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Multinational Design Evaluation Program (MDEP) Meeting

On June 22-25, 2010, the staff participated in a Multinational Design Evaluation Program (MDEP) meeting in Paris, France. The subject of this meeting was the common position papers which had been previously drafted and distributed to the MDEP members. Digital Instrumentation and Control issues regarding the AREVA Teleperm XS safety-related protection systems being proposed for the Evolutionary Power Reactors and for plant safety system retrofit designs were also discussed during the meetings. In attendance were representatives from the regulatory agencies of France (ASN/IRSN), Finland (STUK), Japan (NISA), Korea, Russia, and Canada.

Presentation at Conference on 10 CFR Part 26, Subpart I

On June 23, 2010, the staff discussed the NRC's implementation of 10 CFR 50 Part 26, Subpart I, *Managing Fatigue*, and the NRC's safety culture policy statement activities at the Human Performance, Root Cause, and Trending conference.

Public Meeting with Progress Energy

On June 30, 2010, the staff held a public meeting with Progress Energy representing Florida Power Corporation (the licensee). The meeting was held so the licensee could present the results of root cause analysis and its plan for repairing the containment concrete delamination at Crystal River Unit 3.

Public Conference with Licensee

On June 30, 2010, the staff held a public telephone conference with the licensee for Fort Calhoun to discuss the licensee's planned responses to a staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance.

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Comments Requested on Revised Construction Oversight Process

On June 24, 2010, a *Federal Register Notice* (FRN) was published requesting public comment on the development of a revised Construction Reactor Oversight Process. The FRN has a 45 day public comment period. Feedback is requested on seven specific topics, including: the regulatory framework, performance indicators, significance determination, action matrix, safety culture, transition to operations, and other issues relating to assessment process effectiveness.

Combined License (COL) Application Received for North Anna, Unit 3

On June 29, 2010, Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) submitted a Combined License (COL) application to use the US-Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor (APWR) technology for North Anna, Unit 3. Dominion had previously filed a COL application on November 26, 2007, to use the Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor technology for North Anna, Unit 3. However, on May 18, 2010, Dominion informed the NRC staff that it had selected the US-APWR design to reference in its COL application for North Anna, Unit 3.

Schedule Change for Fermi 3 COL Application Review

On June 28, 2010, the staff issued a letter to Detroit Edison Company informing the applicant that the safety and environmental review schedules (for issuance of the Safety Evaluation Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement) for the COL application for Fermi 3 are now indeterminate and all remaining public milestones are now "To Be Determined." The reasons that necessitate the schedule changes are the delays in receipt of complete responses to the request for additional information related to environmental matters, and the delayed submittal of a cyber security plan that is based on acceptable staff guidance. The staff will continue with the review for unaffected portions of the review. The staff will develop a revised review schedule after the needed information is received.

Amendment Issued to Vogtle Early Site Permit

On June 28, 2010, the staff issued Amendment Number 2 to the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Early Site Permit (ESP). Amendment 2 revises the VEGP ESP site safety analysis report to allow the use of Category 1 and 2 backfill material from additional onsite areas that were not specifically identified as backfill sources for the activities approved under the ESP and Limited Work Authorization that was issued in August 2009. Amendment 1, issued on May 21, 2010, approved only a subset of onsite backfill sources specified in Vogtle's request dated May 13, 2010, for a limited scope approval. The potential exists for additional amendments.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Proposed Rule Published on Distribution of Byproduct Material

On June 24, 2010 (75 FR 36211), a proposed rule, entitled, "Distribution of Byproduct Material," was published for public comment in the *Federal Register*. It would amend 10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, 40, and 70. The proposed amendments would revise the regulations to make the requirements for distribution of byproduct material clearer, less prescriptive, and more risk-informed and up-to-date. The proposed rule would also redefine categories of devices to be used under exemptions, add explicit provisions regarding the sealed source and device registration process, and add flexibility to the licensing of users of sealed sources and devices. The public comment period ends September 7, 2010.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 2.5, Revision 1, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements for Research and Test Reactors"

On June 28, 2010, RES staff published an RG that describes a method it considers acceptable for use in complying with NRC's regulations concerning the overall quality assurance program requirements for research and test reactors. RG 2.5 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/res-test-reactors/rg/>.

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Division of Resource Management and Administration (DRMA) Support Services

On June 23, 2010, as a result of a non-competitive negotiated acquisition, a firm fixed price contract (NRC-29-10-530) was awarded to AWD Management Services, in Grayson, Georgia for Region II. The objective of this procurement is to provide support services to the Division of Resource Management and Administration in the areas of financial and human resources management. The period of performance is July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, with two 1-year option periods. The total cost is \$833,671.97 inclusive of all options.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of June 25, 2010, through July 1, 2010:

Contract #NRC-38-10-709, awarded to Take Care Health System, copy of basic contract including statement of work.	FOIA/PA-2010-0261
Pacur facility, 3555 Moser Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, all inspection records, compliance records, enforcement actions, such as fines or fees, and all correspondence between Ronald Harold Johnson, President, Pacur Inc. and the NRC.	FOIA/PA-2010-0262
Office of Investigations Case 4-2009-033, transcripts, witness statements, investigative reports, etc.	FOIA/PA-2010-0263
Byron nuclear plant, Office of the Inspector General investigation of NRC's oversight of piping corrosion following pipe leak and shutdown in 2007.	FOIA/PA-2010-0264

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Bergemann, Brad	Security Specialist	NSIR
Calero, Alicia	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRR
Copeland, Douglas	Reactor Operations Engineer	NRO
Dunham, Katrina	Reactor Engineer (NSPDP)	RI
Erb, Delson	Reactor Technology Instructor (BWR)	HR
Farrell, Karlisa	Administrative Assistant	RII
Guzzetta, Ashley	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRR
Lynch, Sylvia	Sr. Program Analyst	CFO
Riley, Marcus	Reactor Inspector (NSPDP)	RII
Rodriguez-Luccioni, Hector	General Engineer (NSPDP)	RES
Skaggs Ryan, Teresa	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	RIV
Stojanovich-Hayes, Rada	Administrative Assistant	ADM
Swain, Velecia	Program Analyst Team Leader	RII
Wach, Lisa	Administrative Assistant	RES
Williams, Tammie	Space Design Specialist	ADM
Yoo, Mark	General Engineer	NRR
Retirements		
Becker, Audrey	Administrative Assistant	RIII
Collins, Samuel	Regional Administrator	RI
Gordon, Roberta	Administrative Assistant	FSME
Leach, Melvyn	Director, Division of Preparedness & Response	NSIR
Palla, Robert	Senior Reactor Engineer	NRR
Pratcher, Rebecca	Director, Division of Resource Management & Administration	RII
Thatcher, Dale	Branch Chief	NRR
Tingen, Stephen	Senior Mechanical Engineer	NRR
Departures		
Bacuta, George	Physical Scientist	NRR
Colburn, Christopher	Senior Program Analyst	OIS
Colleli, Catherine	Audit Manager	OIG
Lewis, Karen	Branch Chief	NMSS
Macatangay, Jose	Health Physicist (Licensing)	RIII
Shino, Kathleen	Senior Grants Management Specialist	ADM
Shuffelton, David	Criminal Investigator	OIG

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

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's ruling denying the U.S. Department of Energy's motion to withdraw its Yucca Mountain application.

The meeting between the NRC and Areva last Friday discussing NRC concerns over the U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor's instrumentation and controls system design.

A gap in the Crystal River nuclear power plant (Florida) containment building concrete.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA facilitated an interview between The Greenville News (South Carolina) and the NRC regarding three apparent violations at Oconee nuclear power plant (South Carolina).

OPA responded to an inquiry from Platts about a fitness-for-duty report regarding a Senior Reactor Operator testing positive for alcohol.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-115	10-115 NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet July 14-16, 2010 in Rockville, Maryland (6/28/10)
10-116	10-116 Mark Shaffer Named as NRC Safety Attaché at U.S. Mission to International Organizations (6/28/10)
10-117	10-117 NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Policy Statement on Protection of Cesium Chloride Radiation Sources (6/28/10)
10-118	10-118 The NRC and Thailand's Office of Atoms for Peace Conduct Nuclear Power Plant Workshop (7/1/10)
10-119	NRC Approves First Use of Advanced Fire Protection Standard at Harris Nuclear Plant in North Carolina (7/1/10)
10-120	NRC Awards Curricula Development Grants (7/1/10)
Regions:	
II-10-050	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Louisiana Energy Services Startup Inspection and Oversight (6/28/10)
II-10-051	NRC Monitors Operations at Honeywell Metropolis Facility (6/29/10)
II-10-052	NRC Schedules Conference with NFS to Discuss Apparent Violations Stemming

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	From Inspection of October 2009 Event (6/30/10)
II-10-053	NRC Schedules Conference with Duke Energy to Discuss Oconee Nuclear Plant Issues (6/30/10)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0083	6/25/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending June 18, 2010
2. SECY-10-0086	7/1/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending June 25, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M100625	6/30/10	Briefing on Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) – Programs, Performance and Future Plans and Integrated Strategy on Spent Fuel Management (COMSECY-10-0007)
2. M100617B	7/1/10	Briefing on Blending

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the President, dated April 22, 2010, advises that NRC has reviewed the proposed Agreement with Australia for Cooperation Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.
2. Letter to the President, dated April 22, 2010, advises that NRC has reviewed the proposed Agreement with Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting (07/13/2010).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant Operations and Fire Protection, notice of meeting (07/29/2010).

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 16

OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses/Nominations
Decker	06/30/10 342 DSOB	10:00	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Lieberman, I-CT)	"Nuclear Terrorism: Strengthening Our Domestic Defenses, Part I."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugene Aloise, director, Natural Resources and Environmental Division, Government Accountability Office • Micah D. Lowenthal, director, Nuclear Security and Nuclear Facility Safety Program, Nuclear and Radiation Studies Board, National Research Council of the National Academies • Dana A. Shea, specialist in science and technology policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress
Riley	06/30/10 2154 RHOB	2:00	Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee (Chairman Lynch, D-MA) of House Oversight and Government Reform Committee	"Temporary Employee Practices: How Long Does Temporary Last?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Riley	06/30/10 342 DSOB	2:30	Contracting Oversight Subcommittee (Chairwoman McCaskill, D-MO) of Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Part II: Review of management and oversight of interagency contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Needham, director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Issues, Government Accountability Office • Daniel I. Gordon, administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy • Steven Kempf, acting commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration • Richard Gunderson, acting chief procurement officer, Department of Homeland Security • Diane Frasier, director, Office of Acquisition Management and Policy, National Institutes of Health
Riley	07/01/10 2154 RHOB	10:00	House Oversight and Government Reform Committee full committee (Chairman Towns, D-N.Y.) and the Government Management, Organization, and Procurement Subcommittee (Chairwoman Watson, D-Calif.)	"Cloud Computing: Benefits and Risks of Moving Federal IT into the Cloud."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivek Kundra, federal chief information officer and administrator, e-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget • Casey Coleman, chief information officer, General Services Administration • Cita Furlani, director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology • Gregory Wilshusen, director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office • Scott Charney, corporate vice president for trustworthy computing, Microsoft Corp. • Daniel Burton, senior vice president for global public policy, Salesforce.com • Mike Bradshaw, director, Google Federal, Google Inc. • Gregory Ganger, professor of electrical and computer engineering, and director, Parallel Data Lab, Carnegie Mellon University