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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending DECEMBER 18, 2020

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**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending DECEMBER 18, 2020**

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals
Received During the Period of December 11 – December 18

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000056	Jennifer Gadd Edwards	Occidental Petroleum Corp.	Documents relating to the following: Environmental Settlement Agreement or the settlement of the claims asserted in the Bankruptcy Proceeding; the valuation of any claims or damages asserted in the Bankruptcy Proceeding; expected and/or actual costs for cleanup of Covered Sites; concerning Agency's evaluation of the range of amounts Tronox should pay to discharge claims under the Environmental Settlement Agreement, including any analysis under any settlement guidelines Agency employs from time to time in similar cases; Communications relating to the Environmental Settlement Agreement or the Bankruptcy Proceeding exchanged between any Agency representative and Tronox, or among any of the named individuals, time period January 12, 2009 to November 30, 2011	12/11/2020
2021-000057	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the EXHIBITS at the Office of Inspector General associated with OIG Case No. 16-024	12/11/2020
2021-000058	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of all emails, notes, memos, texts and letters that the person identified in the OIG report, 'Concerns Pertaining to Gas Transmission Lines at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant,' Case No. 16-024, as the Physical Scientist, received from anyone in the NRC related to his work analyzing the risk associated with the [AIM] pipeline	12/11/2020

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000059	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the final report, report of investigation, closing memo, referral memo, referral letter, or closing letter for each of the following NRC Office of Inspector General investigations: C-18-017, closed 01/30/2019; C-18-018, closed 01/30/2019; C-18-019, closed 09/12/2018; C-18-021, closed 12/10/2018; C-18-022, closed 09/21/2018; C-18-023, closed 06/17/2019	12/11/2020
2021-000060	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of each email dated between June 1, 2019 and the present in the email account of NRC Physical Scientist Seshagiri 'Rao' Tammara - that contains the phrase "Indian Point"	12/11/2020
2021-000061	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the cover page and title page only for the NRC document: SECY-75-194A, Feb 19, 1976, Sandia Lab Study Report Regarding Reactor Sabotage Study	12/11/2020
2021-000062	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the revised (new in winter 2020) Privacy Act Assessment for the WEBACTS database of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safety	12/11/2020
2021-000063	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of each of the following SECY reports: SECY 78-068, dated Feb 1, 1978; SECY 78-073, dated Jan 31, 1978; SECY 78-075, dated Feb 3, 1978; SECY 78-076, dated Feb 3, 1978; SECY-78-080, dated Feb 3, 1978; SECY 78-085, dated Feb 10, 1978; SECY-78-087, dated Feb 10, 1978; SECY-78-088, dated Feb 9, 1978; SECY 78-089, dated Feb 10, 1978; SECY 78-095, dated Feb 14, 1978; SECY 78-097, dated Feb 14, 1978; SECY 78-097A, dated Sept 22, 1978	12/14/2020

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000064	John Greenewald, Jr.		All reports, memorandum, attachments, electronic or handwritten correspondence, etc. containing the following terms: Bigelow Aerospace, Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies, and BAASS	12/15/2020
2021-000065	Shane M. Smith	Shane M. Smith Law	Any and all investigations, inspections, complaints, witness statements, reports, photos, video, audio, or any information or public document in your possession regarding the named individual/incident that took place at St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant on August 15, 2012	12/17/2020

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending DECEMBER 18, 2020

Exelon Submitted Letter of Intent to Pursue Digital I&C License Amendment for Limerick Generating Station in 2022

On December 11, 2020, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, submitted a letter stating its intent to submit a digital instrumentation and control (DI&C) modernization license amendment request for Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20346A026). The request will be submitted to the NRC in the third quarter of calendar year 2022, which is over one year later than the planned submittal date that was previously communicated (i.e., June 2021) to the NRC staff. Exelon stated that the request will use the alternative review approach described in interim staff guidance DI&CISG-06, Revision 2 (ADAMS Accession No. ML18269A259). Exelon plans to replace the existing control logic hardware of the reactor protection system, nuclear steam supply shutoff system, and the emergency core cooling system. In addition, the redundant reactivity control system will be upgraded at Limerick and may be added to the scope of the license amendment request later depending on the licensee's final evaluation of the planned changes.

Dominion Requested Extension for Response to Request for Additional Information Related to Surry Power Station Subsequent License Renewal

On December 17, 2020, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion) requested another 90 day extension (ADAMS Accession No. ML20352A377) to respond to the request for information concerning their Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination from the state that is needed to support the environmental review of the Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2, Subsequent License Renewal Application. The NRC cannot issue the renewed license without this consistency determination. The original request for information was issued February 5, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20029D838). The applicant and the Commonwealth of Virginia continue discussions on this matter.

NRC Hosted Meeting with Framatome to Discuss Increased Burnup Topical Report

On December 17, 2020, the NRC held a virtual closed pre-submittal meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML20309B016) with Framatome to discuss its Increased Burnup Topical Report. During the closed meeting, Framatome representatives and NRC staff discussed Framatome's presentation on background information, NRC guidance, impact of burnup, fuel fragmentation relocation and dispersal, evaluation of methods, fuel designs and next steps for future interactions.

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-19

Byron Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/13/2020 ML20318A288	12/10/2020 ML20323A393

Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/13/2020 ML20318A288	12/14/2020 ML20322A303

Indian Point Nuclear Generating, Unit Nos. 2 and 3 (Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/12/2020 ML20317A299	12/14/2020 ML20321A121

Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/13/2020 ML20318A288	12/14/2020 ML20321A290

Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 (Energy Harbor Nuclear Corp.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	10/29/2020 ML20304A191 11/25/2020 ML20335A531	12/14/2020 ML20309A135

Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Virginia Electric and Power Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	12/03/2020 Non-public (security-related)	12/14/2020 ML20339A645

Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Energy Harbor Nuclear Corp.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	10/28/2020 ML20303A213	12/15/2020 ML20324A089

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (Tennessee Valley Authority)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	12/08/2020 ML20343A214	12/15/2020 ML20343A363

Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1 (Energy Harbor Nuclear Corp.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	10/29/2020 ML20304A046 12/07/2020 ML20342A199	12/15/2020 ML20345A205

North Anna Nuclear Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Virginia Electric and Power Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	12/03/2020 Non-public (security-related)	12/15/2020 ML20342A293

Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/19/2020 Non-public (security-related) 12/08/2020 ML20343A180	12/15/2020 ML20345A000

Clinton Power Station, Unit No. 1 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	12/03/2020 ML20339A318	12/16/2020 ML20339A538

Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Vistra Operations Company, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	12/11/2020 ML20346A565 12/15/2020 ML20350B830	12/16/2020 ML20349A038

Millstone Power Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (Dominion Energy Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	12/03/2020 Non-public (security-related)	12/16/2020 ML20338A552

Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1 (NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/23/2020 ML20329A205 12/08/2020 ML20343A112	12/16/2020 ML20336A006

Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Entergy Operations, Inc.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/12/2020 ML20317A301	12/16/2020 ML20338A274

Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Duke Energy)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/04/2020 ML20310A032	12/17/2020 ML20338A329

Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Duke Energy)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/04/2020 ML20310A032	12/17/2020 ML20337A128

Columbia Generating Station (Energy Northwest)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	10/29/2020 ML20303A286	12/17/2020 ML20342A211

Columbia Generating Station (Energy Northwest)

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"	10/29/2020 ML20303A348	12/17/2020 ML20336A183

H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (Duke Energy)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/04/2020 ML20310A032	12/17/2020 ML20339A521

Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (Duke Energy)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/04/2020 ML20310A032	12/17/2020 ML20344A004

Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	12/04/2020 ML20339A474	12/17/2020 ML20343A027

Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 (Duke Energy)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/04/2020 ML20310A032	12/17/2020 ML20330A301

Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Susquehanna Nuclear, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/24/2020 ML20329A335	12/17/2020 ML20344A458

Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Pacific Gas and Electric Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	12/03/2020 ML20338A125	12/18/2020 ML20346A120

Fermi Unit 2 (DTE Electric Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/13/2020 ML20318A383 12/03/2020 ML20338A333	12/18/2020 ML20343A350

St. Lucie Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Florida Power and Light Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	12/09/2020 ML20344A019	12/18/2020 ML20352A118

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Transfer of Very Low-Level Waste to Exempt Persons for Disposal: Proposed Interpretive Rule; Withdrawal (10 CFR Chapter I; NRC-2020-0065)

On December 17, 2020, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([85 FR 81849](#)) withdrawing a proposed interpretation of its low-level radioactive waste disposal regulations that would permit licensees to dispose of waste by transfer to persons who hold specific exemptions for the purpose of disposal by burial. The proposal was withdrawn based on the NRC staff's assessment that the proposed changes may not benefit the regulatory framework for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste. The proposed interpretive rule was withdrawn on December 17, 2020.

Fitness-for-Duty Program: Petitions for Rulemaking; Denial; 10 CFR Part 26 [PRM-26-3; NRC-2009-0482 and PRM-26-5; NRC-2010-0304]

On December 17, 2020, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([85 FR 81857](#)) denying two petitions for rulemaking related to the fitness-for-duty program that were docketed as PRM-26-3, "Professional Reactor Operator Society--Fitness-for-Duty Programs," and PRM-26-5, "Nuclear Energy Institute--Fitness-for-Duty Programs," due to the discontinuation of the associated rulemaking. The dockets for PRM-26-3 and PRM-26-5 were closed on December 17, 2020.

Large Break Loss-of-Coolant Accident Redefinition: Petition for Rulemaking; Denial; 10 CFR Part 50 (NRC-2002-0018; PRM-50-75)

On December 17, 2020, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([85 FR 81848](#)) denying a petition for rulemaking dated February 6, 2002, submitted by Anthony R. Pietrangelo on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute, due to the discontinuation of the associated rulemaking. The docket for PRM-50-75 was closed on December 17, 2020.

Erik Erb – Minimum Day Off Requirement for Security Officers: Petition for Rulemaking; Withdrawal by Petitioner (PRM-26-6; NRC-2010-0310)

On December 18, 2020, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([85 FR 82391](#)) announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of PRM-26-6, "Minimum Day Off Requirement for Security Officers," submitted by Erik Erb and 91 co-signers (the petitioners) on August 17, 2010. The petitioners requested that the NRC amend its regulations to decrease the minimum days off requirement for security officers working 12-hour shifts from an average of 3 days per week to 2.5 or 2 days per week. This PRM was withdrawn by the petitioner on December 10, 2019.

Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending December 18, 2020

Staff Participated in Interagency Webinar on Radiological Material Transportation

On December 16, 2020 NRC staff participated in the fourth webinar on Radiant Response, a radiological transportation incident awareness virtual series, sponsored by the Department of Energy and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Radiant Response series poses scenarios that involve the theft/diversion of Category 1 or 2 radioactive materials for malicious purposes. The exercises promote information sharing, discussion of response capabilities, problem resolution, and consequence management among Federal, State and local emergency response personnel. NRC staff presented information on the agency's mission and clarified roles and responsibilities.

Staff Held Closed Meeting with Stakeholders on Force-on-Force Inspections

On December 15, 2020 NSIR staff hosted a closed meeting with industry representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute, NextEra, Entergy and the Union of Concerned Scientists. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss disposition of external stakeholder comments on the staff's proposed force-on-force temporary instruction. Participants actively engaged with NSIR staff to ask clarifying questions and provide feedback on the staff's proposed instruction.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
Week Ending December 18, 2020**

Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-20-0085	09/23/20	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-75) due to the Discontinuation of the Associated Rulemaking
2. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-20-0085	11/09/20	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-75) due to the Discontinuation of the Associated Rulemaking
3. Commission Voting Record SECY-20-0085	11/09/20	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-50-75) due to the Discontinuation of the Associated Rulemaking
4. SECY-20-0086	09/23/20	Denial of Two Petitions for Rulemaking (PRM-26-3 and PRM-26-5) due to the Discontinuation of Associated Rulemaking
5. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-20-0086	11/06/20	Denial of Two Petitions for Rulemaking (PRM-26-3 and PRM-26-5) due to the Discontinuation of Associated Rulemaking
6. Commission Voting Record SECY-20-0086	11/06/20	Denial of Two Petitions for Rulemaking (PRM-26-3 and PRM-26-5) due to the Discontinuation of Associated Rulemaking
Information Papers		
1. SECY-20-0108	11/30/2020	Status of the Decommissioning Program - 2020 Annual Report
Memoranda		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum M201204B	12/14/2020	Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (Public)
2. Staff Requirements Memorandum M201217	12/17/20	Affirmation Session - SECY-20-0012/A/B: Interim Storage Partners (WCS CISF) LBP 19-7:Fasken-DEIS; SECY-20-0019/19A: Interim Storage Partners(WCS CISF) Sierra Club LBP 19-9/19-7; SECY-20-0073: Nuclear Development (Bellefonte 1&2) License Transfer

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Carolyn Maloney et al., responds to request for information on conversions of political appointees to civil service positions during the current Administration at the NRC including all component entities, dated December 8, 2020.
2. Letter to the Honorable Gary C. Peters, responds to letter regarding preservation of records at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, dated December 8, 2020.
3. Letter to the Honorable Carolyn Maloney et al., responds to letter regarding record and document preservation requirements at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, dated December 8, 2020.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Alternatives to the Use of Credit Ratings [NRC-2017-0021] RIN 3150-AJ92
2. 682nd Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) – Notice of Meeting – February 3-6, 2021