

# INFORMATION REPORT

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<b>Arrivals</b>		
None		
<b>Retirements</b>		
None		
<b>Departures</b>		
Boote, Christine	ATTORNEY	OGC
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Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Module

On October 21, 2011, staff from Information and Records Services Division (IRSD) and the Office of General Counsel met with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive a briefing about a project the EPA calls the "FOIA Module." The EPA is trying to develop the FOIA Module for use by all Federal agencies. The FOIA Module would be a web portal to which the public could submit and track FOIA requests, and search the site to view other requests that have been submitted and agency responses to them. It would also have a secure, login access site for Federal agencies to receive and store requests, assign and process requests, refer requests to other agencies, post responses online, and provide metrics to the Department of Justice for annual reporting. The IRSD staff saw some merit in this proposal, which was offset by the potential financial costs should the NRC become involved, as well as the ripple effect that involvement might trigger for NRC's FOIA business processes. More analysis is needed as the module continues to be developed and EPA determines the potential costs to individual agencies.

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Working Group Meeting

On October 26, 2011, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended a CUI Working Group meeting at the Office of the CUI Executive Agent. The purpose of the meeting was to begin discussion on CUI decontrol criteria. This is a complicated subject because the life cycle of the different CUI categories varies considerably, even within categories, yet the Obama Administration would like all CUI decontrolled automatically after a yet-to-be-determined specified period of time. The majority of agencies expressed the opinion that a blanket automatic decontrol date would not work. The Federal Bureau of Investigation recommended, and most agencies agreed, that CUI not be decontrolled until the agency that originated it made the decision to either proactively release it to the public, or it was released to the public after review in response to a Freedom of Information Act request. No decision was made, so there will be future discussions.

Gaithersburg High School Pinning Ceremony

On October 26, 2011, staff from the Program Management, Policy Development, and Analysis Staff attended the Gaithersburg High School Pinning Ceremony to show our support for an OIS student employee and ceremony awardee. The Gaithersburg High School sponsors an Academy of Information Technology (AoIT), a National Academy Foundation program for students interested in Information Technology (IT) careers. This is the second consecutive year of partnering with Gaithersburg High School and its AoIT for IT Job Shadow Day and subsequently sponsoring internships for AoIT students. The IT Job Shadow Day activity is sponsored by the Chief Information Officer Council each year. The OIS considers this activity a significant contribution to our succession planning efforts and is a component of our Comprehensive Diversity Management Program.

FOIA and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of October 21, 2011, through October 27, 2011:

Groundwater Monitoring Plan at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant	FOIA/PA-2012-0020
Naval Air Station Alameda January 1, 1960-December 31, 1964, names of nuclear weapons, serial numbers, weapons nomenclature, US Atomic Energy Commission temporary custodial receipts AL-569	FOIA/PA-2012-0021
Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area, clean-up, inventoried materials, personnel and their qualifying credentials, types of monitoring	FOIA/PA-2012-0022
FOIA/PA-2005-0263 - Industrial Irradiator accident, Maryland 1981. Actions taken by the NRC and any regulations that came from this incident	FOIA/PA-2012-0023
Global Nuclear Fuels Americas (GNF-A) written supplemental memorandum provided to NRC on April 8, 2011	FOIA/PA-2012-0024
GE-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment Letter MBS-11-003 dated February 3, 2011	FOIA/PA-2012-0025
GE-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment's April 4, 2011, email to the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards	FOIA/PA-2012-0026
Regarding complaints of intentional retaliation/discrimination by SARGENT AND LUNDY AND ENERCON SERVICES, INC. by named individual	FOIA/PA-2012-0027
Correspondence from the Office of Senator Kristen Gillibrand January 2010-Present	FOIA/PA-2012-0028

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Meeting with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD)

On October 24, 2011, representatives of the NPPD and staff held a meeting at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss the licensee's license amendment request for 24-month fuel cycles at Cooper Nuclear Station in accordance with Generic Letter 91-04, "Changes in Technical Specification Surveillance Intervals to Accommodate a 24-Month Fuel Cycle," and NRC-approved Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) 493, Revision 4, "Clarify Application of Setpoint Methodology for Limiting Safety System Settings Functions."

First International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) Symposium

On October 24-26, 2011, the staff attended the first ICRP Symposium on the International System of Radiological Protection in Rockville, Maryland. The symposium was attended by representatives from North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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RES Publication of Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.39, "Standard Format and Content of License Applications for Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facilities"

On October 21, 2011, NRC issued revision 1 to RG 3.39, "Standard Format and Content of License Applications for Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facilities." This guide endorses the standard format and content for license applications and integrated safety analysis summaries described in the current version of NUREG-1718, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of an Application for a Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility." This is a method that the NRC staff finds acceptable for meeting the regulatory requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material" for mixed oxide fuel fabrication facilities. RG-3.39 is available on the NRC website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/fuels-materials/rg/division-3/division-3-21.html>.

RES Publication of Revision 2 to RG 5.66, "Access Authorization Program for Nuclear Power Plants"

On October 25, 2011, Revision 2 to RG 5.66, "Access Authorization Program for Nuclear Power Plants," was published in the *Federal Register*. This guide describes a method that NRC staff considers acceptable to implement the requirements related to an access authorization program. This revision is noteworthy because it is the first issuance of an RG under the Administratively Changed Guide (ACG) provisions of Management Directive 6.6, "Regulatory Guides." If an RG meets the criteria for ACG, it may be issued as a direct final guide without public comment. This revision was issued without sensitive information contained in the previous revision, in response to requests from stakeholders to make the RG publicly available. RG 5.66 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/protection/rg/division-5/division-5-61.html>.

RES Research Extension of Public Comment of Draft RG 1278, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants"

On October 24, 2011, the staff extended the public comment period for DG-1278 from October 31, 2011, to November 11, 2011, due to an extension request from the Nuclear Energy Institute (ADAMS Accession No. ML11286A027) to allow sufficient review while attending planned public meetings related to the subject matter of the proposed guide. The draft guide is proposed Revision 3 to RG 1.160 dated March 1997. This guide endorses Revision 4A to Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC) 93-01, "Industry Guidelines for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear power Plants." Revision 4A of NUMARC 93-01 provides enhanced clarity for scoping of non-safety-related systems, structures, and components based on their use in Emergency Operating Procedures; gives guidance for considering fire risk in (a)(4) risk assessments; and provides enhanced consistency in unavailability monitoring between the Maintenance Rule and Reactor Oversight Process. DG - 1278 provides methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the provision of Section 50.65, "Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," of Title 10, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities."

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Revision 4A to NUMARC 93-01 incorporates guidance previously contained in RG 1.182, Revision 0, "Assessing and Managing Risk before Maintenance Activities at Nuclear Power Plants," issued May 2000. Therefore, this revision to RG 1.160 supersedes RG 1.182, Revision 0. The draft regulatory guide 1278 is available on-line at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)  
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**OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:**

NRC public meeting November 1, 2011, regarding North Anna and when there will be a restart date announced.

Unintentional two-minute activation of the emergency warning sirens around the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (Vermont).

NRC press release on the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Nuclear Fuel Services (Tennessee) license renewal application.

NRC Commission's vote on Japan Task Force recommendations and probable next steps.

A preliminary white finding for the Palisades nuclear power plant associated with the trip of a turbine-driven auxiliary feed water pump, and an apparent deliberate violation of NRC requirements when a control room operator left the control room without turning his duties over to another operator or getting permission.

**Other Public Affairs Items:**

OPA supported NRC Chairman Jaczko's interview with Platts at the conclusion of an NRC and International Atomic Energy Agency meeting on the Integrated Regulatory Review Service program.

OPA supported Nuclear Reactor Regulation's Director Eric Leeds' interview with Federal News Radio discussing next steps in implementing seven of the Japan Near-Term Task Force's recommendations.

<b>Press Releases Issued</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
<a href="#">11-205</a>	NRC Seeks Public Input on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Fermi New Reactor; Meetings Scheduled December 15, 2011 (10/28/2011)
<a href="#">11-204</a>	NRC Begins Special Inspection at Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission Research Reactor (10/26/2011)
<a href="#">11-203</a>	NRC FONSI From Proposed Renewal of Nuclear Fuel Services Operating License (10/26/2011)
<b>Regions:</b>	
<a href="#">I-11-040</a>	New Inspector Named at Fitzpatrick Nuclear Plant (10/24/2011)
<a href="#">II-11-062</a>	NRC Names Senior Resident Inspector for Summer Nuclear Plant Construction Activities (10/28/2011)
<a href="#">II-11-061</a>	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Brunswick Nuclear Plant (10/28/2011)
<a href="#">II-11-060</a>	NRC Schedules November 1, 2011, Meeting to Discuss Restart Readiness at North Anna Nuclear Power Station (10/24/2011)

IV-11-047

NRC Begins Special Inspection at Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant (10/24/2011)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-11-0142</a>	10/25/2011	Final Rule: Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transport of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste (RIN 3150-AG41)
2. <a href="#">Chairman Jaczko's vote on SECY-11-0107</a>	10/24/2011	Final Rule: Requirements for Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Records Checks for Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Nonpower Reactors (Research or Test Reactors) (RIN 3150-AI25)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-11-0147</a>	10/25/2011	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending October 14, 2011

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor, notice of meeting 11/14-15/2011.