

Office of Public Affairs
Items of Interest
Week Ending April 30, 2004

Media Interest

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

The Vermont Yankee uprate application and the 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)
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)

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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)