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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Station Blackout Mitigation Strategies; 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 (RIN 3150-AJ08; NRC-2011-0299)

On July 23, 2013, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 44035](#)) issuing a regulatory basis to support the potential amendment of its regulations concerning nuclear power plant licensees' and applicants' station blackout mitigation strategies. The issuance of the regulatory basis document is one of the actions stemming from the NRC's lessons-learned efforts associated with the March 2011 Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident in Japan. The NRC is not soliciting public comments on the regulatory basis.

Petition for Rulemaking Submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.; Consideration in the Rulemaking Process; 10 CFR Part 50 (NRC-2011-0189; PRM-50-100)

On July 23, 2013, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 44034](#)) that informs the public that it will consider the issues raised in a petition for rulemaking (PRM) submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council (the petitioner) in the NRC's rulemaking process. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to require each operating and new reactor licensee to improve spent nuclear fuel safety. The NRC determined that the issues raised in the PRM are appropriate for consideration and will consider them in the ongoing "Station Blackout Mitigation Strategies" rulemaking ([RIN 3150-AJ08; NRC-2011-0299](#)). The docket on the petition was closed on July 23, 2013.

Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions; Semiannual Regulatory Agenda; 10 CFR Chapter 1 (NRC-2013-0076)

On July 23, 2013, the NRC published its Semiannual Regulatory Agenda (the Agenda) in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 44404](#)) 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. The issuance updates any actions occurring on rules since publication of the last semiannual agenda on January 8, 2013 ([78 FR 1704](#)).

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
DIAZ, AMY	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-I
GRAFF, MARK	FOIA/PRIVACY ACT SPECIALIST	IS
KENNARD, MICHAEL	OPERATIONS ENGINEER	R-IV
KOENICK, STEPHEN	SENIOR POLICY ANALYST	NRO
MCCULLOUGH, KARA	GENERAL SCIENTIST NSPDP	NSIR
MERILOS, JOYCE	ETHICS SPECIALIST	OGC
MILLER, KEITH	EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR	NSIR
SALISBURY, LEAH	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST	IP
SIERACKI, ALEXA	GEOLOGIST NSPDP	NMSS
VAZQUEZ, JUSTIN	NUCLEAR ENGINEER NSPDP	FSME
WOYANSKY, ANDREW	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
Retirements		
BROWN, LETA	PHYSICAL SCIENTIST	NRR
Departures		
LOH, SARAH	STUDENT ENGINEER	NSIR
MYERS, CRYSTAL	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-IV

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
 During the Period of July 26, 2013 – August 1, 2013:

Records related to Order EA-12-051	FOIA/PA-2013-0303
Records related to Order EA-12-049	FOIA/PA-2013-0304
Records related to Seismic Walkdowns (CGS Docket No. 50-397)	FOIA/PA-2013-0305
All information from 02/01/2011 to 07/25/13, regarding investigative interview involving Cooper Nuclear Station and named individual	FOIA/PA-2013-0306
APPEAL: Denial of Information (FOIA/PA-2013-0261)	FOIA/PA-2013-0021A
APPEAL: Lack of Response (FOIA/PA-2013-0262)	FOIA/PA-2013-0022A
Copy of letter from NRC to Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.(PSEG), week of July 22, 2013, regarding termination of a former G4S security manager	FOIA/PA-2013-0307
Any and all records relating to permit applications and issuance, or correspondence relating to use of depleted uranium by the oil and gas industry	FOIA/PA-2013-0308
AMENDED: Records related to meetings with Southern California Edison regarding the replacement steam generators at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) from November 8, 2012 to present	FOIA/PA-2013-0309
All records pertaining to case #RI-2010-A-0102	FOIA/PA-2013-0310
NRC records pertaining to complaints by name individual against Day & Zimmerman NPS, Inc., DZ Atlantic, and Dominion between November 1, 2010 and present	FOIA/PA-2013-0311
APPEAL: Lack of Response (FOIA/PA-2013-0264)	FOIA/PA-2013-0023A
All documents pertaining to allegation RIV-2012-A-0074	FOIA/PA-2013-0312
Any correspondence to NRC from or on behalf of Joni Ernst between 01/01/2005 and 07/15/2013	FOIA/PA-2013-0313

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Denial of Licensing Request by Aerotest

On July 24, 2013, staff denied a request from Aerotest Operations, Inc. (Aerotest), and Nuclear Labyrinth, LLC, to transfer the license of the Aerotest Radiography and Research Reactor (ARRR) to Nuclear Labyrinth based on the transferee's failure to meet the NRC's financial qualification requirements. Aerotest, the current licensee for the facility, had previously submitted an application for renewal of the facility's operating license. Because of ongoing foreign ownership and control issues with Aerotest, the staff also denied Aerotest's license renewal application and issued an order requiring Aerotest to cease operation of ARRR, submit an updated decommissioning plan that contains a decommissioning funding plan, and submit a fuel management plan that describes the means for funding the management of the fuel until permanent disposal.

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

“Chilling effect” letter issued to PSEG Nuclear asking what they are doing to protect plant workers that raise safety concerns

Public meeting in Omaha discussing Fort Calhoun (NE)

Reactor shutdown at Ginna (NY)

Hearing for Powertech (SD) uranium recovery license application set up by the Atom Safety Licensing Board

Reorganization of Entergy (MA); Severity Level III notice of violation issued to Pilgrim (NY)

Press release by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York regarding a criminal complaint brought up against Indian Point’s (NY) chemistry manager

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- Astounding Facts about the NRC and Radioactive Materials: Part II
- Keeping Fort Calhoun’s Tornado Analysis Up To Date
- Let’s Chat about Waste Confidence

YouTube:

- NRC Q&As Series: Five Minutes with The Waste Confidence Directorate

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
13-063	NRC Orders Permanent Shutdown of Aerotest Research Reactor, Requires Decommissioning Plan Details (07/24/2013)
13-062	NRC Announces Hearing Opportunity on License Renewal Application for Byron and Braidwood Nuclear Plants in IL (07/24/2013)
13-061	NRC Meeting, Webinar Aug. 6 in Rockville to Discuss Updated Quake Motion Model for Plant Re-Evaluations (07/22/2013)
Regions:	
III-13-030	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Clinton Nuclear Power Plan (07/25/2013)
IV-13-021	NRC Will Hold an Open House on Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Performance (07/24/2013)
IV-13-020	NRC Begins Special Inspection at Columbia Generating Station (07/22/2013)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0074	7/18/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending July 12, 2013
2. SECY-13-0078	7/25/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending July 19, 2013
Memoranda		
1. M130710A	7/26/13	Staff Requirements – Briefing on International Activities

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Phillip B. Tsunoda, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Aliso Viejo, CA, dated July 18, 2013, responds to his letter requesting an inclusive and transparent regulatory process regarding the possibility of restarting the SONGS Unit 2.
2. Letter to Lesa Heebner, Councilmember, City of Solana Beach, dated July 18, 2013, responds to concerns regarding SONGS.
3. Letter to John Tavaglione, Second District Supervisor, County of Riverside, CA, dated July 18, 2013, responds to his letter regarding support to restart SONGS.
4. Letter to Carl Jacobson, Mayor, City of el Segundo, CA, dated July 18, 2013, responds to his letter regarding support to safely restart SONGS.
5. Letter to Senators R. Wyden, T. Harkin, J. Merkley, R. Durbin, D. Stabenow, S. Brown, P. Murray, M. Begich, B. Cardin, R. Blumenthal, J. Tester, C. Levin, A. Franken, and M. Cantrell, dated July 18, 2013, responds to letter regarding their views on the Nuclear Energy Institute's January 25, 2013 petition for rulemaking.
6. Letter to Beth Krom, Councilmember, City of Irvine, dated July 18, 2013, responds to concerns regarding SONGS.
7. Letter to Larry Agran, Councilmember, City of Irvine, dated July 18, 2013, responds to concerns regarding SONGS.
8. Letter to John Sibert, Councilmember, City of Malibu, dated July 18, 2013, responds to concerns regarding SONGS.

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9. Letter to Toni Atkins, Assemblymember, California Assembly, dated July 18, 2013, responds to concerns regarding SONGS.
10. Letter to Shirley Weber, Assemblymember, California Assembly, dated July 18, 2013, responds to concerns regarding SONGS.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Application for a License to Export Radioactive Waste, Eastern Technologies, Inc., XW021, 11006101.
2. Request for a License to Import Radioactive Waste, Eastern Technologies, Inc., IW032, 11006100.

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