

LPDR UPDATE

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Open Enforcement Conference Trial Program Begins

The NRC has implemented a two-year trial program to allow selected enforcement conferences to be open to attendance by members of the general public. Enforcement conferences are NRC staff meetings at which proposed enforcement actions resulting from apparent violations of NRC regulations are discussed with licensees.

The NRC's current policy is that enforcement conferences are not normally open to the public. Following the trial program that began July 10, 1992, the NRC will decide if it should maintain the current policy or adopt a new policy that would allow the public to attend most enforcement conferences.

During the trial period, the NRC plans to hold open conferences for one-fourth of the eligible enforcement conferences. At least one open conference will be conducted in each regional office, and a variety of licensee types (commercial reactors, hospitals, universities, etc.) will be represented.

Certain enforcement conferences will not be open to the public. For example, the enforcement conference will not be open to the public if the action being contemplated is to be taken against an individual or if personnel failures are involved and the particular individuals have been requested to be present. Enforcement conferences involving medical misadministrations or overexposures will be open assuming the conference can be conducted without disclosing the name of the individual involved in the misadministration or overexposure.

As soon as an open enforcement conference is scheduled, a notice is posted in the Public Document Room in Washington, D.C., and a message is placed on the public meeting notice system. The public meeting notice system provides a recorded announcement of scheduled open enforcement conferences. Members of the public can call a toll-free telephone number to hear the recording. That number is 800-952-9674. Persons interested in attending the conference will be asked to advise the staff in advance and will be told the name and telephone number of the person they should contact. The announcement is updated each time a new enforcement conference is scheduled.

The open enforcement conferences are usually held at the NRC regional offices. The address will be given in the recorded message, as well as the date and time of the meeting. Members of the public will be allowed access to the regional offices to attend open enforcement conferences, although visitors may be subject to personal screening. The conferences are open for public observance only, not for public participation.

The trial program was announced in the *Federal Register* on July 10, 1992 (57 FR 30762). A supplement to this notice, correcting the date given for the completion of the trial period, was published

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on July 17, 1992 (57 FR 31754). A notice of the availability of a toll-free number that may be used to get information on upcoming open enforcement conferences was published on September 9, 1992 (57 FR 41154). For further information on the open enforcement conference trial program, contact the NRC LPDR staff toll free on 800-638-8081.

An on-line bulletin board of scheduled open enforcement conferences is being developed. When it is operational, members of the public will be able to use their own computer systems to dial into the bulletin board to view the list of scheduled open enforcement conferences. Further information on the bulletin board will be made available when the programming is completed.

Recent Reference Questions

Question: A patron wanted to know how much space was left in the spent fuel pool at a particular nuclear power plant and when the spent fuel pool was projected to be filled.

Answer: This information is usually given in the latest monthly operating report of a nuclear power plant. Look in Category R in your weekly accession lists, beginning with the most recent weekly accession list and going backwards, for the latest monthly operating report for your plant. The accession list will give the microfiche card number and frame number where the document begins, and the microfiche card number and frame number where it ends. Pull that microfiche card and view the document to find the information on the spent fuel pool.

The monthly operating report also will give information on any planned shutdowns of the plant over the next six months.

For LPDR libraries with on-line access to NUDOS, the document type code for monthly operating reports is TRMOR. To find the latest available report for a specific facility, search for the document-type code TRMOR and combine the results with the docket number. The docket number for one unit should be enough because the monthly operating reports generally cover all units of a facility. The entry in the accession list will indicate if there is a separate monthly operating report for each unit or if the monthly information for all units is contained in a single report.

Question: A patron wanted information on the amount of radioactive wastes (effluents) released from a particular nuclear power plant.

Answer: Data on the amounts of particles released

are submitted to the NRC in a semiannual effluent release report and in an annual radiological environmental report. These reports for each local facility will be listed in Category R of the weekly and cumulative accession lists. Use the accession lists to determine the microfiche addresses of these documents.

A NUREG-report on radiation monitoring also is published quarterly, "The NRC TLD Direct Radiation Monitoring Network" (NUREG-0837). The most recent issue covers April through June 1992, and is on microfiche card 63279, beginning on frame 046 and ending on frame 277, at power reactor and high-level radioactive waste LPDRs. The report provides the status and results of the NRC thermoluminescence dosimeter radiation monitoring network. It presents the radiation levels measured in the vicinity of NRC-licensed nuclear power reactors throughout the country.

Sources of General Information on NRC

When a patron asks for general information about the NRC, there are several publications that can be helpful.

"The NRC Information Digest" (NUREG-1350) is an annual publication that provides a summary of information about the NRC, its regulatory responsibilities, the activities that NRC licenses, and general information on domestic and worldwide nuclear energy. The digest is a compilation of nuclear- and NRC-related data and is designed to serve as a quick reference to major facts about the agency and the industry it regulates. The 1992 edition can be found in the NUDOS microfiche file at power reactor and high-level radioactive waste LPDRs. The microfiche address is: 61998:092—61998:221.

"Annual Report of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission" (NUREG-1145) covers the events and activities of the NRC during a particular year. The 1991 edition was recently sent to each LPDR library. This document is in the NUDOS microfiche file at power reactor and high-level radioactive waste LPDRs. The microfiche address is: 62882:001—62882:270.

"NRC—Regulator of Nuclear Safety" (NUREG/BR-0164) describes the NRC's functions and activities. It includes information on topics such as inspections, how a nuclear power plant works, reactor types, radioactive byproducts, nuclear insurance, decommissioning of nuclear facilities, and high-level and low-level radioactive wastes. This document is in the NUDOS microfiche file at power reactor and high-level radioactive waste LPDRs. The microfiche address is: 61890:258—61890:283.

These publications are available from the NRC LPDR staff, if not already available in the LPDR collection. Copies can be obtained for the LPDR collection by calling the LPDR staff at 800-638-8081.

Guide Cards for NUDOCS Microfiche

Guide cards for the NUDOCS microfiche file are provided by the LPDR staff. If you need guide cards, please call our toll-free number (800-638-8081) to request an additional supply. We recommend that the guide cards be placed at every one hundred microfiche and be numbered by even one hundreds.

News from the LPDRs

Mr. Chi Su Kim retired on October 2, 1992, from his position as Head of the Government Documents and Maps Department at the Robert E. Kennedy Library, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California. He had been with the library as head of the Government Documents and Maps Department for 18 years. A profile of Mr. Kim appeared in *LPDR UPDATE* in the Summer 1983 issue. The Robert E. Kennedy Library is the LPDR for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. The NRC LPDR staff thanks Mr. Kim for his many years of service to the LPDR program and wishes him well in his retirement.

We Want To Hear from You

LPDR librarians are invited to submit a profile for publication in *LPDR UPDATE*. You can read the profiles from earlier issues of the newsletter to see what other librarians have said about themselves and their libraries. We would like to have a photograph with the profile if you can provide one.

If you have suggestions for future articles in *LPDR UPDATE* or questions about the NRC or the LPDR program that you would like answered, please call and let us know. All questions or suggestions can be submitted on our toll-free number, 800-638-8081.

Written articles may be submitted for publication consideration to: Teresa Linton FOI/LPDR Branch Mailstop: P-378 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Notify LPDR Staff of Changes

Please notify the NRC LPDR staff of any changes in LPDR personnel, library hours, library address or telephone number so that we can make any necessary changes to the LPDR Directory and to our mailing labels. Call us on our toll-free number, 800-638-8081. Messages may be left on our answering machine if you are calling after our regular working hours.

LPDR Staff Available for Programs

The NRC LPDR staff is available to give presentations on the LPDR Program at state or regional library association meetings, subject to the availability of funds. If such a meeting were to be held at a library with on-line access to the NRC's NUDOCS data base, the program could include a demonstration of the NUDOCS system.

We are interested also in presenting programs to the public. Again, this could include a demonstration of the NUDOCS system for the public.

If any LPDR library is interested in sponsoring a program, or if a State or regional library association is interested in having a presentation on the LPDR Program, please contact us at 800-638-8081.

LPDR libraries with on-line access to NUDOCS that would be interested in staff training sessions also are encouraged to contact the NRC LPDR staff. All travel would be subject to the availability of funds.

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