# **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### DECEMBER 20, 2021

#### SECY-21-0111

FOR:	The Commissioners
<u>FROM</u> :	Sherri Miotla Assistant for Operations (Acting) Office of the Executive Director for Operations
<u>SUBJECT</u> :	WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT – WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 10, 2021

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# Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO) Items of Interest Week Ending December 10, 2021

ARRIVALS		
NONE		
RETIREMENTS		
GARERI, MARIO C.	SENIOR IT SPECIALIST (INFOSEC)	0010
DEPARTURES		
KAISER, RICHARD A.	HEALTH PHYSICIST	R-IV
SWEENEY, ZACHARY THOMAS	STUDENT CO-OP	NRR

#### Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) Items of Interest Week Ending December 10, 2021

<u>Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests, Appeals, and Consultations</u> <u>Received During the Period of December 6 – December 10, as submitted by requester</u>

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
2022- 000034	Michael Ravnitzky		Records including memos, emails, letters, plans, etc. concerning the sunsetting of the FOIAonline system in September 2022, and planned replacement of this FOIA tracking and administration capability in the NRC FOIA Office. I believe relevant records are located in the Office of the NRC Chief Information Officer (or equivalent), and in the NRC FOIA Office.	12/06/2021
2022- 000035	Christopher J. Barnett		A copy of the notification US NRC provided to Congressman Keating on or about December 1, which was reported in the Boston Globe, December 5th edition, under the headline "Pilgrim Owner Reconsiders Options" (John Hilliard and David Abel).	12/06/2021
2022- 000036	Brian D. Mann	Core Engineering, Inc.	A copy of "AIF/TSIP Criteria Trial Application - Wolf Creek/Limerick TS Split," Memorandum dated March 21, 1986, to Edward J. Butcher, Chief, Technical Specification Coordination Branch, from Kulin D. Desai, Technical Specification Coordination Branch, Division of Human Factors Technology, Office of Nuclear Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C.	12/06/2021
2022- 000037	Elijah Gaglio	Aguirre & Severson, LLP	Appeal the redactions made in response to NRC-2022-000014, which seeks all records of communications related to the August 3rd event between NRC agents and agents of the 'facility operator' regarding the August 3rd event, for the period August 3, 2018 and September 14, 2018".	12/06/2021

2022-	Michael Aguirre	Aguirre &	Provide all communications between any	12/06/2021
000038	-	Severson, LLP	agent, employee, or officer of the Nuclear	
			Regulatory Commission (NRC), on the one	
			hand, and any agent, employee, or officer of	
			Southern California Edison, on the other	
			hand, regarding recommendations of FOIA	
			Exemptions to assert regarding the following	
			requests: NRC-2020-000163, NRC-2020-	
			000194, NRC-2021-000235 and NRC-2022-	
			000014.	
2022-	Michael Aguirre	Aguirre &	All of Southern California Edison's responses	12/06/2021
000039		Severson, LLP	to the NRC's "Request for Information" dated September 12, 2018 (attached hereto).	
2022-	Michael Markley		All internal and external e-mail and Teams	12/07/2021
000040			messages related to the Office of Nuclear	
			Reactor Regulation, Division of Risk	
			Assessment memorandum entitled,	
			"Recommendation on Nuclear Energy	
			Institute's Proposal for Technical	
			Specification on Changes to Probabilistic	
			Risk Assessment Methods (Newly Developed	
			Methods)" (Agencywide Document Access	
			and Management System ML19226A207).	
2022-	Jennifer Horan	ERIS	The most current and comprehensive list of	12/08/2021
000041			all Material Licensing Tracking System	
			(MLTS) sites (all status), limited to the	
			information/fields details that are publicly	
			available.	40/00/0004
2022-	Justine Calma	The Verge	All email communications (including emails,	12/08/2021
000042			email attachments, complete email chains,	
			calendar invitations, and calendar invitation	
			attachments) sent by the individuals of the	
			Nuclear Regulatory Commission as specified	
			in list (A) to email addresses ending in	
			@google.com (B), containing any of the	
			search terms as listed in (C), time period	
			January 1, 2020 to the date the search was conducted.	
2022-	Tom Clements	Savannah River	Any "lessons-learned" review or analysis	12/09/2021
000043		Site Watch	related to the NRC's inspection of the Mixed	
000040			Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility at DOE's	
			[Department of Energy's] Savannah River	
			Site; any charter for establishment of a	
			working group that may have been set up to	
			review the NRC's inspection of the MOX	
			project; and any attachments to any MOX	
			lessons-learned report or analysis.	
2022-	Lydia Bielke	The Next	Submission of questions pertaining to a	12/09/2021
		Generation	variety of different matters that does not fall	
000044		Generation	Variety of different matters that does not tall	

#### Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Items of Interest Week Ending December 10, 2021

#### NRC Issues Closeout Letters Regarding Design Vulnerability in Electric Power Systems

On December 6, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued a closeout letter (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. <u>ML21335A422</u>) for Bulletin 2012-01, "Design Vulnerability in Electric Power System," (ADAMS Accession No. <u>ML12074A115</u>) for Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2. The staff reviewed the information submitted by the licensee and the results of NRC's inspections in reaching the closeout conclusion.

#### NRC Grants COVID-19 Related Exemption for Fermi Unit 2

On December 9, 2021, the NRC granted an exemption (ADAMS Accession No. <u>ML21340A245</u>) to DTE Electric Company for Fermi Unit 2 from specific requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (*10* CFR) Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours." This exemption is related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The staff reviewed the proposed exemption and determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 26.9, the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

# NRC Accepts Review of Alternate Disposal of Very Low-Level Waste at South Texas Project

On December 9, 2021, the staff accepted for review a request by the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company for alternate disposal of very low level waste (VLLW) at South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (STP) in accordance with 10 CFR 20.2002 (ADAMS Accession No. <u>ML21344A007</u>). The request was submitted by letter dated November 4 (ADAMS Accession No. <u>ML21308A603</u>), and supplemented on December 3 (ADAMS Accession No. <u>ML21337A126</u>), in response to the NRC's previous enforcement discretion related to VLLW alternate disposal at STP into Texas Class 1 or 2 industrial landfills from 2008 through 2018. The staff will continue to exercise enforcement discretion while performing its review of the submittal.

# Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Items of Interest Week Ending December 10, 2021

# NMSS Staff Issued its COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Oversight Activities Assessment Phase B Report

On December 7, 2021, the NMSS COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Oversight Activities Assessment Phase B Report (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. <u>ML21294A342</u>) was made publicly available. This working group was tasked with evaluating the various practices, adjustments, processes, and inspection techniques utilized to implement the nuclear materials and waste oversight programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The recently completed report evaluated these topics and proposed recommendations to enhance certain aspects of the oversight programs based on the feedback received internally and externally. NMSS intends to host alignment meetings at all levels prior to implementing any of the proposed recommendations.

# NMSS Staff Terminated the Licenses for the General Atomics TRIGA Mark I and Mark F Research Reactors

On December 7, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) terminated License Nos. R-38 and R-67 for the General Atomics TRIGA Mark I and Mark F research reactors located near San Diego, California (ADAMS Accession No. <u>ML21281A171</u>). The staff determined that the site meets the radiological criteria for license termination and has approved the site for unrestricted release in accordance with the criteria for license termination in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 20, Subpart E. The TRIGA Mark I was the initial prototype TRIGA reactor. It achieved initial criticality on May 3, 1958, and was in continuous operation until late 1997. The TRIGA Mark F achieved initial criticality on July 2, 1960, and it was in operation until March 1995.

#### <u>Risk-Informed, Technology-Inclusive Regulatory Framework for Advanced Reactors:</u> <u>Availability of Preliminary Proposed Rule Language; Extension of Comment Period;</u> <u>10 CFR Part 53 (NRC-2019-0062; RIN 3150-AK31)</u>

On December 10, 2021, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (<u>86 FR 70423</u>) extending the comment period due date for the reopening of the comment period that was published on November 8, 2021 (<u>86 FR 61718</u>). The public comment period was scheduled to close on January 31, 2022. The NRC has decided to extend the public comment period to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments. The due date for comments requested in the document published on November 8, 2021, is extended. Comments should be filed no later than August 31, 2022.

#### List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN Americas, LLC, TN-68 Dry Storage Cask, Certificate of Compliance No. 1027, Renewal of Initial Certificate and Amendment No. 1; 10 CFR Part 72; Direct Final Rule [NRC-2021-0161; RIN 3150-AK69]

On December 9, 2021, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (<u>86 FR 69978</u>) amending its spent fuel storage regulations by revising the TN Americas LLC, TN-68 Dry Storage Cask listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" to renew, for an

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additional 40 years, the initial certificate and Amendment No. 1 of Certificate of Compliance No. 1027. The renewal of the initial certificate and Amendment No. 1 revises the certificate of compliance's conditions and technical specifications to address aging management activities related to the structures, systems, and components (SSCs) of the dry storage system to ensure that the SSCs will maintain their intended functions during the period of extended storage operations. The companion proposed rule was also published in the *Federal Register* on December 9, 2021 (<u>86 FR 70056</u>). This direct final rule is effective February 22, 2022.

# Office of the Secretary (SECY) Items of Interest Week Ending December 10, 2021

Document Released to Public		Date of Document	Subject		
De	Decision Documents				
1.	Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-16-0115	12/08/21	Rulemaking Plan on Financial Assurance for Disposition of Category 1 and 2 Byproduct Material Radioactive Sealed Sources		
2.	Commission Voting Record SECY-16-0115	12/08/21	Rulemaking Plan on Financial Assurance for Disposition of Category 1 and 2 Byproduct Material Radioactive Sealed Sources		
Inf	Information Papers				
1.	SECY-21-0103	12/06/21	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending 11/26/2021		
2.	SECY-21-0104	12/09/21	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending 12/03/2021		
Me	Memoranda				
1.	Staff Requirements Memorandum M211207	12/10/21	Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Employment, and Small Business		
2.	Staff Requirements Memorandum M211209	12/10/21	Briefing on 10 CFR Part 53 Licensing and Regulation of Advanced Nuclear Reactors		

#### **Commission Correspondence**

1. Letter to the Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., et al., submits the October 2021 monthly status report on the NRC activities and use of unobligated carryover funds appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund

#### Federal Register Notices Issued

1. None