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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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ARRIVALS:
NONE
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NONE
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NONE
DEPARTURES:
NONE

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals
Received During the Period of November 9 – November 13**

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000027	Kenneth Klippenstein	The Nation	Copies of all dissent channel cables, memos or any other similar type of submission received by your agency from January 1, 2009 to November 9, 2020	11/09/2020
2021-000028	Monika Anic	FD Stonewater	The FY 2021-2025 Real Property Efficiency Plan, including all attachments that are associated with the document.	11/10/2020
2021-000029	Jared R. Sullivan	jr-sullivan.com	All video or audio recordings, as well as transcripts, of NRC's July 22-24, 2020, pre-decisional enforcement conference with TVA's named individuals, to discuss apparent violations, their significance, their root causes, and the corrective actions at WBN-1 in 2015. I believe the Investigations Report Number is 2-2016-042 and Inspection Report Number is 050000390/2020013	11/13/2020
2021-000030	Jared R. Sullivan	jr-sullivan.com	Digital copies of all the documents received through the following requests, for they pertain to the operations of commercial nuclear-fuel reactors and to the activities of the government, in TVA: 2021-000001, 2021-000002, 2021-000003 and 2021-000004	11/13/2020

**Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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NRC Issued Final Safety Evaluation for Westinghouse Topical Report

On November 9, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed its review of the Westinghouse Electric Company technical report WCAP-18461, "Common Q Platform and Component Interface Module System Elimination of Technical Specification Surveillance Requirements" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20230A008). The report credits the continual self-diagnostics of systems to replace periodic channel operability tests in site-specific technical specifications.

NRC Met with Department of Energy and Idaho National Labs to Discuss Light Water Reactor Sustainability Program

On November 10, 2020, the NRC met with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) to discuss automation efforts related to the DOE sponsored Light Water Reactor Sustainability (LWRS) Program. The purpose of the meeting was to align on objectives, roles and path forward for the project, which will include industry participation. Future meetings were planned to ensure close coordination of NRC, DOE, and INL, and ensure effective public interactions. More information on the LWRS program can be found at <https://lwrs.inl.gov/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

NRC Issued Guidance Letter for Regulatory Requests Associated with COVID-19

On November 10, 2020, the NRC issued a letter to industry stakeholders (ADAMS Accession No. ML20261H515) providing context and guidance on previously issued letters related to licensees seeking expedited NRC review of regulatory requests to support their response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Previously, the NRC had issued guidance in seven topical areas where exemptions and relief requests were anticipated from licensees. The letter addresses exemptions with end dates beyond the original guidance that was issued and cumulative effects, where appropriate.

NRC Chaired Small Modular Reactor Regulators Forum

From November 9-13, 2020, NRC staff virtually chaired and participated in meetings for the International Atomic Energy Agency's Small Modular Reactor Regulators Forum. More information can be found at <https://www.iaea.org/topics/small-modular-reactors/smr-regulators-forum>.

Staff Approved Licensing Requests for Regulatory Relief Related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The NRC staff has reviewed and approved several licensing requests seeking temporary flexibilities to maintain the safe and secure operation of the U.S. nuclear fleet during the pandemic. A summary of approved licensing actions provided during this reporting period are summarized below. A complete list of licensing actions approved by the NRC in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency is available on the NRC public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/covid-19/reactors/licensing-actions.html>.

Licensing Request for Regulatory Relief Related to COVID-1

Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Northern States Power Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," Section IV.F, "Training"	10/07/2020 ML20281A665	11/09/2020 ML20297A239

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Southern Nuclear Operating Co)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," Section IV.F, "Training"	09/21/2020 ML20265A353	11/10/2020 ML20295A502

Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Tennessee Valley Authority)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," Section IV.F, "Training"	09/30/2020 ML20274A362	11/10/2020 ML20288A546

Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2 (Exelon Generating Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," Section IV.F, "Training"	09/24/2020 ML20269A392	11/12/2020 ML20288A142

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Holtec International HI-STORM UMAX Canister Storage System, Certificate of Compliance No. 1040, Amendment No. 4: Direct Final Rule; Part 72 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Regulatory Identifier Number 3250-AK51; NRC-2020-0179)

On November 9, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([85 FR 71223](#)) amending its spent fuel storage regulations by revising the Holtec International HI-STORM UMAX Canister Storage System listing within the “List of approved spent fuel storage casks” to include Amendment No. 4 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1040. The companion proposed rule was also published in the *Federal Register* on November 9, 2020 ([85 FR 71274](#)). This direct final rule is effective January 25, 2021.

NMSS Staff Participated in Electric Power Research Institute Meeting

From November 9-12, 2020, the NMSS staff participated in a virtual meeting of the Electric Power Research Institute’s Extended Storage Collaboration Program. There were over 300 participants from 14 countries, which included representatives from the nuclear industry, national laboratories, universities, the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as international industry participants and regulatory agencies. Agenda topics for the meeting included accident tolerant fuel (ATF), the U.S. Department of Energy high burnup fuel demonstration program, dry storage system aging management, mitigation and repair methods for dry storage systems, and spent fuel transportation. The NMSS staff provided presentations on NRC activities, ATF and high burnup fuel research, and NRC perspectives on mitigation and repair.

NMSS Staff Issued the Environmental Assessment for an Amendment to the Trojan Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation License

On November 12, 2020, the staff issued an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact associated with an amendment to the Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 72 Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-2509 for the Trojan specific licensed Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation. The amendment proposes to revise the safety analysis report to address a new anchorage point on the Columbia River added by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and to update the off-site explosion evaluation as the new anchorage can be used by vessels carrying hazardous materials. Environmental Assessments are required for Part 72 license amendments unless specific criteria identified in 10 CFR 51.22 are satisfied and are noticed in the Federal Register. The staff expects to issue a decision on the license amendment by the end of November.

NMSS Staff Held Government-to-Government Meeting

On November 12, 2020, staff hosted a virtual government-to-government meeting with members of the New Mexico Legislature's Interim Committee on Radioactive and Hazardous Materials. This is part of an enhanced outreach initiative by the staff to tribal, state, and local government entities on interim spent fuel storage in the region. During the meeting, staff provided a presentation discussing NRC's organization, its regulatory responsibilities for spent fuel storage, transportation safety and security; and a status of NRC's licensing review of Holtec International's application for the proposed HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-19-0125	12/17/19	Petition for Rulemaking and Rulemaking Plan on Decommissioning Financial Assurance for Sealed and Unsealed Radioactive Material (PRM-30-66; NRC-2017-0159)
2. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-19-0125	10/13/20	Petition for Rulemaking and Rulemaking Plan on Decommissioning Financial Assurance for Sealed and Unsealed Radioactive Material (PRM-30-66; NRC-2017-0159)
3. Commission Voting Record SECY-19-0125	10/13/20	Petition for Rulemaking and Rulemaking Plan on Decommissioning Financial Assurance for Sealed and Unsealed Radioactive Material (PRM-30-66; NRC-2017-0159)
Information Papers		
1. None		
Memoranda		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum M201105	11/12/20	Strategic Programmatic Overview of the Decommissioning and Low-Level Waste and Nuclear Materials Users Business Lines
2. Staff Requirements Memorandum M201112	11/12/20	Affirmation Session - SECY-19-0101: Exelon (Peach Bottom Units 2 & 3) Beyond Nuclear's Appeal of LBP-19-5; SECY-20-0023/23A - Entergy, Holtec (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station) - Pilgrim Watch Petition for Intervention

Commission Correspondence

1. None.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information [NRC-2020-0247]