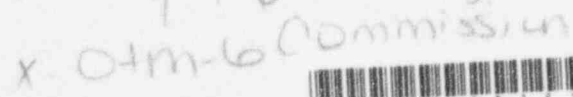


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MNTA Meeting

Dr. George Usova of the Operator Licensing Branch (HOLB) participated in a Midwest Nuclear Training Association (MNTA) meeting on March 25, 1997. Dr. Usova presented a session on how to write test questions for NRC operator licensing examinations. The presentation was in support of the agency efforts to increase licensee participation in the operator licensing examination process.

Maine Yankee

By letter dated March 7, 1997, the licensee submitted Revision 0 of its Restart Readiness Plan (RRP). The body of the plan provides a broad overview of the licensee's process to identify and resolve issues prior to restart. The licensee has established three committees to implement the process.

The Hardware Subcommittee will review equipment, system, and material condition issues against established criteria and classify them as either restart, short-term (within 6 months after restart) or long-term (Business Plan) issues. The Non-Hardware Subcommittee will review program, process, and human performance issues against the same criteria and classify them appropriately. These two subcommittees are made up of line managers. They will also be responsible to review and approve all corrective actions in their respective areas of responsibility.

The Restart Steering Committee (RSC) is made of senior managers and executives and is responsible to support the Vice President of Operations in the overall direction and oversight of the restart program. They will evaluate, screen, and close out major issues. They will also review and approve the activities of the subcommittees.

The Appendices of the RRP discuss "Action Plans for Significant Restart Issues." The issues discussed in the appendices in Revision 0 are logic circuit testing (GL 96-01), cable separation, offsite power, steam generator inspections, failed fuel, corrective action program, surveillance testing, and environmental qualification. The format of the RRP is designed to allow addition of new Appendices for emergent significant restart issues as the outage proceeds.

The staff will meet with the licensee in the afternoon of April 3, 1997, to discuss the RRP. That meeting will be open for public observation. On the evening of April 3, 1997, the staff will meet with interested members of the public to receive public comments on the RRP. After these meetings, the staff will develop its restart plan pursuant to Manual Chapter 0350.

On Friday, March 21, 1997, the Deputy Director of DRPE visited the site and discussed a variety of issues with licensee staff. In the fire protection area, the licensee noted that reviews it has conducted since the Spring of

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1996 have indicated that approximately 90% of 2600 fire barrier penetration seals will need to be replaced, repaired, or reanalyzed. Defects with the silicone foam used to form the barrier include inadequate thickness, bad cell structure, gaps and voids, foreign material, and poor work control when the sealant was being put in place. The licensee has developed a plan to address this issue after cable separation concerns are resolved. The licensee estimated that at least 1600 fire barrier penetration seals will need to be physically changed.

Status of Review of Licensee Responses to 50.54(f) Request on Design Bases

Phases 1 and 2 of the process for reviewing licensee responses to the 10 CFR 50.54(f) request for information on design bases are complete.

Regions II and III presented the results of their Phase 3 reviews at their Plant Performance Review meetings the week of March 10, 1997. Region I presented the results of their Phase 3 review at their Plant Performance Review meeting the week of March 24, 1997. Region IV will present the results of their review at a 10 CFR 50.54(f) Assessment meeting the week of March 31, 1997.

Results of the Phase 3 reviews for all Regions will be discussed at the Senior Management Meeting screening meetings scheduled for April 1997.

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NRC Inspector and Licensee Representative Exposed to HF Gas

Between 9:30-10:00 am on March 26, 1997, while conducting a material control and accountability inspection in the cylinder yard at the ABB Combustion Engineering fuel cycle facility in Hematite, Missouri, an NRC inspector and a licensee representative were exposed to hydrofluoric acid (HF) gas. The HF gas was released due to a leak in the HF dry scrubber system next to the cylinder yard. The licensee representative complained of nausea and was sent home. He returned to work the next day. The NRC inspector experienced a burning sensation in the nose and throat at the time of the event. Medical attention was sought as a precautionary measure. Examination results identified a mild nasal irritation. The NRC Health and Safety Manager has been notified.

Safety Inspection of VSC-24 Dry Spent Fuel Storage System

On March 17-21, 1997, Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) staff conducted a safety inspection of the VSC-24 spent fuel storage system at Sierra Nuclear Corporation (SNC) and two of its subcontractors in the Scotts Valley, California area. The inspection was conducted to follow up on incidents of cask seal weld failures at Palisades and Arkansas Nuclear One and to verify implementation of corrective actions for findings identified during two previous inspections performed at SNC in June and August 1996.

The inspection team identified significant findings regarding: (1) SNC's failure to conduct a root cause analysis of the weld problem; (2) failure to examine the potential generic aspects of the weld problem; and (3) failure to correct the "time to drain down" requirements to account for realistic pool water temperatures. The inspection also identified other findings of lesser significance.

An exit meeting was held on March 21, 1997, to present the preliminary inspection findings. Representatives from three utilities using the VSC-24 dry spent fuel storage system also participated in the exit meeting by telephone. SFPO is currently reviewing the need for follow-up action.

American Society for Nondestructive Testing

On March 21, 1997, the Chief, Medical, Academic and Commercial Use Safety Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, participated in The Spring Conference and Annual Research Symposium held in Houston, Texas, by The American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT). He provided presentations entitled, "Recent Changes in 10 CFR Part 34," and "How to Comply with ANSI N-432 Requirements," both dealing with industrial radiography. He also took part in organized discussions dealing with the use of alarming rate meters for industrial radiography personnel and with the development of industry consensus standards in lieu of State and Federal regulations. During the meeting, he also met with the ASNT Executive Board regarding the status of

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the Part 34 rulemaking, and ASNT interest in becoming an Independent Certifying Entity for industrial radiographers.

#### Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program Review at Region IV

A review team comprised of staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), the Office of State Programs, Region II, and the State of Tennessee, conducted an Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) review of Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV programs. They evaluated the Walnut Creek (California) Field Office on March 12-14, 1997, and the Arlington, Texas staff on March 17-21, 1997. The team, led by NMSS, used a set of common and non-common performance indicators to evaluate the adequacy of Region IV's materials, fuel cycle, and uranium mills programs. A draft report will be sent to Region IV in April. A Management Review Board meeting will be held later this Spring to review the preliminary findings, and to make final determinations on the adequacy of the Region IV program.

#### Meeting with the Department of Energy on Materials Disposition Program

On March 24, 1997, Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff met with the Department of Energy (DOE) to discuss Attachment B, "Statement of Work for NRC in Support of DOE Fissile Materials Disposition Program," to the Reimbursable Agreement between DOE and NRC. The Reimbursable Agreement between DOE and NRC, which was signed in September 1995 and expires in August 1997, may need to be modified to reflect the Record of Decision for the storage and disposition of weapons-usable fissile materials issued by DOE in February 1997.

#### Meetings on Uranium Recovery Standard Review Plan

On March 17, 1997, staff from the Division of Waste Management (DWM) and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) met with representatives from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ). The purpose of the meeting was to: (1) discuss technical concerns related to in situ uranium mining; (2) identify ways to streamline and coordinate licensing reviews; and (3) have the WDEQ provide early input on the Standard Review Plan (SRP) for in situ leach facility (ISL) applications now under development by DWM.

On March 19, 1997, DWM, CNWRA staff, representatives of the National Mining Association, the Wyoming Mining Association, the Uranium Producers of America, individual licensees, and interested members of the public participated in a meeting to obtain early input from the industry and the public on the content of the proposed ISL SRP. The National Mining Association agreed to provide specific written suggestions.

#### U.S. Uranium Conference

On March 19 and 21, 1997, staff from the Division of Waste Management, and the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) participated in the U.S. Uranium Conference held in Riverton, Wyoming. Other organizations represented at the conference included NRC licensees located in the State of Wyoming, the National Mining Association, the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Department of Energy, Arizona Public Service, and several agencies from the State of

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Wyoming. The purpose of the conference was to highlight the resurgence of the uranium mining and milling industry in Wyoming and the nation, and to discuss the future of nuclear energy. DWM staff participated on several panels covering cleanup after mining and milling, groundwater restoration at in situ leach facilities (ISL), and ISL byproduct disposal. In addition, DWM staff made a presentation on "Regulatory Streamlining - Future Perspectives for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission."

#### Meeting with Representatives of Bear Creek Uranium Company

On March 25, 1997, Division of Waste Management (DWM) staff met with representatives of Bear Creek Uranium Company to discuss site reclamation activities and the licensee's February 28, 1997, application for alternate concentration limits (ACLs) for groundwater cleanup. A representative from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality participated in the meeting by telephone. The licensee discussed details of its ACLs submittal and provided staff with an overview of its plans for construction, including radon barrier placement and testing, and selection and placement of the erosion protection barrier. In order to meet the date by which the final radon barrier must be in place, the licensee has established an ambitious schedule predicated on DWM staff approval of ACLs at the site. The licensee was notified that the ACL review should be completed by May 15, 1997, assuming the DWM staff does not identify a need for additional information. The May review completion date would enable the licensee to meet the schedule for completion of the final radon barrier.

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AEOD Special Study, S97-01, "Oconee Electrical System Design and Operation"

AEOD issued the final report for Special Study S97-01, "Oconee Electrical System Design and Operation." The AEOD report documents an independent evaluation of the design and operation of the Oconee emergency electrical system primarily based on operating experience. The evaluation was performed to assist the Committee to Review Generic Requirements in a review of this system directed by the Executive Director for Operations in August 1995. The efforts were initiated in the fall of 1995, and a draft of the report was issued for peer review by Duke Power Company on July 8, 1996, along with a draft report on the emergency electrical system prepared by NRR.

Since issuance of the draft report, the Oconee station has initiated numerous activities including modifications to hardware and enhancements to operating procedures relating to the emergency power system. In early January 1997, Oconee also took advantage of a three unit shutdown to perform a series of tests of the emergency power system. The activities as presented to the NRC by Oconee address the concerns listed in the conclusions of the AEOD report. Satisfactory completion of those activities should resolve those concerns.

Nuclear Material Events Database Training

Samuel L. Pettijohn in the Nuclear Materials Assessment (NMED) Section conducted training on March 24, 1997, in Region III on the Nuclear Material Events database (NMED) for 18 members of the Region III staff in the Division of Nuclear Materials Safety (DNMS).

The NMED is a computer database of material, fuel cycle, and nonpower reactor events reported to NRC by NRC licensees, Agreement States, non-licensure facilities, and the public. Most (about 70%) of the events reported by NRC licensees are required by NRC regulations to be reported to NRC by NRC licensees. Equivalently, Agreement State licensees are required to report the same type events to Agreement States. Agreement States report these events to NRC under a voluntary exchange of information program.

AEOD developed the NMED under contract with the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). AEOD also maintains the database under contract with INEEL. AEOD is working with IRM to provide access to NMED by regional staff via local AUTOS networks.

Region III is the second region to receive training on NMED. Mr. Pettijohn conducted training for eleven members of the Region II staff in the Division of Nuclear Material Safety (DNMS) on 2/20/97.

Incident Response Training

IRD has completed biennial incident response training for NRR project managers. A total of 57 NRR project managers (about 70 percent of the target

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audience) and one project director attended. Six 2-hour training sessions were presented between March 11 and March 26, 1997. The course received favorable feedback from the participants.

Preliminary Notifications (PNs)

- a. PNO-I-97-017, Duquesne Light Co. (Beaver Valley 1 2), BEAVER VALLEY UNIT 1 AND 2 REACTOR TRIPS AND COLD SHUTDOWN.
- b. PNO-II-97-018, Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar 1), WATTS BAR TURBINE BUILDING EVACUATION DUE TO AMMONIUM HYDROXIDE SPILL.
- c. PNO-III-97-026, Dept. of the Army Armament & Chemical, POSSIBLE MISSING CHEMICAL AGENT DETECTOR.
- d. PNO-III-97-027, U.S. Army Arm. & Chem. Acq. & Log. Act., NOTIFICATION OF RESTRICTED ACCESS TO CONTAMINATED FACILITIES.
- e. PNO-III-97-028, Professional Services, Inc., MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE MISSING DURING TRANSPORT.
- f. PNO-IV-97-015, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Waterford 3), AMMONIA RELEASE NEAR WATERFORD-3.

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Office of Administration  
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Procurement Reform

The Division of Contracts (DC) is working with the Office of Information Resources Management staff to upgrade software capability within DC to receive Internet simulcasts of acquisition reform presentations by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) and GSA. This technology allows the viewer to see photographs of the speakers and hear presentations in real time. DC policy staff have viewed two presentations simulcast by OFPP on task order contracting and Performance-Based Service Contracting, and plans are being made to provide DC staff with access to three more presentations on procurement reform initiatives to be simulcast in April.

Acquisition Training

On March 27, 1997, DC piloted its fourth revised acquisition module, "Source Evaluation Panel (SEP) Procedures," for 15 project managers. This module focused on panel member responsibilities, evaluating and scoring proposals and establishing the competitive range. Procurement planning, milestones and streamlining were also discussed. Participants, grouped in SEPs, evaluated, scored and discussed proposals. Each participant received a course manual that will serve as a reference tool.

Montgomery County Annual Transportation Awards Ceremony

The Commuter Services Section of the Montgomery County Division of Transit Services has invited the NRC to be an honorary host of its 12th annual Transportation Awards Ceremony breakfast on May 14, 1997. At this special event the County will recognize key business leaders, top agencies, and County employees who foster the use of mass transit and alternative transportation. Honorary Co-Chairs of this year's event who are expected to attend are Congresswoman Constance Morella, Congressman Albert Wynn and County Executive Douglas Duncan. Director of Administration, Edward L. Halman, and Director, Division of Facilities and Property Management, Michael L. Springer, will represent the NRC at the ceremony to be held at the Bethesda Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Rules Activity

RRDB is assisting Region II in the preparation of an administrative final rule that will reflect the move of Region II into the new Atlanta Federal Building.

RRDB is assisting OGC in the preparation of an administrative final rule that removes 10 CFR Part 0, "Conduct of Employees," from the regulations. Newly-issued, government-wide regulations from the Office of Government Ethics have replaced the need for Part 0.

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United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC)

SEC, OGC and NMSS staff met with USEC officials on March 27, 1997, in a closed meeting to discuss the status of USEC's privatization effort, including the NISPOM foreign ownership, control or influence determination and the foreign ownership, control or domination statutory determination.

The Division of Security, in coordination with NMSS, OGC and the Department of Energy, provided USEC with comments on its final draft of "Restrictions on Foreign Involvement in USEC's Privatization" on March 26, 1997. The comments reflected some concerns regarding references to NRC preliminary assessments on its statutory requirements. NRC emphasized to USEC that the statutory determinations could require a period of time to complete.

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Significant FOIA/PA Requests Received During the Week Ending March 27, 1997

Point Beach power plants related to 1/14, 15 & 17, 1997 Senior Management Meeting and performance of management at Wisconsin Electric Power Co. since 4/30/96. (FOIA/PA-97-0110)

Mobil Research & Development Corp. in Mercer, NJ, environmental records. (FOIA/PA-97-0111)

Budget FY98, OMB Circular A-11, Exhibit 43 and all subparts. (FOIA/PA-97-0112)

Procedures Manual - Office of Investigations. (FOIA/PA-97-0113)

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Office of Personnel  
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Breast Cancer and Mammography Education Program Sponsored by the Headquarters Employee Health Center

On March 27, 1997, the Headquarters Employee Health Center sponsored a Breast Cancer and Mammography education program. The presenter was Lynn Turner, chief mammography technician for Healthsouth Imaging. She discussed the current guidelines for mammography and told attendees how to ensure that the laboratory performing their mammogram was certified and that the technician was competent. She also stressed the importance of regular breast self-examination for all women over the age of 18. Healthsouth is offering mammograms at a reduced rate to NRC employees during the month of April.

Arrivals

ANDERSON, Mark	INVESTIGATOR (PFT)	OI/RI
ARNER, Frank	REACTOR ENGINEER (PFT)	RI
CHILDS, James	ASST INSP GEN FOR INVES (PFT)	OIG
CRANE, Randall	RESIDENT INSPECTOR (PFT)	RIII
FELSHER, Harry	NUC PROC ENGR (CRITICALITY) (PFT)	NMSS
REYES, Roger	RESIDENT INSPECTOR (PFT)	RII
SALLEY, Mark	FIRE PROTECTION ENGR (PFT)	NRR
SANCHEZ, Steven	RESIDENT INSPECTOR (PFT)	RII

Retirements

ROBERTS, Jean	SECRETARY (OA) (PFT)	RIII
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Departures

MCWHORTER, Richard	SR RESIDENT INSPECTOR (PFT)	RII
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Office of State Programs  
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Environmental Justice Subcommittee Meeting

Rosetta Virgilio attended the March 26, 1997 meeting of the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Environmental Justice (EJ) Subcommittee on Policy and Coordination held in Washington, DC. Most notable of the agenda items was the distribution of the Revised Draft CEQ Guidance for Considering Environmental Justice under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Brad Campbell, White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) representative in attendance at the meeting asked agencies to identify any significant concerns by April 15, 1997. Mr. Campbell also indicated the Report to the President on Environmental Justice was expected to go to the White House scheduler the week of March 31, 1997, for distribution. Copies of the draft CEQ guidance has been distributed to NRC's EJ Working Group. Ms. Virgilio will coordinate and provide NRC comments to CEQ.

The Subcommittee was also provided with the following: A subgroup report by Allyce Boyd Stewart, DOT, on how to share EJ activities between the IWG and the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (NEJAC); Ellen Haffia reported on EPA's efforts to Develop Performance Measures to address implementation of EJ; and the Executive Summary of the December 10-12, 1996 NEJAC meeting.

The above-mentioned documents are available for review by interested parties by contacting Ms. Virgilio at 415-2307.

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Media Interest

A radio and a TV reporter attended the Architectural/Engineering inspection exit meeting at Farley.

The National Society of Black Engineers interviewed Chairman Jackson for an article in their magazine.

The Chairman held a press conference in Region III regarding Commonwealth Edison reactors and the watch list. About 10 major area TV, radio and print reporters attended.

School Volunteers Program

Valeria Wilson, OEDO, Carl Kammerer, ADM, Garmon West, NRR, Al Blunt, IRM, and James Heck, ADM, all participated in Career Day at Central H.S.

Kien Chang, NMSS, Frank Congel, AEOD, and Kaz Campe, NRR, participated as judges in the BEKS Science Fair.

Seth Coplan, OCM, Sheilla Salicrup, AEOD, and Jocelyn Mitchell, OEDO, were judges at the Piney Branch E.S. Science Fair.

James Heck, ADM, Participated in Career Day at Lyndin Hill E.S.

Press Releases

Headquarters:

- 97-048            NRC Releases Massachusetts Site for Unrestricted Use Following Cleanup of Radioactive Contamination
- 97-049            NRC Seeks Nominations for Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Radioisotopes
- 97-050            NRC to Permit Complainants in Discrimination Cases to Participate in Enforcement Conferences
- 97-051            Note to Editors: Advisory Committee on the Use of Medical Isotopes Meeting
- 97-052            NRC Orders Independent Audit of Some Army Radiation Safety Programs

Regions:

- I-97-29            Violations of NRC Requirements at Beaver Valley Nuclear Plant

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- I-97-30            NRC Proposes \$2,750 Civil Penalty for N.J. Medical Facility  
for Several Radiation Safety Program Deficiencies
- II-97-27           NRC Staff Issues Order to Individual Prohibiting Involvement  
in NRC-Licensed Activities
- III-97-32           NRC Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson to Hold News Briefing  
Following Visit to LaSalle Nuclear Power Station
- IV-97-20           NRC to Hold Open Enforcement Conference March 28 With Entergy

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Region I  
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Texas Instruments, Inc.

On March 21, 1997, Region I staff released the Texas Instruments, Inc. site in Attleboro, Massachusetts, for unrestricted use following remediation of on-site uranium contamination. Both a former burial area and the inside three site buildings were remediated to levels that meet NRC release criteria. The site had been placed on the NRC Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) in 1990 to ensure that remediation of the burial area was accomplished in a timely manner. The interior contamination was identified in subsequent surveys. Based on radiological surveys conducted by the licensee, NRC review of those surveys and a confirmatory survey conducted in February 1997 by NRC (accompanied and assisted by a representative from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), the staff concluded that decommissioning was satisfactorily completed. The facility still conducts metallurgical production activities, but no longer uses radioactive material in its operations. Region I staff terminated Texas Instruments' NRC License. The Commission has not objected to the removal of the Attleboro site from the SDMP.

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Region II  
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Carolina Power and Light Company - Robinson

Members of the Region II staff presented the latest SALP results to representatives of the Carolina Power and Light Company regarding the performance of the Robinson facility. Following the presentation, a public meeting was held with local officials. In the evening, the Regional Administrator presented operator certificates to newly licensed operators at the Robinson plant.

Florida Power and Light Company - St. Lucie

On March 27, Region II conducted a management meeting with representatives of Florida Power and Light Company regarding the St. Lucie plant. The meeting was one in a series of bi-monthly meetings held to discuss the progress in the St. Lucie Performance Improvement Program. Also discussed was the status and improvement in the St. Lucie Speakout employee concerns program.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company - Farley

The NRR Team Leader, accompanied by a Region II Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Safety, presented the results of the Architect Engineering Design Inspection at an exit meeting open to the public. The inspection found that systems reviewed were capable of performing their intended safety functions and that there were no unresolved operability issues. The inspection did identify several issues requiring followup, including 10 CFR 50.59 evaluations and tornado missile protection for the turbine driven auxiliary feedwater pump stack and the exhaust silencers for diesel generators. Licensee management indicated in the exit that they intended further discussion with the NRC regarding these issues. Three members of the local press attended the meeting.

Region III  
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Management Changes Announced for Wisconsin Electric Power Company

Wisconsin Electric Power Company announced on March 25, 1997, several management changes and additions for Point Beach Nuclear Power Station. The management changes include: Keith Eckard, formerly with Performance Improvement International, has been named Acting Assistant Operations Manager; Richard Mende, formerly with Tennessee Valley Authority, has been named Operations Manager; Steve Cartwright, currently Off-Site Review Committee Chairman, has been named Manager-Nuclear Support; and Gary Boldt, presently Vice President-Nuclear Production for Florida Power Corporation, has been named Special Assistant to the Site Vice President for engineering issues.

Prairie Island Indian Workshop

On March 25-26, 1997, Roland Lickus, Chief of State Program for Region III, participated in the workshop "Impacts of Nuclear Power and Nuclear Waste on Indigenous and Local Communities, An Educational Workshop" hosted by the Prairie Island Indian Community in Welch, Minnesota. Topics that were presented at the workshop included: "The Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Types of Waste"; "Radiation and its Effects on Human Health and the Environment"; "Management of Wastes Generated by the Nuclear Fuel Cycle"; "Waste Generated in Decontaminating and Decommissioning a Nuclear Power Plant, Storage and Disposal Options -- Waste Management"; and "The Role of Nuclear Regulators" (NRC Attorney Francis "Chip" Cameron was one of the presenters of this session).

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Region IV  
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Entergy (Waterford 3) Management Meeting

On March 24, 1997, a management meeting was held with Entergy Operations, Inc. to discuss the current plan for performance improvement at Waterford 3. The licensee presented an overview of its strategy to identify and correct performance issues, including a new plan for continuous improvement called "True North Strategies."

Predecisional Enforcement Conference with Entergy Operations, Inc.

On March 28, 1997, a predecisional enforcement conference was held to discuss two apparent violations involving inadequate fire protection design features for the reactor coolant pump lube oil collection systems at Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2; and inadequate corrective actions for three prior instances of observed oil leakage in Unit 1 which subsequently caused a fire in the containment on October 17, 1996.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE, No. 11

OCA ASSIGN- MENT	DATE & PLACE	TIME	WITNESS	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE
Madden	TBA 366 DSOB	10:00	DOE	DOE's FY98 Budget	Senators Murkowski/Bumpers Energy & Natural Resources
Gerke	04/07/97 342 DSOB	2:00	James King	Nomination of Mr. King as OPM Director	Senators Thompson/Glenn Governmental Affairs
Gerke	04/14 04/18 05/02 05/09	TBA	Atlanta Richmond Chicago Dallas	Electricity Deregula- tion Field Hearings	Reps. Schaefer/Hall Energy & Power Commerce
Gerke	04/18/97 2154 RHOB	9:30	TBA	Debt Collection Improvement Act	Reps. Horn/Maloney Gov't Mgmt, Info & Tech Gov't Reform & Oversight
Madden	4/22 124 DSOB	9:30	TBA	DOE's FY98 Budget	Senators Domenici/Reid Energy & Water Development Appropriations

Congress is currently in recess; the Senate returns on April 7 and the House returns on April 8.

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