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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Duke Energy Announces Sale of Duke Engineering & Services Unit to Framatome ANP, Inc.

Duke Energy announced the sale of its Duke Engineering & Services (DE&S) unit to further align the company's businesses, portfolio and resources to focus on wholesale energy. DE&S, a business unit providing engineering and technical services, will be purchased by Framatome ANP, Inc.

The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter 2002. Two components of DE&S are not part of the sale. Leadership of the U.S. Department of Energy Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX) project will remain with Duke Energy. Also, Duke Energy will establish Duke Energy Delivery Services, formed by the power delivery services component of DE&S, which will continue to supply power delivery solutions to customers.

Meeting to Discuss Industry Activities in Response to TMI Plugged Tube Failure

On January 31, 2002, a public meeting was held between the industry and the NRC staff to discuss the industry's plan for addressing the generic implications of the plugged steam generator tube that severed at Three Mile Island Unit 1 (TMI-1). Several members of the public, including the press and the Union of Concerned Scientists, also attended the meeting.

Based on a request from the NRC, NEI sent a letter to the NRC dated December 21, 2001, containing generic evaluations for the once-through and recirculating type steam generators, to assess the significance and risk associated with the TMI-1 plugged tube failure. To prepare for the January 31, 2002, meeting, the NRC staff provided questions and comments to NEI on these evaluations in advance of the meeting.

At the meeting, the industry discussed the TMI-1 and Oconee Unit 3 inspection results, industry assessment of the issue, industry actions taken to date, and the industry action plan for addressing the implications of the TMI severed tube experience and schedule for completion. The industry plans to provide near-term guidance to licensee's which use the once-through steam generator design to assist them with their steam generator tube inspections and repairs. Based on operating experience, engineering evaluations, and risk arguments, near-term guidance is not required for recirculating steam generators. The industry is continuing to study this issue and plans to develop an action plan in the next five months to address longer term actions that may be necessary for both once-through steam generators and recirculating steam generators.

NRR Staff On-site Review of Vessel Head Inspection at DC Cook Unit 2

Two members of the NRR staff visited D.C. Cook Unit 2 during the week of January 28 to review American Electric Power's (AEP) inspections of the reactor vessel head penetration nozzles, as described in their response to Bulletin 2001-01. The staff reviewed videotapes taken during the visual examination of the reactor vessel head, along with the set-up, procedures and initial results from under-the-head inspections. AEP is completing its

inspections and will provide the staff with a summary of its findings. To date, AEP has not confirmed any significant service induced degradation.

NRR Staff Plans for On-Site Review of Vessel Head Inspection at Davis-Besse

During a refueling outage scheduled to begin in mid-February, NRR staff plans to perform an on-site review of activities at the Davis-Besse plant to inspect the reactor vessel head penetration nozzles. The staff will be accompanied by a representative of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA). The staff review will include the licensee's plans for under-the-head inspections of the nozzles and tentative schedule for repairs.

Meeting with Industry on Reactor Vessel Internals Program

At a meeting on February 5, 2002, the Materials Reliability Program (MRP) Reactor Vessel Internals (RVI) Issue Task Group (ITG) and the Babcock and Wilcox Owners Group provided the staff with a status report on their activities to address aging degradation of RVI components during the license renewal period. Some of the renewed license recipients are using the results of these programs to develop the inspection parameters (e.g., limiting components to be inspected, appropriate inspection methods, etc.) for the renewed license period. The work described in the meeting will continue through 2007, with periodic status updates to be provided to the staff. Inspections of the RVI components are expected to begin in the early 2010s.

Framatome Welded Plugs used in Once-Through Steam Generators

As a result of additional analysis of the once-through steam generators used in Babcock and Wilcox (B&W) plants, it was determined that the number of heatup and cooldown cycles that certain welded plugs could be exposed to prior to exceeding fatigue limits was much lower than originally calculated. Specifically, the affected plugs were originally evaluated for 240 heatup and cooldown cycles; however, the preliminary re-analysis indicates these plugs must be limited to less than 33 cycles to maintain the fatigue usage factor below specified criteria.

All plants with the affected welded pug design have been notified. Discussions with the licensee for Davis Besse, one of the affected plants, indicate that the most limiting affected plug installed in their steam generator tubes has been exposed to approximately 29 cycles indicating that the plant can operate with these plugs installed for 4 more cycles before corrective action must be taken. One corrective action would be to replace the affected plugs.

The industry is performing additional analyses to further refine the fatigue life of the affected plugs. The NRC staff is monitoring the industry activities in this area.

Duke License Renewal Application for McGuire 1&2 and Catawba 1&2

On February 4, 2002, the staff filed its appeal of the January 24, 2002, ruling by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) that two contentions filed by Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS) and the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL) are admissible (LBP-02-04) in the license renewal proceeding. The contentions, reframed by the ASLB, pertain to (1) the impact of anticipated mixed-oxide (MOX) fuel use on aging and environmental issues, and (2) the completeness of the severe accident mitigation alternatives

(SAMA) analysis for station blackout events at ice condenser plants. In its appeal, the staff indicated that the issue regarding use of MOX fuel in the Catawba and McGuire reactors should not be admitted because it is not part of either plant's current licensing basis and not a proposal currently before the Commission. The staff also stated that the SAMA contention should not be admitted because it lacks basis, corroborating facts, expert opinion and specific information to support the claim.

Public Meeting with NEI and Industry on the Public and Occupational Radiation Safety Cornerstones of the Reactor Oversight Program

On February 6, 2002, staff of the Emergency Preparedness and Health Physics Section of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation participated in a public meeting with representatives of the nuclear industry and the Nuclear Energy Institute to discuss issues in the Public and Occupational Radiation Safety cornerstones of the Reactor Oversight Program (ROP).

Participant discussed the need for additional guidance and clarification to the significance determination process (SDP) for the radioactive material control program and recent changes to the ALARA SDP. The industry representatives provided candid feedback on these areas of the ROP to the staff. These public meetings are held periodically to enable the staff and stakeholders to share information which is used to "fine tune" the ROP as experience is gained on the program.

Palisades Emergency Siren Replacement Project Briefing

On February 11, 2002, staff from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), FEMA Headquarters and FEMA Region 5 participated via tele-conference in a briefing by the licensee for Palisades regarding the proposed emergency siren replacement project. The licensee stated the reason for the project was the high maintenance cost associated with equipment aging, reliability and depleted replacement parts inventory.

The Scope of the project replaces the current 84 siren sites with 56 siren sites. The new system uses 'State of the Art' digital two - way radio technology for improved reliability. Sirens, poles and activation hardware will be replaced. The new system will include a 'feedback' feature for improved system monitoring. The licensee stated they are working with FEMA to ensure the transition from the 'old' to 'new' system is effective with minimal problems. They are finalizing the Test plan and the Final Design Reports. Current planning indicates the new system will be operational in October 2002 with the old system removed by Spring 2003. The licensee indicated a public meeting on February 15, 2002 at the Palisades South Haven Conference Center. This meeting is one of several to brief the public and the media on the siren replacement project and the impact to the local population.

Reactor Oversight Process

The end-of-cycle (EOC) review for the assessment period that ended December 31, 2001, for Region II plants was completed on February 5, 2002. The Region performed its review in accordance with the guidance provided in Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program." The Inspection Program Branch (IIPB) along with other NRC staff representatives participated in the EOC reviews of all plants. The EOC review for

Region IV plants was held on February 12-13, 2002. An EOC Summary meeting will be conducted on February 20, 2002, to summarize the results of all regions' EOC reviews for the Director of NRR and other members of the Executive Team. The results of the EOC reviews will be issued via annual assessment letters for all plants on March 4, 2002.

The Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) efficiency focus group developed a list of areas for possible efficiency gains in the oversight of reactors and criteria for evaluating the suggestions. On February 7, 2002, the IIPB staff held a video conference with DRP/DRS regional division management to review the results of the ROP efficiency focus group suggestions, provide any necessary clarification, reach agreement on the evaluation criteria, and assign a weighting factor to each criterion based on its relative importance. The next task for the efficiency focus group is to systematically determine the extent to which each suggestion meets the evaluation criteria in order to identify 3-5 suggestions that yield the highest score for possible implementation.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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International Safeguards Applications at BWX Technologies Highly Enriched Uranium Downblending Facility

On the morning of February 7, 2002, BWX Technologies (BWXT) operations staff discovered that a piece of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) equipment had shorted and was arcing. BWXT notified Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards staff of the event. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff informed IAEA of the event and confirmed that BWXT had the right to open the box. BWXT was informed that it had the authority to open the IAEA equipment if it believed that there was a potential hazard to the plant. Later on February 7, 2002, BWXT took the actions necessary to stop the apparent electrical problem. BWXT kept NRC apprised of its activities throughout this process, and NRC staff, in turn, provided IAEA with routine updates of the problem and what was being done to stop further damage to IAEA equipment. On February 8, 2002, IAEA informed NRC that an IAEA technician would travel to the BWXT plant, located in Lynchburg, Virginia, during the week of February 18, 2002, to review the problem and start repairs. The IAEA safeguards are being implemented as part of an ongoing monitoring program to independently verify the downblending of highly enriched uranium deemed excess to U.S. national security needs.

Meeting with Department of Energy on Key Technical Issue Resolution

On February 5, 2002, Division of Waste Management staff conducted a technical exchange with the Department of Energy (DOE) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss future key technical issue (KTI) resolution meetings. Both DOE and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff proposed several future meetings. The goal of the future meetings is to reach issue resolution. The NRC and DOE staff stated that their KTI leads are the main points of contact and are responsible for their agreements. In addition, NRC staff and DOE agreed that KTI leads should communicate to understand plans and schedule to address specific agreements. NRC concluded the meeting by stressing three points. First, the issue resolution process needs to move forward. Second, the staff needs to understand DOE's plans for addressing all the agreements. Finally, NRC needs DOE to communicate how it plans to address agreements due to NRC during the current fiscal year, given that DOE is currently rebaselining its program. The staff expects DOE to provide additional information on its plan for resolving the KTIs in March 2002.

Lessons-Learned Document for Decommissioning Plans

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff recently issued *NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2002-02: Lessons Learned Related to Recently Submitted Decommissioning Plans and License Termination Plans*. The staff developed this issue summary to provide licensees with information that may help them develop more complete submittals. The staff believes that more complete initial submittals will result in more effective and efficient use of both licensees' and NRC's resources.

Meeting with Big Rock Point on Decommissioning

On February 11, 2002, staff from the Offices of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and Nuclear Reactor Regulation met with representatives of Big Rock Point (BRP) to discuss decommissioning plans. BRP is remediating the site to green field, and plans to release the site for unrestricted use, except for about 3 acres which will be used for an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). The plant shut down in 1997, and current work is being done under the Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report. Transfer of fuel to the ISFSI is scheduled to start about June 2002 and is expected to take approximately 6 months. BRP plans to submit a License Termination Plan in early 2003.

Environmental Stewardship - Promising Solutions to Uncertainty

During February 5-7, 2002, a representative of the Division of Waste Management attended the Environmental Stewardship conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference was hosted by the Center for Bioenvironmental Research at Tulane University and was sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE). It covered a variety of topics, including the status of DOE's long-term stewardship (LTS) program, treatment of risk in decision-making, monitoring techniques, ecological risk assessment, and institutional controls. Gerald Boyd, DOE, noted that the Environmental Management program in DOE, including LTS, had recently received a top-to-bottom review, and that it was currently in a state of flux. He noted a new thrust for the Office of Science and Technology to support site closure and to explore alternatives and step improvements to current high-risk and high-cost baselines. Technical discussions included methods of evaluating radiation doses to aquatic and terrestrial biota, and selection of site-specific transport parameters. Other presentations focused on social science and risk communication. Several presentations stressed the importance of providing a transparent decision-making record for future generations.

Meeting with Holtec, International

On February 13, 2002, a meeting was held between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and representatives of Holtec, International (Holtec), to discuss Holtec's plans to amend Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1014 for the HI-STORM 100 dry cask storage system. Holtec plans to submit an amendment to CoC No. 1014 in early March 2002. The amendment will include increasing the approved heat load that can be stored in the cask; modifying technical specifications to control radiological dose and contamination levels; exceptions to ASME Code; changes to the neutron absorber materials; and other minor modifications to the cask design. A portion of the meeting was set aside to discuss proprietary technical information regarding the amendment, and was not open to the public.

International Atomic Energy Agency Technical Meeting Regarding "International Catalogue of Sealed Radioactive Sources and Devices, Including Transport Containers"

During February 4-8, 2002, a Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety staff person served as chairman in a technical meeting at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) entitled, "Developing, Updating and Maintaining of the International Catalogue of Sealed Radioactive Sources and Devices, Including Transport Containers."

Development of the Catalogue was prompted by direction from the Action Plan on Safety of Radiation Sources and Security of Radioactive Materials, approved by the Agency's Board of Governors and endorsed by the General Conference in 1999, which directed that IAEA "...develop a repository of information on the characteristics of sources and of devices containing sources, including transport containers, and to disseminate the information, with consideration of the advisability of dissemination through the Internet." The repository of information would provide information on the characteristics and appearance of sources, the devices in which they are used, and their transport containers. A primary purpose of such a repository would be to facilitate the identification of sources and devices that have been lost from control. An initial meeting was held in February 2000, in Vienna, to develop the structure of this Catalogue. Since the February 2000 meeting, IAEA continued development of the Catalogue. The goals of the February 2002 meeting were to analyze the status of the Catalogue, and to establish recommendations regarding improvement to the structure, data collection and input, and dissemination policy.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Agreement Signed with Framatome ANP, Inc., for Cooperative Research on M5 Alloy Fuel Rod Cladding

RES has signed a memorandum of understanding with Framatome ANP, Inc., on a cooperative nuclear fuel research program involving M5 cladding alloy. Initially, this work will study the effects of high-temperature oxidation on the mechanical properties of unirradiated M5 alloy cladding tubes in an ongoing research program at Argonne National Laboratory. The main emphasis in the work at Argonne is on materials behavior related to conditions of a loss-of-coolant accident and conditions during dry storage. Plans are being discussed to extend this work to irradiated M5 and other cladding alloys on high-burnup fuel rods. This research is part of an overall program to confirm fuel damage criteria used in safety analyses and to provide a data base of properties that can be used by both NRC and the industry in their independent analytical methods.

Public Meeting on PRA Quality and Standards and Risk-Informed Changes to 10 CFR 50.46

On February 5, 2002, a public meeting was held at NRC headquarters with interested stakeholders to provide and solicit feedback on (1) the staff's current positions on endorsement of PRA standards and other guidance documents and the update to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.174, and (2) the staff's efforts on risk-informing the ECCS reliability requirements of 10 CFR 50.46, specifically General Design Criterion (GDC) 35. Industry requested, and the staff agreed, that there be additional public meetings as work progressed on the new RG.

With respect to risk-informed changes to 10 CFR 50.46/GDC 35, the staff described its intention to propose revising GDC 35 to provide an alternative to demonstrate that ECCS safety function can be reliably accomplished using a more general reliability requirement, as opposed to the prescriptive requirements currently contained in GDC 35 (i.e., the assumptions of a coincident loss of offsite power and single additional failure). Two approaches to this proposal are being considered: a plant-specific approach and a generic approach. In late March, the NRC intends to hold a public meeting, in which it will discuss the technical basis for the plant-specific approach as well as provide the status of the generic approach.

Incident Response Operations
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Preliminary Notifications

1. PNO-III-02-004, Battelle Memorial Institute, LOSS OF CONTROL OF CONTAMINATED DUCT.
2. PNO-IV-02-009, Brigham Young University, MISSING TRITIUM EXIT SIGNS.

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Office of Administration
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List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized Advanced NUHOMS-24PTI, Addition (Part 72)

A proposed rule that would add an entry for the Standardized Advanced NUHOMS-24PTI cask system to the list of approved spent fuel storage casks was published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2002 (67 FR 6203). The proposed rule would allow holders of power reactor operating licenses to store spent fuel in the Standardized Advanced NUHOMS-24PTI storage system under a general license. The comment period for this action closes April 29, 2002.

Criteria for the Treatment of Individual Requirements in a Regulatory Analysis; Meeting (Part 50)

A document that announces a public meeting to discuss criteria for the treatment of individual requirements in a regulatory analysis was published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2002 (67 FR 6663). The meeting is intended to obtain public input on preliminary proposed guidance that could be incorporated into the Commission's Regulatory Analysis Guidelines. The meeting will be held on March 21, 2002.

Fitness-for-Duty Programs (Part 26)

A document announcing the availability of draft wording of a possible amendment to NRC's regulations governing the NRC's fitness-for-duty program was published in the Federal Register on February 15, 2002 (67 FR 7093). The NRC is seeking public comment on the draft rule outline and on individual sections of the draft regulatory text.

Chief Information Officer
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Requests received during the Period of
February 8, 2002 through February 14, 2002:

Commonwealth Edison Company, alleged discrimination against named individual.
(FOIA/PA-2002-0124)

Prompton Lakes Works, Prompton Lakes, Passaic County, NY, use, storage and/or transfer of
uranium and/or depleted uranium. (FOIA/PA-2002-0125)

Smoke detectors, exempt distribution license applications. (FOIA/PA-2002-0126)

Daily plant status reports, 01/01/2002 through 02/08/2002. (FOIA/PA-2002-0127)

Site assessment, NY-Avenue of the Americas, 1156 Ave. of the Americas, NY, NY County, NY.
(FOIA/PA-2002-0128)

Site assessment, NY-Second Ave. and East 69th Street, 235 East 69th Street, NY, NY County,
NY. (FOIA/PA-2002-0129)

Site assessment, NY-Maiden Lane, 160 Front Street, NY, NY County, NY.
(FOIA/PA-2002-0130)

Site assessment, NY-East 40th Street and Madison Ave., 290 Madison Ave., NY, NY County,
NY. (FOIA/PA-2002-0131)

Site assessment, East 95th Street and Park Ave., 71 East 97th St., NY, NY County, NY.
(FOIA/PA-2002-0132)

Site assessment, NY-Cherry and Jackson, 621 Water Street, NY, NY County, NY.
(FOIA/PA-2002-0133)

Site assessment, NY-W. 45th and 8th, 690 8th Avenue, NY, NY County, NY.
(FOIA/PA-2002-0134)

Moab Mill Reclamation Trust, records related to NRC's directive to Wm. B. Abington regarding
transfer of Atlas Corporation records in his possession. (FOIA/PA-2002-0135)

Site assessment, NY-Schoolhouse road, NYSTA-New York State Thruway, Chestnut Ridge,
Rockland County, NY. (FOIA/PA-2002-0136)

Materials Licensing Tracking System database. (FOIA/PA-2002-0137)

Office of Human Resources
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Arrivals		
DRAKE, James	REACTOR ENGINEER	RIV
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WAIG, Gerald	NUCLEAR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	IRO
Departures		
SHOARS, Esther	SECRETARY	RII

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Office of Public Affairs
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Media Interest

There was media interest in orders NRC is preparing directing all operating nuclear power plants to improve security.

A videotape being circulated among Nevada lawmakers showing a small missile punching a hole in a nuclear waste cask - in marked contrast to industry claims of their invulnerability - attracted media interest.

There was interest in requests from the states of Florida and Connecticut for potassium iodide pills from NRC.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
02-016	NRC Proposes Adding Nuhoms-24pt1 Storage Cask Design to Approved List
02-017	NRC Sends Report to Congress on Regulations for Diagnostic Nuclear Medicine
02-018	NRC Will Order All Nuclear Power Plants and Key Facilities To Enhance Security
02-019	NRC Issues the U.S. National Report for Convention on Nuclear Safety
02-020	NRC Office of Enforcement Issues Annual Report
Regions:	
I-02-005	NRC to Discuss Apparent Violations with Washington, D.C., Hospital

Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-02-0028	2/13/02	SECY-02-0028 Weekly Information Report - Week Ending February 8, 2002
2. SECY-02-0019	1/30/02	Annual Report on Court Litigation (Calendar Year 2001)
Memoranda		
1. M020129	2/8/02	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Status of Nuclear Reactor Safety
2. M020115	2/12/02	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Status of Nuclear Materials Safety
3. M020130B	2/13/02	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Status of OCIO Programs, Performance, and Plans

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress dated February 11, 2002, provides the "Report to Congress Regarding the Revised 10 CFR Part 35."
2. Letter to Senator George V. Voinovich dated February 11, 2002, provides the "Report to Congress Regarding the Revised 10 CFR Part 35."
3. Letter to Alan H. Maurer, M.D., Gary L. Dillehay, M.D., and Jeffry A. Siegel, Ph.D., Society of Nuclear Medicine, dated February 11, 2002, provides response to issues with the revised part 35 and its implementation.
4. Letter to Senator Craig Thomas dated February 5, 2002, acknowledges receipt of January 11, 2002 letter and advises that comments jointly submitted with Senator Enzi and Congresswoman Cubin, concerning the Petition for Rulemaking to exempt uranium recovery licensees from fees assess by the NRC under 10 CFR parts 170 and 171 will be taken into consideration.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting.
2. ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting.

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3. Applications for Licenses to Import/Export Class A Radioactive Mixed Waste.
4. Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Notice of Meeting.

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Region I
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Indian Point 2

The integrated resident inspection report for Indian Point 2 (IP2) issued the week of February 11, 2002, documented a very small primary-to-secondary leak. This minor leakage, at less than 0.04 gallons per day, is believed to be the result of a flaw in the tube-end to tube-sheet weld(s). The licensee, as part of its root cause review, reviewed repair records that were completed during initial fabrication of the steam generators. They do not believe the postulated flaw represents a structural integrity concern. This issue was discussed with external stakeholders by both Entergy and the NRC. It is receiving significant media coverage. Entergy is continuing to evaluate the sampling and analysis data. The NRC is continuing its monitoring of the steam generator's very low leakage, and licensee actions.

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Region II
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Region II Licensing Counterparts' Meeting

On February 14, 2002, the Regional Administrator, accompanied by the Director, Division of Reactor Safety and Director, Division of Reactor Projects, participated in a meeting with all the regulatory affairs and licensing managers from the nuclear power licensees in Region II. Subjects discussed included challenges facing the industry and the NRC, security, significance determination process and regulatory conferences.

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. - Management Meeting

On February 12, 2002, Region II and NMSS held a management meeting with representatives from Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. in the Region II Office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss licensee actions to address improvements in their security program.

Telephone conference with Chief Nuclear Officers

On February 14, 2002, the Regional Administrator held a telephone conference with the Chief Nuclear Officers and/or their designees to discuss the potential issuance of Orders regarding security issues and the initiative to review certain information by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The discussion of the Orders conveyed the information in the NRC press release.

Region III
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Byron Operator License Presentation

On February 16, 2002, the Regional Administrator presented three reactor operator licenses and four senior reactor operator licenses for the Byron Nuclear Power Station at a ceremony in Rockford, Illinois. Examinations were given to the seven applicants in October and November 2001, and the seven passed all portions of the examinations.

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Office of Congressional Affairs
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, NO. 41

OCA Contact	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Combs	Early March	TBA	NRC and others	Yucca Mountain	Reps. Barton/Boucher Energy and Air Quality Energy and Commerce

The House is in recess until February 26.
The Senate is in recess until February 25.

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