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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO) Items of Interest Week Ending October 14, 2022

ARRIVALS
NONE
RETIREMENTS
NONE
DEPARTURES
NONE

Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) Items of Interest Week Ending October 14, 2022

Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Requests, Appeals, and Consultations Received During the Period of October 10 – October 14, as submitted by requester

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
FOIA- 2023- 000005	Chesser, Christian	Austin Peay State University	I am requesting any records pertaining to incidents, such as NOUE, Alert, SAE or General Emergency Events, at nuclear power plants in the state of Tennessee within the last 5 years. For your reference, I am a student at Austin Peay State University and am going to conduct a speech on the topic of Nuclear Power plants. Information on any incidents that have come up recently will be appreciated as it will allow me to give as informative a speech as possible. My reasons for this request are educational, academic, and non-commercial. (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/10/2017 To 10/10/2022)	10/11/22
FOIA- 2023- 000006	Keys, Clay		I request a printed copy of the following published FOIAs and the Agency response to this FOIA: 2019-000307 9-18-18; and a copy of the last 3 issues put out (newsletter) by any NRC employees.	10/11/22
FOIA- 2023- 000007	Parks, Katrina		I am writing to request access to records under the Freedom of Information Act (or the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act.) I have attached a copy of my Driver's License. I am happy to pay any applicable fees. I would prefer to receive records electronically, but if only paper is available, I am fine with receiving paper copies. Below is a list of dates, names and locations for which I would like records. 1952 -Kerr McGee purchases the Mesa Mine on the Navajo Reservation.	10/11/22

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FOIA-2023- 000007 (continued)	Parks, Katrina		1952 – Mesa Mine on the Navajo Reservation: Inspection report: ventilation units in the main shaft of the Mesa Mine on the Navajo Reservation not operating 1954 – Mesa Mine on the Navajo Reservation: report saying Ventilation shafts still not working according to inspector. 1959 – Mesa Mine on the Navajo Reservation: inspector says that radiation in the mine is 90 times higher than what it should be. 1968 – Kerr McGee opens facility on the Cimarron River in Crescent, Oklahoma coverts uranium hexaoxide into fuel pellets. AEC licenses them to keep 700 lbs of spent fuel rods on the site, too. 1968 - the United Nuclear Corporation began to operate the country's largest underground uranium mine in the rural chapter of Church Rock, New Mexico 1970 – Kerr McGee Opens the Sequoyah plant – covert yellowcake into uranium hexafloride / applies for permit to discharge "raffinate" the leftover from this process into the Arbuckle Foundation which is a limestone formation. AEC says too unstable and could leak into freshwater. 1971 – the Sequoyah plant (Kerr McGee) start discharging waste into ponds.	10/11/22

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FOIA-2023- 000007 (continued)	Parks, Katrina		November 1972 – OAEW Union organizes strike at Kerr McGee for higher wages and better safety standards. 1974 - Report saying Sequoyah plant ponds are leaking. November 13, 1974 – Karen Silkwood killed in an automobile accident /NRC Reports pertaining to this. December 16, 1974 – Kerr- McGee finds Uranium pellet fragments outside of the manufacturing building on the grounds, but within the perimeter fence. Kerr- McGee isn't sure why this happened but says it "can not have been accidental." December 17. 1974 – Kerr- McGee announces it will close the plant because it has no more buyers of fuel rods and has completed ERDA contract. 5 people were reportedly contaminated by uranium. January 21, 1975 – Union charges Kerr-McGee with harassing and intimidating workers who are complaining about unsafe working conditions and other questionable practices. The Union says that Kerr-McGee is violating NRC regulations and that it must investigate. February 20. 1975 – the NRC requests the FBI get involved regarding allegations of worker harassment and intimidation.	10/11/22

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FOIA-2023- 000007 (continued)	Parks, Katrina		Date? – NRC report saying that Silkwood's apartment was intentionally contaminated. 1979-, the dam at the Church Rock Mill collapsed, releasing 1100 tons of radioactive detritus and 95 million gallons of wastewater into the Puerco River in new Mexico. United Nuclear Fuels 1982 – Ker McGee applies again for injection permit / this time NRC grants it and says it can increase the amount of raffinate over the next 5 years, up to 25 million gallons. NRC turns the monitoring over to the Oklahoma Dept. of health. NRC permission to Kerr McGee to try different programs like fertilizing fields of rye with raffinate. Discharge permit into the Illinois River. 1982 – Ruptured pipeline discharges raffinate into a drainage ditch. 1985 – NACE (Native Americans for a Clean Environment) petitions the NRC for a public hearing / NRC Response September 20, 1985 – NRC Renewal of the Sequoyah Facility's license acknowledge.	10/11/22
FOIA-2023- 000008	Newar, Samer	-	Records about named individual.	10/14/22

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FOIA-2023- 000009	Langley, James		In the late 1940's the US sponsored the development of chemical processes to extract uranium on a large scale for the development of atomic bombs, often referred to as "strategic purposes". To this end a small pilot plant processing facility was built on the bank of the Colorado River in southern Utah near the Arizona border. Once the chemical processes were understood a large plant was built in Moab, UT, and the small plant closed. Please provide records that identify the location of that original pilot plant. The location may be identified in the records as 1) longitude/latitude, 2) at or near the end of a road where it intersects the Colorado River, 3) a compass direction or heading from some known monument, peak or other landmark, or 4) a distance upstream or downstream from a known point on the Colorado River. It is possible that the location was actually on a tributary to the Colorado, such as the "little Colorado River".	10/14/22

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Items of Interest Week Ending October 14, 2022

NRC Accepts Turkey Point Digital Instrumentation and Controls License Amendment Requests

On October 13, 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff issued a letter (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) <u>ML22280A108</u>) to Florida Power & Light (FPL) accepting for review (i.e., docketing) the Turkey Point digital instrumentation and controls license amendment requests. In the letter, the NRC staff listed the information that FPL needs to be provided for the NRC staff to complete the review of its requests. The amendment requests were submitted by FPL on July 30, 2022, to replace the reactor protection system, engineered safety features actuation system, and nuclear instrumentation system with digital systems. The licensee requested NRC approval of the license amendment requests by the second quarter of calendar year 2024 (i.e., June 30, 2024).

NRC Staff Attends Probabilistic Risk Assessment Counterpart Meeting

On October 13-14, 2022, NRR staff, along with the regional senior reactor analysts, attended the Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Counterpart Meeting, sponsored and held by NextEra Energy, and discussed mutual topics of interest related to the application of PRA tools and methods. Specifically, the topics that were discussed included use of PRA in current oversight and licensing activities, the reactor oversight process and significance determination process, recent inspection findings, recent trends in oversight and licensing, and industry perspectives. The counterpart meeting was very well-received and allowed for a venue to share insights regarding PRA issues across the agency, industry, and the Nuclear Energy Institute.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Items of Interest Week Ending October 14, 2022

Formation of a Strategic Partnership to Acquire Westinghouse Electric Company

On October 12, 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff learned that Brookfield Renewable Partners and Cameco Corporation are forming a strategic partnership to acquire Westinghouse Electric Company. Staff is communicating with the licensee to understand any potential license implications.

Office of the Secretary (SECY) Items of Interest Week Ending October 14, 2022

Do	cument Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
De	cision Documents		
1.	None		
Inf	ormation		
1.	SECY-22-0093	10/12/22	Weekly Information Report Week Ending 10/7/2022
Me	moranda		
1.	Staff Requirements Memorandum M221011	10/13/22	All Employees Meeting

Commission Correspondence

- 1. Letter to the Honorable Charles E. Schumer, et al., responds to letter regarding transparency and public engagement by the NRC on Indian Point's decommissioning process and request that NRC conduct a public meeting
- 2. Letter to the Honorable Edward J. Markey, et al., responds to letter regarding the proposed NRC nuclear power plant decommissioning rule "Regulatory Improvements for Production and Utilization Facilities Transitioning to Decommissioning"

Federal Register Notices Issued

- 1. 700th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) November 1-4, 2022
- 2. 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-2022-0174]