

# INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Architectural and Engineering and Interior Design Services

On April 5, 2013, as a result of a competitive acquisition, an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract (NRC-HQ-13-C-10-0035) was awarded to Eighth Day Design, Inc., of Arlington, VA, for architectural and engineering and interior design services. The period of performance is from April 8, 2013, to April 7, 2014, with four 1-year option periods. The total value of the contract is \$900,000, inclusive of all options.

Potential Changes to Interlocutory Appeals Process for Adjudicatory Decisions: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Request for Comment; 10 CFR Part 2 (RIN 3150-AJ24; NRC-2013-0050)

On April 5, 2013, the NRC published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 20498](#)), to begin the process of potentially amending its regulations to change the interlocutory appeals process for certain adjudicatory decisions. The NRC is considering four options pertaining to the interlocutory review of rulings on requests for hearings or petitions to intervene under section 2.311 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR). The NRC is seeking public comment on the four options. The comment period closes on July 5, 2013.

Station Blackout Mitigation Strategies: Draft Regulatory Basis and Draft Rule Concepts: Request for Comment; 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 (RIN 3150-AJ08; NRC-2011-0299)

On April 10, 2013, the NRC published a draft regulatory basis document in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 21275](#)), to support the potential amendment of its regulations concerning nuclear power plant licensees' station blackout mitigation strategies. The issuance of the 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 comment period closes on May 28, 2013.

Installation of Radiation Alarms for Rooms Housing Neutron Sources; Petition for Rulemaking; Denial; 10 CFR Part 73 (PRM-73-15; NRC-2011-0251)

On April 11, 2013, the NRC published a denial of a petition for rulemaking in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 21567](#)) submitted by George Hamawy (the petitioner). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require the installation of radiation alarms for rooms housing neutron sources. The NRC received four comments, which all opposed the petition. After review of the petition and comments, the NRC has closed the docket for the petition, PRM-73-15.

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of April 5, 2013 – April 11, 2013:

All documents between Southern California Edison and NRC related to replacement steam generators at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station from Nov. 8, 2012-present	FOIA/PA-2013-0207
Complete report of investigation of Region II not properly investigating hostile work environment at Plant E. I. Hatch in Baxley, GA, involving named individual	FOIA/PA-2013-0208
All interagency agreements and documents by and between the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) and other Government regarding services by DCAA on a reimbursable basis for FY 2010-2013	FOIA/PA-2013-0209
All files of Anaconda Copper Mining Company, Weed Heights, NV – Ecological Risk Assessment of Yerington Mine Site, 1980, author as specified	FOIA/PA-2013-0210
Any documentation on what materials are, or have been utilized or stored at said property	FOIA/PA-2013-0211

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Public Meeting for License Renewal Process and Environmental Scoping for Sequoyah Nuclear Plant

On April 3, 2013, the staff conducted two identical public meetings in Soddy Daisy, TN, to discuss the license renewal review process and to solicit public comments concerning the scope of the environmental review for the Sequoyah Nuclear Generation Station, Unit 1 and Unit 2 license renewal application. Approximately 25 people attended the afternoon meeting and 32 people attended the evening meeting, including the applicant, local residents, government officials, citizen organizations, and news media. Public comments included concerns regarding emergency preparedness, aging management, design safety, human health and radiological exposure, environmental impacts, radioactive waste storage and disposal, flooding, seismic, and other accidents similar to Fukushima. Public scoping comments are due by May 3, 2013.

Brunswick Nuclear Plant, National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 805 (NFPA 805), Regulatory Audit

During the week of April 8, 2013, the staff conducted an NFPA 805 regulatory audit at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant in Southport, NC. The audit team reviewed site NFPA 805 transition documents related to Brunswick's NFPA 805 license amendment request. The licensee's staff and their contractors conducted presentations, technical discussions, and plant tours to help the NRC audit team verify the details of their amendment request to transition to an NFPA 805 fire protection program.

Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Teleconference with UBS Investment Research

On April 5, 2013, the staff participated in a UBS Investment Research teleconference on the topic of decommissioning funding. During the teleconference, the staff explained NRC decommissioning funding assurance requirements and oversight responsibilities, and responded to questions from the participants. There were approximately 100 participants from industry, NEI, and financial institutions.

End-of-Cycle Summary Meeting

On April 1, 2013, the staff conducted the End-of-Cycle Summary Meeting. Meeting participants included Regional Administrators, NRR's Office and Deputy Office Directors, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response Director, Office of Enforcement Director, and supporting staff members from Headquarters and the Regions. Meeting participants discussed the results of the end-of-cycle meetings in each Region and potential Agency Action Review Meeting (AARM) and post-AARM topics.

SECY-13-0037, "Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment for Calendar Year 2012"

On April 8, 2013, the staff issued SECY-13-0037, "Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment for Calendar Year 2012," on April 5, 2013, and SECY-13-0038, "Fiscal Year 2012 Results of the

Industry Trends Program for Operating Power Reactors.” These annual papers will be publicly released, and discussed at the AARM on April 24, 2013, and the public Commission meeting on the results of the AARM on May 29, 2013.

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

The U.S. Government Accountability Office's report about the NRC's approach to emergency planning

License amendment request filed by Southern California Edison; NRC's letter to the Federal Register regarding SONGS (CA) license amendment

Augmented Inspection team at Arkansas Nuclear One plant (AR)

Chairman Macfarlane at the Carnegie International Nuclear Policy Conference

OPA Social Media Items:

**Blog:**

- NRC Sends Additional Inspectors to Oversee Perry's Refueling Outage
- NRC Posts Newly Digitized Historical Images on Flickr

**YouTube:**

- Moments in NRC History: Three Mile Island - March 28, 1979

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
<a href="#">13-026</a>	NRC Proposes FY 2014 Budget to Congress; Detailed Budget Justification Report Available (04/10/2013)
<a href="#">13-025</a>	NRC Meeting in Rockville, Md., April 24 to Discuss Efforts to Improve Nuclear Safety And Regulatory Efficiency (04/08/2013)
<a href="#">13-024</a>	Online Registration Open for Fuel Cycle Information Exchange, June 11-12, 2013 in Rockville, Md. (04/08/2013)
<b>Regions:</b>	
<a href="#">III-13-012</a>	NRC Schedules Open House April 18 to Discuss Performance of LaSalle Nuclear Power Plant (04/12/2013)
<a href="#">1-13-016</a>	NRC to Hold Open House on April 18th in Delta, Pa., to Discuss Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant Annual Assessment (04/11/2013)
<a href="#">I-13-015</a>	NRC to Hold Open House on April 17th in Prince Frederick, Md., to Discuss Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant Annual Assessment (04/10/2013)
<a href="#">II-13-015</a>	NRC Schedules Meetings to Discuss Vogtle Nuclear Plant Performance and Construction Inspection for New Units (04/09/2013)

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<a href="#">II-13-014</a>	NRC Staff Schedules Meeting with Shaw Areva Mox Services to Discuss Performance at Mixed Oxide Facility (04/09/2013)
<a href="#">II-13-013</a>	NRC Schedules Two Meetings on April 17 with Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas in Wilmington (04/08/2013)
<a href="#">II-13-012</a>	NRC Schedules Meetings to Discuss Performance of Summer Nuclear Plant Oversight of New Unit Construction (04/08/2013)
<a href="#">II-13-011</a>	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Annual Assessment of Hatch Nuclear Power Plant (04/08/2013)
<a href="#">IV-13-011</a>	NRC Sends Augmented Inspection Team to Arkansas Nuclear One (04/08/2013)

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<b>Document Released to Public</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SRM on SECY-12-0167	1/11/13	Closure of Petition for Rulemaking to Require Installation of Radiation Alarms for Rooms Housing Neutron Sources (PRM-73-15)
Voting Record for SECY-12-0167	1/11/13	(same)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-13-0029	3/22/13	History of the Use and Consideration of the Large Release Frequency Metric by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
2. SECY-13-0031	3/28/13	Status of Regulatory Guide Update Program
3. SECY-12-0167	12/14/12	Closure of Petition for Rulemaking to Require Installation of Radiation Alarms for Rooms Housing Neutron Sources (PRM-73-15)
4. SECY-13-0041	4/11/2013	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 5, 2013
<b>Memoranda</b>		
SRM-M130402B	4/12/13	Annual Meeting with the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Glenn Pascall, Chair, San Onofre Task Force, Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, dated April 3, 2013, responds to his email forwarding an email from George Watland, entitled: "Sierra Club: Twelve Reasons to Retire San Onofre."
2. Letter to Mayor Bill Holland, City of Hesperia, California, dated April 2, 2013, responds to his letters to Federal legislators expressing support for a fair and inclusive regulatory process currently underway for the proposed restart and operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

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3. Letter to Governors Alejandro Padilla, Puerto Rico; Mike Pence, Indiana; Phil Bryant, Mississippi; Steve Bullock, Montana; Jay Inslee, Washington; and C.L. "Butch" Otter, Idaho, dated April 1, 2013, requesting appointment of State Liaison Officer to the NRC.

*Federal Register Notices Issued*

1. 10 CFR Part 73; [Docket No. PRM-73-15; NRC-2011-0251], Installation of Radiation Alarms for Rooms Housing Neutron Sources; Petition for rulemaking; denial.
2. Revision to Notice of Meeting; Office of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting of the Subcommittee on Reliability & PRA, notice of meeting (04/23/2013).

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