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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100, Revision 8, Final Rule; 10 CFR Part 72 (RIN 3150-AJ05; NRC-2011-0221)

On February 17, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 9515) a direct final rule to amend its spent fuel storage regulations by revising the Holtec International HI-STORM 100 dry cask storage system listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 8 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1014. The companion proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* on February 17, 2012 (77 FR 9591).

File Room Management Support

On February 20, 2012, as a result of an 8(a) non-competitive solicitation, a firm fixed price contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-10-0037) was awarded to NVE, Incorporated, of Herndon, VA. The contractor will provide records management and mail support for the Division of Contracts. This support includes file retrieval, establishment and organization of files, administrative support, distribution of contractual documents, and submission of documents to the Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System. The period of performance is from March 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012, with four 1-year option periods. The total value of the contract is \$1,265,661, inclusive of all options.

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

On February 23, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 10401) plans to conduct a public meeting to discuss possible revisions to the regulatory framework for the management of commercial low-level radioactive waste (LLW). 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 LLW regulations. Consistent with Commission direction, the NRC staff plans to hold a series of three public meetings in 2012 on the proposed revisions to Commission's LLW regulations. This is the first of those public meetings. Comments on the issues and questions presented in the notice are due by July 31, 2012.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
Buhaissi, Ziad	SENIOR AUDITOR	OIG
Elliott, Roy	REACTOR ENGINEER/RESIDENT INSPECTOR	R-III
England, Christina	PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT FELLOW	NRR
Retirements		
Aiello, Ronald	SENIOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	R-II
Departures		
Darby, Krystal	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	CFO
Howe, Andrew	SENIOR RELIABILITY AND RISK ANALYST	NRR
Lopez-Nagle, Martha	SENIOR HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	R-II
Mclemore, John	SR LABOR & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS SPEC	HR

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Controlled Unclassified Information

On February 22, 2012, staff from the Information and Records Services Division of OIS, the Office of the General Counsel, and the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response was visited by representatives of the Controlled Unclassified Information Office (CUIO), National Archives and Records Administration. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the security aspects of Safeguards Information (SGI), i.e., how SGI is stored in paper and electronic form, and how it is electronically transmitted and mailed. Additional discussion revealed that the CUIO will begin working group meetings again on February 29, 2012. The CUIO representatives also stated that it will be well into Fiscal Year 2013 before CUI policy is issued that would enable agencies to begin implementing their CUI compliance plans.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of February 17, 2012 through February 23, 2012:

Plant Hatch Condition Report 2010108722 and Allegation RII-2011-A-0006, all records	FOIA/PA-2012-0144
National Metals, Inc., Whittaker Corp., Starmet Corp., or Textron at 2229 Main St., Concord MA, all records since January 1, 2009	FOIA/PA-2012-0145
Copy of MLTS database, including active and retired sites containing radioactive materials and subjected to licensing requirements	FOIA/PA-2012-0146
Any website developed, procured, maintained or used by the NRC to provide information or services to members of the public complies with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act	FOIA/PA-2012-0147
Investigation of named individual	FOIA/PA-2012-0148
Copy of October 25, 2011 letter from Congressman Markey regarding Fukushima	FOIA/PA-2012-0149
Records provided in response to a December 15, 2011 letter from Congressman Fred Upton regarding Fukushima	FOIA/PA-2012-0150
Inspection Reports on Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., (NFS) 1957-1999, including all Docket numbers and licenses	FOIA/PA-2012-0151
Records relating to an investigation at Columbia Generating Station	FOIA/PA-2012-0152

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Issuance of 50.54(f) Letters Regarding Emergency Core Cooling System Performance Evaluations

On February 16, 2012, the staff issued Requests for Information letters pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) related to thermal conductivity degradation (TCD) to five licensees representing 11 nuclear power plants that use Westinghouse-furnished realistic emergency core cooling system evaluation models. These letters requested that the licensees provide an estimation of the effect of the TCD error on the peak cladding temperature calculation and the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates. The licensees have until March 19, 2012, to respond to the request.

Staff Visit to St. Lucie for Generic Safety Issue (GSI) 191

On February 16 and 17, 2012, the staff visited the NextEra corporate office and St. Lucie Nuclear Generating Station, respectively, to gather information on the licensee's actions to resolve GSI-191. The staff toured containment to obtain first-hand information on insulation removal, containment cleanliness, and strainer configuration. The staff also toured the control room and other areas to obtain information on plant procedures, control room indications, and defense-in-depth measures related to GSI-191.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Workshop on Methods for Early Detection of Underground Leaks

On February 15, 2012, RES staff conducted a workshop (a category 3 public meeting) on “Monitoring for Early Detection of Underground Leaks at Nuclear Facilities” to assess the feasibility of applying geophysical and other monitoring methods to the early detection of leaks in the subsurface at nuclear facilities. This workshop brought together experts in the use of geophysical and radionuclide detection methods to discuss new approaches to detection of subsurface leaks at nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. The workshop attracted participants from NRC headquarters and the regions, Department of Energy, United States Geological Survey, universities, national laboratories and industry.

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

The Operations Center made 3,000 pages of transcripts and audio clips available.

The Commissioner's decision to reject two post-Fukushima contentions and the review of Pilgrim nuclear plant (MA) license renewal application.

The press release regarding the information request on fuel performance codes for nuclear plants.

The speech regarding federal government computing and the "bring your own device" initiative.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- Interview of a Region II PAO by WVTF, the Virginia Public Radio on elevated levels of tritium in one monitoring well at North Anna.
- Interview of Region III staffers by the *Toledo Blade* and *AP Cleveland* about FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company's submittal of the root cause on shield building cracks due to the NRC by February 28.
- Phone interview of Region III with WMUK radio in Kalamazoo, the *Energy Daily*, and Fuji News TV on next week's public meeting to discuss performance issues at Palisades.
- Interview facilitated by OPA between Greenwire and the Office of New Reactors on inspections of Vogtle and the 800+ Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria in the license will inform future inspections and licensing of new reactors.

OPA issued 2 blog posts:

- A Reminder about the Annual Regulatory Information Conference.
- Transcripts Provide Unique Glimpse of an Agency in Action.

OPA posted YouTube videos:

- NRC's Operation Center Fukushima Transcript Audio Clip-- March 13, 2011.
- NRC's Operation Center Fukushima Transcript audio March 11, 2011 part 2.
- NRC Q&As Three Minutes with RIC --Regulatory Information Conference.
- NRC's Operation Center Fukushima Transcript Audio Clips March 16, 2011.
- NRC's Operation Center Fukushima Transcript audio March 11, 2011 part 2.
- NRC Operation Center Fukushima Day 1 Transcripts Audio Clips.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
12-018	NRC Announces Hearing Opportunity, Public Meeting on Callaway Nuclear (02/24/2012)
Regions:	
I-12-005	NRC to Hold Conference on March 7 With Massachusetts Firm Over Use, Storage of Devices in NRC Jurisdictions Outside of State (2/24/2012)
IV-12-007	NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Results of Augmented Inspection Conducted at the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant (2/23/2012)
IV-12-006	NRC to Meet With Energy Luminant Generation Co. Officials (2/21/2012)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-12-0025	2/17/12	Proposed Orders and Requests for Information in Response to Lessons Learned From Japan's March 11, 2011, Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0024	2/16/12	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending February 10, 2012
Memoranda		
1. M120222A	2/22/12	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-11-0174 – Entergy Nuclear Generation Co. and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), Pilgrim Watch's Petition for Review of Memorandum and Order (Denying Pilgrim Watch's Requests for Hearing on New Contentions Relating to Fukushima Accident Sept. 8, 2011 (Sept. 23, 2011); II. SECY-11-0179 – Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (License Renewal for the In Situ Leach Facility, Crawford, Nebraska), Docket No. 40-8943, Memorandum (Bringing Matter of Concern to Commission's Attention)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress and Office of Management and Budget, dated February 13, 2012, provides NRC's Fiscal Year 2013 Congressional Budget Justification.
2. Letter to Andrew Cuomo, Governor of New York, dated February 13, 2012, requests support to address significant concerns that were identified during a recent evaluation of the New York Agreement State program.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment, notice of meeting (03/06/2012).
2. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Memorandum and Order (Notice of Hearing) – In the Matter of STRATA ENERGY, INC. (Ross In Situ Recovery Uranium Project).