Society of Mechanical Engineering, including a tour of the Operations Center.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
04-048	NRC Amends Licensing, Inspection and Annual Fees Rule (4/26)
04-049	NRC to Discuss Quality of Yucca Mountain Information with DOE May 5 in Las Vegas (4/26)
04-050	NRC Issues Regulatory Issue Summary Concerning Electric Grid Reliability (4/27)
04-051	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet May 6-8 in Rockville, Maryland (4/28)
Regions:	
I-04-024	NRC to Discuss Annual Performance Assessment of Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant (4/26)

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I-04-025	NRC Begins Special Inspection of Irradiator Facility in Puerto Rico (4/27)
III-04-027	NRC to Meet with Exelon Generation Company to Discuss Performance of Dresden Nuclear Plant (4/27)
III-04-028	NRC to Meet with Exelon Generation Company to Discuss Performance of LaSalle Nuclear Plant (4/30)
III-04-029	NRC to Meet with Nuclear Management Co. to Discuss Performance of Palisades Nuclear Plant (4/30)
IV-04-020	NRC Proposes \$6,000 Fine Against All Tech Corp., of Pocatello, Idaho (4/28)
IV-04-021	NRC Proposes \$12,000 Fine for High Mountain Inspection Service (4/28)

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Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-04-0059	04/09/04	Progress Report for the National Materials Program Pilot Projects
2. SECY-04-0060	04/13/04	Loss-of-Coolant Accident Break Frequencies for the Option III Risk-Informed Reevaluation of 10 CFR 50.46, Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50, and General Design Criteria (GDC) 35
3. SECY-04-0067	04/23/04	SECY-04-0067 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending April 16, 2004
Memoranda		
1. M040413	04/28/04	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Research Programs, Performance, and Plans

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congresswoman Sue W. Kelly, dated 04/22/2004, responds to letter regarding electrical cable separation issues at the Indian Point 2 NPP.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, 512th ACRS meeting notice (5/5-8/04).
2. Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.
3. Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences, Fiscal Year 2003, Dissemination of Information.
4. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes, meeting notice (5/13/04).

Region I
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PPL Susquehanna Announces Mr. Britt McKinney as the Vice President-Nuclear Site Operations

PPL Susquehanna, LLC announced that Mr. Britt T. McKinney has been named the Vice President - Nuclear Site Operations at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station and will report directly to Mr. Bryce Shriver, PPL Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer. Mr. McKinney is currently the Site Vice President at Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

Indian Point

On April 27, 2003, the Regional Administrator conducted the Annual Assessment Meeting for Indian Point. The meeting was well attended by local elected officials, public interest groups, members of the media, and representatives of several members of Congress. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. and ran until 12:30 a.m., allowing time for more than 25 individuals to ask questions and make statements on a variety of topics, including plant performance, emergency preparedness, spent fuel storage, and security.

On April 28, 2003, the Regional Administrator participated in the Homeland Security Council Policy Coordinating Committee/Department of Homeland Security sponsored security table top exercise at Indian Point.

On April 29, 2003, the Indian Point Emergency Preparedness Exercise Coordination Team sponsored an outreach meeting with representatives from the State of New York, the four counties surrounding Indian Point, and Entergy. A representative from the Senator Clinton's office also attended the meeting. Topics included Federal participation in the June 8th exercise, a tutorial on reactor accident progression, and emergency preparedness in the post 9/11 environment. The presentations by Region I, the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, and the Emergency Preparedness Project Office were well received. Some county participants expressed continued skepticism regarding existing emergency plans, confounding factors associated with terrorism related events, and their desire to have a specific plan to integrate crisis and consequence management.

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Tennessee Valley Authority - Browns Ferry Predecisional Enforcement Conference

On April 28, 2004, representatives from Tennessee Valley Authority attended a Predecisional Enforcement Conference in the Regional Office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the apparent violation involving deficiencies in the Browns Ferry Unit 1 Recovery Quality Assurance Program, related to implementation of weld repairs in the Unit 1 torus.

Federal Women's Program (FWP) Awards Ceremony in Region II

On April 28, 2004, the Region II FWP sponsored the first Awards Ceremony in the Regional Office. This ceremony was held to recognize individuals who have volunteered their time and service during sponsored events and programs.

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End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment Meetings

During the week of April 26, 2004, members of the regional staff held end-of-cycle performance assessment meetings for the Quad Cities and Dresden nuclear power plants. The meetings were held in the vicinity of each of the plants.

Meeting with Nuclear Management Company (NMC) on Emergency Plan

On April 29, 2004, members of the Region III staff met in the regional office with representatives of NMC to discuss the results of the NMC fleet-wide review of Emergency Plans' emergency action level changes and corrective actions and to discuss regulatory perspectives on historical emergency plan changes.

Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 57

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Keeling	05/11 2322 RHOB	2:00	DOE	DOE Nuclear Security (Open/Closed)	Reps. Greenwood/Deutsch Oversight and Investigations Energy and Commerce
Long	05/13 2175 RHOB	1:00	TBA	Federal Employees' Compensation Act	Reps. Norwood/Owens Workplace Protections Education and the Workforce
Portner and others	05/20 SD-406	9:30	NRC Commissioners and others	NRC Oversight	Senators Voinovich/Carper Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Environment and Public Works