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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Onsite Emergency Response Capabilities; Draft Regulatory Basis; 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 (RIN 3150-AJ11; NRC-2012-0031)

On January 8, 2013, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 1154) issuing for public comment a draft regulatory basis to support the potential amendment of its regulations concerning nuclear power plant licensees' onsite emergency response capabilities. The issuance of this draft regulatory basis document is one of the actions stemming from the NRC's lessons-learned efforts associated with the March 2011 Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant accident in Japan. The public comment period closes on February 22, 2013.

Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions; Semiannual Regulatory Agenda; 10 CFR Ch. 1

On January 8, 2012, the NRC published the Semiannual Regulatory Agenda (the Agenda) in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 1704) in accordance with Public Law 96-354, "The Regulatory Flexibility Act," and Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review." The Agenda is a compilation of all rules on which the NRC has recently completed action or has proposed or is considering action. This issuance updates any action occurring on rules since publication of the last semiannual agenda on February 13, 2012 (77 FR 8078).

Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications; Supplemental Proposed Rule; 10 CFR Part 73 (RIN 3150-AI49; NRC-2011-0018)

On January 10, 2013, the NRC published a supplemental proposed rule in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 2214) proposing regulations that would implement authority under Section 161A of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and revise existing regulations governing security event notifications. The NRC proposed new regulations on February 3, 2011 (76 FR 6199), that would implement its authority under Section 161A. The NRC is now proposing to further revise its regulations that address the voluntary application for enhanced weapons authority, preemption authority, and mandatory firearms background checks under Section 161A to include as a class of designated facilities: at-reactor, independent spent fuel storage installations. Comments on this supplemental proposed rule must be submitted by February 25, 2013. Comments specific to the information collection burdens of this supplemental proposed rule must be submitted by February 11, 2013.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period
of January 04, 2013 – January 10, 2013:

Contact information for Competition Advocate	FOIA/PA-2013-0075
Information on described Material Licensees	FOIA/PA-2013-0076
May 26, 1981 Memorandum of Agreement between NSAC and NRC	FOIA/PA-2013-0077
Documentation relating to the Orphan Mine Site, Grand Canyon, AZ from 1950 through the present	FOIA/PA-2013-0078
All documents requested by U.S. Rep. Ed Markey in his January 8, 2013 letter to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Allison Macfarlane	FOIA/PA-2013-0079

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

The status of Oyster Creek nuclear plant (NJ) post-Hurricane Sandy

The leaks at Palisades nuclear plant (MI), the 95002 Supplemental Inspection report.

The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals ruling regarding public participation

The United States Court of Appeals ruling upholding the NRC's review of the contention on Seabrook plant (NH)

The images of Vogtle's (AL) new reactor vessel

The shutdown of South Texas Project nuclear plant (TX) due to a fire

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

Issued a report on the post- "Superstorm" Sandy Special Inspection at Oyster Creek nuclear plant, interviewed by a NY Times columnist about NRC's response to Hurricane Sandy

Taped radio interview with WSJM (MI) news radio responding to inquiries about Palisades nuclear plant

An interview with the Wall Street Journal regarding the significance of the leaks at Palisades nuclear plant

A recorded interview with Northeast Public Radio (WAMC-AM) on the closing of the comment period

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- NRC Reports on Oyster Creek Hurricane Performance
- A Fire at South Texas Project – How the NRC Responded
- NRC Public Meetings – Deciphering the Categories

YouTube:

- NRC Commission Briefing on the Fort Calhoun Station - January 8, 2013

Press Releases	
Headquarters	
13-003	NRC Amends Regulations on Environmental Reviews For Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications (1/10/13)

13-002	Registration Opens For NRC Regulatory Information Conference March 12-14 in Rockville, MD (1/10/13)
13-001	NRC to Discuss Implementing Orders for Post-Fukushima Improvements Jan. 16 in Rockville, MD (1/9/13)
Regions	
I-13-001	NRC Assigns New Resident Inspector to Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plant (1/11/13)
III-13-001	NRC to Discuss Through-Wall Leaks at Palisades; Webinar to be Held January 12 (1/8/13)
IV-13-001	NRC to Discuss Preliminary Results of Inspection for Callaway Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (1/7/13)

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
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Publication of Regulatory Guide 4.22, "Decommissioning Planning During Operations"

On January 4, 2013, the staff announced in the *Federal Register* the availability of Regulatory Guide (RG) 4.22 "Decommissioning Planning During Operations (78 FR 663, Vol 78, Number 3, pg. 663)." This RG was developed to provide guidance for implementing portions of the Decommissioning Planning Rule (DPR) which became effective on December 17, 2012. The DPR is intended to improve decommissioning planning and reduce the likelihood that any currently operating facility subject to the DPR will become a legacy site that lacks the means to complete decommissioning. RG 4.22 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/environmental-siting/division-4/division-4-21.html>

National Academy of Sciences Inaugural Meeting of the Site Characterization, Modeling, Monitoring, and Remediation Study Committee

On January 7, 2013, RES staff, accompanied by staff from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Office of New Reactors, and the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, attended and presented their perspective on a new National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study committee focusing on site characterization, modeling, monitoring, and remediation (SCMMR) in fractured rocks. The NRC, Department of Energy, and National Aeronautical and Space Administration are supporting the study. The study includes organizing and conducting a workshop on SCMMR in fractured rock. This meeting focused on the sponsors' expectations through a dialogue with the NAS committee members. RES staff will monitor the NAS grant study and will provide both information to the NAS committee as requested, and information back to the NRC staff on the workshop details.

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-12-0034	1/7/13	Proposed Rulemaking – 10 CFR 50.46c: Emergency Core Cooling System Performance During Loss-of-Coolant Accidents (RIN 3150-AH42)
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0034	1/7/13	(same)
3. SRM on SECY-12-0112	1/9/13	Policy Statements on Agreement State Programs
Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0112	1/9/13	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0002	1/3/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 21, 2012
2. SECY-13-0003	1/7/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 28, 2012
Memoranda		
1. M130109A	1/9/13	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-12-0121 – Honeywell International Inc. (Metropolis Works Uranium Conversion Facility), Docket No. 40-3392, Petition for Review of LBP-12-6 (Mar. 22, 2012)

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. The 601st Meeting of the Advisory Committee (ACRS) on Reactor Safeguards, notice of meeting (2/7-8/2013).
2. Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, Docket No. 72-10; NRC-2013-0002, Notice of Docketing of Amendment Request to Special Nuclear Materials License No. 2506 Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
3. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Materials, Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels – notice of meeting (2/6/2013, 8:30am – 12pm).

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