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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Annual Radiation Protection Manager's Meeting

On August 16-19, 2009 the staff participated in the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) annual Radiation Protection Manager's meeting in Laguna Beach, California. Staff discussed an update on the recently-issued Reporting Identification Symbol 2009-09 and draft Regulatory Guide on multi-badging for effective dose equivalent, the Reactor Oversight Process baseline inspection procedure realignment, As Low As Is Reasonably Achievable, and the new Incident Management Center-612 Appendix E examples of minor Health Physics findings.

Issuance of Operating Experience Information Notice on Painting and Cleaning Products Impact on Safety Related Equipment

On August 17, 2009 the staff issued an Information Notice IN2009-14, "Painting Activities and Cleaning Agents Render Emergency Diesel Generators and other Plant Equipment Inoperable." It is available at:

<http://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/idmws/ViewDocByAccession.asp?AccessionNumber=ML091980474>

Public Meeting on Buried Pipe and High Density Polyethylene Piping

On August 20, 2009, the staff conducted a public meeting with the NEI and industry to discuss various issues associated with buried piping and high density polyethylene piping. Presentations were made on buried piping initiatives and industry-recommended programs for buried piping, Electric Power Research Institute's survey on buried pipe programs, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations' review of underground piping, support of high density polyethylene piping for American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Class 3 applications, status of non-destructive examination of high density polyethylene pipe, and ultrasonic phased array examination of high density polyethylene piping. Agreement was made to address technical issues related to buried piping and high density polyethylene piping through routine ASME interactions.

Public Meetings Regarding Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance

On August 24, 25, 26, and 27, the staff held public telephone meetings with licensees for San Onofre, Waterford, D.C. Cook, and Wolf Creek/Callaway, respectively, to discuss NRC requests for information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance. These meetings are part of a recently-initiated interactive review process intended to drive near-term resolution of remaining issues regarding Generic Letter 2004-02.

Pre-licensing Meeting with Luminant Generation Company LLC

On August 25, 2009, the representatives of Luminant Generation Company, LLC, and the staff held a meeting to discuss Luminant's plans to submit a one-time license amendment request to extend completion time for Technical Specification 3.8.1 from 72 hours to 14 days for Comanche

Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2. Luminant representatives discussed the plant design and basis for the needed modification, which would provide the capability to connect a spare transformer to the onsite Class 1E buses. The licensee expects to submit applications for the modifications to the NRC in late September 2009.

Public Meeting of the Fire Protection Issues Management Protocol with NEI

On August 25, 2009, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with NEI representatives to discuss fire protection topics listed in the Fire Protection Information Protocol. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues of interest to the staff or industry stakeholders that are not being tracked by another regulatory process. A number of issues were closed as part of the meeting. Four new issues were added: CF-10 – treatment of simultaneous faults within cabinets, CF-11 – treatment of results from direct current circuit testing, MA-5 – industry implementation guidance for operator manual actions, and MA-6 – treatment of self approval of post-fire operator manual actions for post-1979 plants. The next meeting is planned to take place within 6 months.

Pre-application Meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric Company

On August 27, 2009, the representatives of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the staff held a meeting to discuss the utility's plans to submit applications for a digital upgrade of the reactor trip system and the engineered safety features actuation system at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. Pacific Gas and Electric representatives discussed the proposed architecture for the replacement of the Eagle 21 portion of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant protection system. The licensee expects to submit applications for the upgrade to the NRC in spring 2010.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805 Public Meeting Regarding Frequently Asked Questions

On August 27, 2009, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the NEI NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public, to discuss the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to licensees' adoption of NFPA Standard 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006 and expects to continue holding them at least throughout the transition period for the pilot plants adopting NFPA Standard 805.

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Early Site Permit Issued for Vogtle Site

On August 26, 2009, the Director of NRO signed an early site permit (ESP) and limited work authorization (LWA) for the Vogtle ESP Site located approximately 26 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia. The permit is available in ADAMS at ML092290157. The ESP, valid for up to 20 years, is the fourth such permit the NRC has approved. The LWA (the first LWA issued by the NRC) allows a narrow set of construction activities at the site, prior to the issuance of a combined license.

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Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Public Input Solicited on Proposed Army License Application

During the week of August 24-27, 2009, FSME and Region IV conducted public meetings in Hawaii concerning a license application from the U.S. Army to possess residual depleted uranium (DU) from the previous use of DU munitions. The meetings were held at several locations and were attended by approximately 100 members of the public. The staff will consider the public input in its decision on the license application.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1227 (DG-1227) "An Approach for Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking: Technical Specifications"

On August 27, 2009, the RES staff issued DG-1227 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.177, which describes acceptable methods for the use of risk-informed decisionmaking in support of decisions to modify an individual plant's technical specifications. DG-1227 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1150 (DG-1150) "Qualification of Continuous Duty Safety-Related Motors for Nuclear Power Plants"

On August 27, 2009, the RES staff issued DG-1150 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.40, which describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable for complying with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," for the qualification of continuous duty safety-related motors for nuclear power plants. DG-1150 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1226 (DG-1226) "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis"

On August 27, 2009, the RES staff issued DG-1226 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 1.174, which describes an acceptable method for the licensee and NRC staff to use in assessing the nature and impact of licensing basis changes when the licensee chooses to support, or is requested by the staff to support, the changes with risk information. DG-1226 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Webcasting Technical Services

On August 18, 2009, as a result of a non-competitive Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity labor hour contract, (NRC-10-09-369) was awarded to Online Video Service, Inc. in Seattle, Washington for technical services to webcasting and hosting of NRC public meetings. The period of performance is August 20, 2009, through February 19, 2010, with a total contract ceiling of \$169,060.00.

Technical Assistance for the Environmental Review of License Renewal Applications

On August 19, 2009, as a result of a competitive acquisition under the General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule, a labor hour blanket purchase agreement (BPA), (NRC-DR-03-09-064) was awarded to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in Greenville, South Carolina to provide technical assistance for the environmental review of license renewal applications. The period of performance for the BPA is August 19, 2009, through August 18, 2012, with a ceiling of \$647,761.59.

Nuclear Education, Scholarship/Fellowship, Faculty Development, and Trade School Grant Programs

On August 21, 2009, under the Nuclear Education Grant Program, grant (NRC-38-09-893) was awarded to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the amount of \$125,000. This award represents the last of the 87 awards issued this fiscal year under the NRC's Nuclear Education, Scholarship/Fellowship, Faculty Development, and Trade School Grant Programs.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of August 21, 2009 through August 27, 2009:

Locations of all NRC-regulated storage facilities in Texas; number of fuel rod assemblies stored on site at Comanche Peak, Units 1 and 2, and South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2	FOIA/PA-2009-0260
NRC Demand for Information on Self-Luminous (Tritium) Exit Signs (EA-09-001), all responses	FOIA/PA-2009-0261
Annual radiological emissions allowable for Comanche Peak Steam Electric, Unit 2 and South Texas Project, Unit 1, and all reported emissions over the of limits	FOIA/PA-2009-0262
Office of Investigations case 2-2009-008 and Allegation Report RII-2008-A-0119, complete files	FOIA/PA-2009-0263

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Chapman, Travis	Reactor Operations Engineer	NRO
Dreher, Michael	Honor Law Graduate 2009	OGC
Failla, David Michael	Construction Inspector (NSPDP)	RII
Gilbertson, Anders	Reliability and Risk Analyst	RES
Gonsoulin, Brian	Investigator	OI
Hair, Christopher	Honor Law Graduate 2009	OGC
Kanatas, Catherine	Honor Law Graduate 2009	OGC
Liaw, Stephanie	Honor Law Graduate 2009	OGC
Magyar, Michael	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRO
Perez-Ortiz, Aracelis	Secretary (OA)	NRO
Raynaud, Patrick	Reactor Systems Engineer (NSPDP)	RES
Shepherd, Pamela	Licensing Officer (International)	OIP
Sloan, Scott	Project Engineer (Resident Inspector Program)	RI
Smith, John	Project Manager	NRO
Wittick, Susan	Protocol Specialist	OCA
Retirements		
Chow, Edward	Senior Reliability & Risk Engineer	RES
Lapinsky, George	Human Factors Specialist	NRR
Lurie, Dan	Mathematical Statistician	CFO
Departures		
Bregman, Lauren	Law Clerk	ASLBP
Burkhart, Lawrence	Branch Chief	NRO
Debold, Thomas	Student Engineer	RES
Marrero, Abraham	Reactor Systems Engineer	NRR
Sanford, Nancy	Program Assistant (OA)	RII
Solomon, Fenan	Student Public Affairs Trainee	OPA
Washington, Brittney	Student Clerk (Typing)	ADM
Zare, David	Student Clerk	NRR

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM-SECY-09-0069	8/26/2009	Proposed Rule: 10 CFR Part 72 License and Certificate of Compliance Terms (RIN 3150-A109)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0060	8/26/2009	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0115	8/21/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending August 14, 2009
Memoranda		
1. M090811	8/26/09	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Research and Test Reactor (RTR) Challenges

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Richard Webster, Esq., Eastern Environmental Law Center, dated August 21, 2009, responds to letter concerning preferential disclosure of agency information to licensees.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Florida Power & Light Co., Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) for Contention Preparation.
2. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes: Call for Nominations.

Region II (RII)
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Deputy Regional Administrator Attends Region I / Region II Plant Manager's Meeting

On August 27-28, 2009, the Deputy Regional Administrator for Operations attended the Region I / Region II Plant Manager's Meeting in Dowell, Maryland.

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