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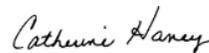
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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending MAY 14, 2021

ARRIVALS		
JENKINS, GARY	STUDENT INTERN	NMSS
RETIREMENTS		
NONE		
DEPARTURES		
BERENS, ANNIE	STUDENT ENGINEER (CO-OP)	NSIR
MCGOVERN, DENISE L	POLICY COORDINATOR	SECY
SCHNEIDER, ALYSSA M.	STUDENT ENGINEER (CO-OP)	RES
WIDENHOFER, ZACHARY A.	STUDENT ENGINEER (CO-OP)	RES

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of May 7 – May 14

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000159	Kate Mishkin		The Chairman's and Commissioners' calendars and briefing packages prepared by staff in the NRC Executive Director of Operations' office between Jan. 1, 2018 and present; any and all complaints to the NRC's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) regarding the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station between 2013 and present; and any and all internal deliberations within NRC regarding Southern California Edison's application for dry cask storage, including but not limited to any and all dissenting professional opinions (DPOs)	05/07/21
2021-000160	Eli Hayes		A report bibliography listing title, page length, and classification, delivered in spreadsheet format if possible, of the reports constituting the "China Nuclear Series" that were written by Bo Kong and David M. Lampton for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and National Nuclear Security Administration between 2010 and 2012	05/10/21
2021-000161	Timothy J. Walsh	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	A copy of the entire investigation file for NRC OI investigation 2-2019-014, including but not limited to a copy of the NRC OI Report for Investigation No. 2-2019-014, including all of its Exhibits, and all documents and correspondence related to Investigation No. 2-2019-014 that are not identified as an Exhibit to the Report for Investigation No. 2-2019-014, including but not limited to internal NRC records and communications, and correspondence with the Department of Labor or any other person or organization	05/13/21

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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NRC Hosted Annual Public Meeting with Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO)

On May 11, 2021, the NRC staff held a public meeting (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21125A259) with INPO to discuss items of mutual interest concerning INPO's training program accreditation process and other initiatives. This meeting is conducted annually in accordance with the NRC/INPO Memorandum of Agreement dated December 1, 2020. The NRC staff presented topics related to examinations and licensing actions during COVID-19, revisions to significant regulatory documents including NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," and the knowledge and abilities catalogs, and plans for Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 53 efforts related to operator licensing. INPO discussed COVID-19 actions, ongoing activities associated with training and industry learning activities, efforts related to accreditation for new construction and advanced reactors and plans for assessing the effectiveness of the new INPO accreditation program.

NRC Held Public Meeting to Share Research Results on Casual Alpha Factor Methods (CAFMs)

On May 11, 2021, the NRC staff held a public meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML21110A709) to share research results on CAFMs and address stakeholders' comments about Common Cause Failure (CCF) in the significance determination process (SDP). Previous stakeholder feedback on this topic led the staff to perform some additional work that included the CAFM, to enhance realism in the way CCF is treated in both the SDP and risk assessments (ADAMS Accession No. ML21055A027). During the meeting, the staff solicited stakeholders' feedback to inform the future work in this area including potential enhancements to the treatment of CCFs in NRC's Risk Assessment Standardization Project (RASP) guidance (ADAMS Accession No. ML17348A149).

NRC Held Public Meeting to Discuss Comments on Environmental Qualification Draft Regulatory Guide

On May 13, 2021, the NRC staff held a public meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML21118A983) with the Nuclear Utility Group on Equipment Qualification (NUGEQ) and other external stakeholders to discuss comments on Regulatory Draft Guide (DG)-1361, "Environmental Qualification of Certain Electrical Equipment Important to Safety for Nuclear Power Plants." This was an Observation Meeting to allow NUGEQ and other external stakeholders to clarify their official public comments submitted on DG-1361.

NRC Held Public Meeting on Draft Revision to Operator Licensing Examination Standards NUREG

On May 13, 2021, the NRC staff held a public meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML21119A148) with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Licensed Operator Focus group and members of industry to discuss the latest changes made to draft Revision 12 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," (ADAMS Accession No. ML20329A326) as a result of several public comments received during the comment period. Specifically, the NRC staff shared the resolution regarding test grading criteria in the NUREG for the operating test associated with critical performance deficiencies. The NRC staff expects to publish the final NUREG by September 2021.

NRC Held Public Meeting on Potential Changes to Alternative Source Term Regulatory Guide (RG)

On May 13, 2021, the NRC staff held a public meeting regarding a revision to RG 1.183, “Alternative Radiological Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors” (ADAMS Accession No. ML21124A121). The revision is expected, in part, to include guidance associated with licensing of advanced light water reactors and other industry initiatives, such as accident tolerant fuel, high-burnup, and increased enrichment. The meeting was focused on topics related to main steam isolation valve leakage pathway modeling methods. Approximately 80 participants, including representatives from NEI, reactor licensees, and the public attended the meeting. The staff is planning to support an Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee meeting on the draft RG 1.183 revision in October 2021 prior to its issuance for public comment.

NRC Held Public Meeting with NEI Regarding Digital Commercial Grade Dedication Guidance Document

On May 14, 2021, the NRC staff held a public meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML21125A146) with NEI to discuss the NRC staff’s plan to conduct an endorsement review for NEI 17-06, “Guidance on Using IEC 61508 Safety Integrity Level (SIL) Certification to Support Acceptance of Commercial Grade Digital Equipment for Nuclear Safety Related Applications” (ADAMS Accession No. ML21083A147). If endorsed, NEI 17-06 would increase licensee access to international digital instrumentation and control components by providing a method to leverage SIL certification in commercial grade dedication programs, including the NRC-endorsed Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) guidelines for commercial grade digital equipment for nuclear applications (EPRI TR 106439). During the meeting, NEI presented changes made to NEI 17-06, Draft B. If found acceptable, the NRC staff conveyed that a new Regulatory Guide would be created in 2022 to endorse NEI 17-06.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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**American Society of Mechanical Engineers 2019-2020 Code Editions: Correction;
Proposed Rule; Correction; 10 CFR Part 50 [NRC-2018-0290; RIN 3150-AK22]**

On May 12, 2021, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([86 FR 25977](#)) correcting a notice that was published in the *Federal Register* on March 26, 2021 ([86 FR 16087](#)), regarding its proposed amendment to the regulations to incorporate by reference the 2019 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and the 2020 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants, Division 1: OM Code: Section IST, for nuclear power plants. This action is necessary to correct several typographical errors. The correction takes effect on May 12, 2021.

Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
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NRC Participated in a Tabletop Exercise on Hurricane Preparedness and Response

On May 11, 2021, staff from the NRC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) co-facilitated a virtual pre-hurricane season tabletop exercise. The purpose of the exercise was to emphasize the coordination and communications protocol in determining the status of offsite emergency preparedness for a severe weather event which may result or has resulted in significant damage to the area around a NRC-licensed nuclear power reactor site. Participants included representatives from NRC Headquarters and Region I; FEMA Headquarters; FEMA Regions II and III; states of Delaware and New Jersey; the Nuclear Energy Institute; and the Salem Hope Creek Nuclear Generation Station.

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**Office of Administration (ADM)
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NRC Awarded Contract for Audit Services

On May 10, 2021, contract number GS00F143CA/31310021F0026 was awarded to Grant Thornton LLC, in Arlington, VA. The purpose of this contract is providing annual Financial Statement Audit Services and Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA) Audit Services for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB). The period of performance is from May 12, 2021 through May 11, 2022 with four option periods. The total potential value of the contract can be up to \$3,532,637.77.

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**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-20-0110	12/07/20	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Criteria to Return Retired Nuclear Power Reactors to Operations (PRM 50 117; NRC-2019-0063)
2. Staff Requirement Memorandum SECY-20-0110	04/01/21	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Criteria to Return Retired Nuclear Power Reactors to Operations (PRM 50 117; NRC-2019-0063)
3. Commission Voting Record SECY-20-0110	04/01/21	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Criteria to Return Retired Nuclear Power Reactors to Operations (PRM 50 117; NRC-2019-0063)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-21-0050	05/10/21	Weekly Information Report Week Ending 04/30/2021
2. SECY-21-0047	04/28/21	Annual Report to The Commission on Licensee Performance in The Nuclear Materials and Waste Safety Program for Fiscal Year 2020
Memoranda		
1. None		

Commission Correspondence

1. None

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. None