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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Issues, Public Meeting and Request for Comment; 10 CFR Part 61 (RIN 3150-AI92; NRC-2011-0012)

On May 8, 2012, the NRC published a public meeting notice and request for comment in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 26991). The public meeting will be held on May 15, 2012, in Dallas, Texas. The purpose of this public meeting is to gather information and receive feedback from stakeholders and other interested members of the public concerning specific proposed revisions to the Commission's low-level radioactive waste regulations. Comments on the issues and questions presented in this document are due by July 31, 2012.

Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material, Final Rule; 10 CFR Part 110 (RIN 3150-AJ04; NRC- 2012-0213)

On May 9, 2012, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 27113) amending its regulations pertaining to the export and import of nuclear materials and equipment. This rulemaking is necessary to reflect the nuclear non-proliferation policy of the Executive Branch regarding U.S. Government obligations to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Also, this final rule makes certain editorial revisions and corrects typographical errors. The final rule is effective on June 8, 2012.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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| Arrivals | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Brooks, James | Student Engineer (Summer) | R-II |
| Calkin, Baruch | Student Engineer | NSIR |
| Payne, Robert | Student Engineer (Summer) | R-II |
| Smith, Clint | Student Engineer (Coop) | R-II |
| Retirements | | |
| None | | |
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| None | | |

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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FOIAXpress Users Group Conference 2012

On May 9, 2012, staff from the Information and Records Service Division, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act Section, attended the FOIAXpress Users Group Conference 2012. The conference was sponsored by the vendor of this proprietary product, AINS Inc., and was held to inform FOIAXpress users of new capabilities included in the upcoming release of FOIAXpress v8.0.2.0, review current functionality, provide direction for current modifications and future enhancements, and to provide a day of networking with other government FOIAXpress users. AINS, Inc. will begin shipping FOIAXpress v8.0.2.0 to agencies later this year.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of May 4, 2012- May 10, 2012:

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| Correspondence logs pertaining to Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels' office from 1/10/05-5/4/12 and Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell's office from 1/16/10-5/4/12. | FOIA/PA-2012-0216 |
| Correspondence logs pertaining to Senator Rob Portman and his staff 1/13/11-5/4/12. | FOIA/PA-2012-0217 |
| Copy of Predictions of Spent Fuel Heatup After a Complete Loss of Spent Fuel Pool Coolant. | FOIA/PA-2012-0218 |
| Fukushima Dai-ichi lesson plans, power point presentations, timelines, etc., for R104, R304, R504 training courses and for the 3hr training session conducted by TTC instructor for OIG week of 4/23/12. | FOIA/PA-2012-0219 |
| Correspondence with Southern California Edison regarding steam generator replacement at San Onofre 2003-2012. | FOIA/PA-2012-0220 |
| Any and all records on releases of Uranium UF-6-Fluoride at Metropolis, IL (Allied Chemical) 1959-1962. | FOIA/PA-2012-0221 |
| Numerical changes in covered titles between the issuance of the Job Family Standard and the required 12 month OPM implementation accomplishment date, May 31, 2012. | FOIA/PA-2012-0222 |

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Meeting with Institute of Nuclear Power Operations

On April 26, 2012, the staff met with representatives of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) for the annual public meeting on training and qualification. The purpose of the coordination meeting was to discuss INPO and NRC initiatives and issues related to the training and qualification of nuclear power plant personnel. Topics discussed included new reactor accreditation, the National Academy for Nuclear Training electronic learning system, revisions to Academy and INPO documents, an update of accreditation activities, progress on crew performance evaluations, and leadership development initiatives. No new policy issues were identified during the meeting.

Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute Reactor Oversight Process Working Group

On May 2, 2012, the staff hosted the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Working Group public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute ROP Task Force and other industry representatives. The purpose of this periodic meeting was to discuss current operating experience, inspection and performance assessment issues, and to resolve interpretation issues with performance indicator (PI) guidance in accordance with the frequently asked questions (FAQ) process. Some topics discussed include the status of security reintegration into ROP assessment, a white paper on PI validity during extended shutdown, and a plant-specific FAQ. A meeting summary will be issued.

Resolution of Petition for Rulemaking by Foundation for Resilient Societies

On May 3, 2012, the Petition Review Board (PRB) resolved a petition for rulemaking (PRM)-50-96 filed by Thomas Popik, of the Foundation for Resilient Societies (ADAMS Accession No. ML110750145). The petition requested the NRC to amend its regulations to require Part 50 licensees to assure long-term cooling and unattended water makeup of spent fuel pools because the electric power grid is vulnerable to prolonged outage caused by a historically large geomagnetic disturbance resulting from a solar storm (solar flare or coronal mass ejection). An extended duration grid outage could cause depletion of the onsite fuel for the emergency generators and degrade commercial infrastructure capability, thus preventing fuel resupply. The PRB determined that the issues in the petition should be considered in NRC's rulemaking process. The first step of the rulemaking process is to thoroughly evaluate the technical and regulatory bases for a possible rule; thus, the PRB's decision does not necessarily mean that a rule will be published.

Extraordinary Meeting on Fukushima to be Held at IAEA in Vienna

On May 7, 2012, the staff submitted the United States of America National Report for the 2012 Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) Extraordinary Meeting to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The Extraordinary Meeting will take place from August 27 – 31, 2012, in Vienna, Austria. The main objective for this meeting is to enhance safety by reviewing and sharing lessons learned in response to the events of Fukushima. The report discusses actions being taken or actions planned by the NRC and by the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations, as a representative of the U.S. nuclear industry, in response to the Fukushima event. The report can be found in ML12125A336.

National Fire Protection Association 805 Audit at Waterford Steam Electric Station

During the week of May 7, 2012, the staff conducted a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 regulatory audit at the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The audit team reviewed NFPA 805 transition documents related to Waterford's NFPA 805 license amendment request. Waterford's staff and their contractors conducted presentations, technical discussions, and plant tours to help the audit team understand the licensee's amendment request to transition to an NFPA 805 Fire Protection Program.

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA received significant media inquiries on the following:

U.S. Court of Appeals case, NRC vs. the State of Vermont, on the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant on alleged water permit issue and plant relicensing status.

Unsigned letter to Rep. Edward Markey from NRC Region IV employee(s) alleging a hostile work environment and possible Inspector General investigation.

Browns Ferry nuclear power plant (AL) 95003 upcoming public meeting and inspection findings.

New contentions for Davis-Besse nuclear power plant's license renewal application review.

Relicensing status of the Pilgrim nuclear plant (MA).

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's visit to Indian Point nuclear plant (NY).

Government Accountability Office's report regarding oversight and the adequacy of nuclear power plant decommissioning trust funds.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko in Madrid at the international workshop on crisis communications organized by the Nuclear Energy Agency—a two-day event with approximately 180 experts, observers and reporters discussed crisis communications in the wake of the Fukushima accident; Interviews with European-based media including Wall Street Journal and El Pais (one of Spain's leading newspapers); and OPA Director Brenner participated in a session discussing the use of social media as a tool in crisis communications.
- Region II Deputy Regional Administrator for Construction Fred Brown with the Associated Press that focused on the recent rebar construction design issue and the construction inspection program of the new Vogtle nuclear plant site.
- Region I Director of Reactor Safety with Engineering New-Record (trade publication) about concrete degradation issues at Seabrook nuclear plant (NH).
- The annual assessment meeting and interviews with local news media at the Global Laser Enrichment (NC) facility.

OPA issued blog posts:

- Higher Gas Prices May Put More NRC-Licensed Well-loggers to Work
- Bring Your Children to Work Day at the NRC

OPA Issued YouTube Video:

- NRC Chairman Moderates Session at OECD/NEA Workshop in Madrid, Spain.

OPA Issued Flickr Photostream:

- Photos released related to the NRC at OECD/NEA Workshop in Madrid, Spain.

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| Press Releases | |
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| Headquarters: | |
| 12-056 | NRC Senior Staff Member Honored by Federal Asian Pacific American Council (5/11/2012). |
| 12-055 | NRC Prioritizes Industry Responses to Request for Post-Fukushima Flood Hazard Evaluations (5/11/2012). |
| 12-054 | NRC to Discuss Cumulative Effects of Regulation May 31 in Rockville, MD (5/11/2012). |
| 12-053 | NRC to Discuss Implementing Orders for Post-Fukushima Improvements May 18 in Rockville, MD (5/10/2012). |
| 12-052 | NRC to Discuss Guidance for Fukushima-Related Order and Information Request May 15, 16 in Rockville, MD (5/10/2012). |
| 12-051 | NRC Honored as 2012 Top Supporter of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (5/9/2012). |
| 12-050 | NRC to Highlight Vendor Inspection Activities During New Reactor Construction Workshop in Baltimore June 28 (5/9/2012). |
| 12-049 | NRC to Discuss Emergency Response Rulemaking May 23 in Rockville, Md. (5/9/2012). |
| 12-048 | NRC Issues Guidance on Treatment of Uranium Filtered From Local Water Systems and Other Facilities (5/8/2012). |
| Regions: | |
| I-12-024 | NRC to Hold Public Meeting, Open House in Brattleboro, VT, to Discuss Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant Annual Assessment (5/9/2012). |
| II-12-033 | NRC Schedules Meetings to Discuss 2011 Performance of Summer Nuclear Power Plant and Oversight of Construction at New Units (5/10/2012). |
| II-12-032 | NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Oversight of Construction at New Vogtle Nuclear Plant Units (5/10/2012). |
| II-12-031 | NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2011 Performance of St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (5/8/2012). |
| II-12-030 | NRC Begins Special Inspection at Harris Nuclear Power Plant (5/7/2012). |
| II-12-029 | NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2011 Performance of Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant (5/7/2012). |
| II-12-028 | NRC Schedules Public Meeting May 15 to Discuss Status of Inspections at Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant. |
| IV-12-018 | NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant (5/10/2012). |
| IV-12-017 | Statement From Chairman Gregory Jaczko on San Onofre Restart (5/7/2012). |

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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| Document Released to Public | Date | Subject |
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| Decision Documents | | |
| 1. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-12-0004 | 3/30/12 | Final Rule: 10 CFR Parts 2, 12, 51, 54, and 61 "Amendments to Adjudicatory Process Rules and Related Requirements" (RIN 3150-A143). |
| 2. SECY-12-0063 | 4/20/12 | Final Rule: Revisions to Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses (10 CFR Part 51; RIN 3150-A142). |
| 3. SECY-12-0064 | 4/25/12 | Recommendations for Policy and Technical Direction to Revise Radiation Protection Regulations and Guidance. |
| 4. SECY-12-0066 | 4/26/12 | Criminal Penalties for the Unauthorized Introduction of Weapons into Facilities Designated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and for Sabotage of Nuclear Facilities or Fuel. |
| 5. SECY-12-0019 | 4/16/12 | Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Requesting Amendments 10 CFR Part 54 Regarding License Renewal Applications Submitted 20 Years Before Expiration of the Operating License (PRM-54-6). |
| 6. SRM on SECY-12-0019 | 4/16/12 | (same) |
| 7. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0019 | 4/16/12 | (same) |
| 8. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0030 | 5/11/12 | Final Rule: Requirements for Maintenance of Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (RIN 3150-A177). |
| Information Papers | | |
| 1. SECY-12-0068 | 5/4/12 | Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 27, 2012. |
| 2. SECY-12-0072 | 5/9/12 | Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 4, 2012. |

| Memoranda | | |
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| 1. M120511A | 5/11/12 | Staff Requirements - Affirmation: I. SECY-12-0030 – Final Rule: Requirements for Maintenance of Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria; II. SECY-12-0044 – Strata Energy Inc. (Ross in situ Recovery Uranium Project) Appeal by NRC Staff and Strata Energy of LBP-12-3 (Feb. d10, 2012). |

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Requirements for Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Records Checks for Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Non-power Reactors (Research or Test Reactors) 10 CFR Part 73 RIN 3150-A125 [NRC-2008-0619].
2. 10 CFR Part 54, PRM-54-6; NRC-2010-0291, Filing a Renewed License Application, Petition for Rulemaking; Denial.
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Subcommittee Meeting on Fukushima, notice of meeting (05/22-23/2012).
4. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Power Uprates, notice of meeting (05/24/2012).
5. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Fukushima, notice of meeting (05/22/2012).