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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development/Nuclear Energy Agency Stress Corrosion Cracking and Cable Aging Program Working Group Meeting

From August 31 to September 4, 2009, the staff attended the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development/Nuclear Energy Agency Stress Corrosion Cracking and Cable Aging Program working group meeting in Paris, France. The working group established: (1) an international database for the management of cable aging and knowledge bases that will help in development of the succeeding generation of regulations in the area of cable aging; (2) a knowledge base and commendable practices on the environmental qualification of cables; and (3) the outline of a new technical report on cable aging in light of the previous International Atomic Energy Agency publication "Assessment and Management of Major Nuclear Power Plant Components Important to Safety."

Electric Power Research Institute Joint Utility Task Group Procurement Forum

From September 1-3, 2009, the staff participated in the Electric Power Research Institute Joint Utility Task Group Procurement Forum in Denver, Colorado. The Joint Utility Task Group Procurement Forum provides an opportunity for nuclear procurement personnel to exchange information and to work together to address common industry issues related to procurement of materials and services. Of particular current interest is the potential for counterfeit parts entering the supply chain.

Office of New Reactors (NRO) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

Turkey Point Combined License Application (COLA) Docketing

On September 4, 2009, the NRC issued a letter to notify Florida Power & Light Company that the acceptance review had been completed and that the COLA for the two Westinghouse AP1000 reactors, to be located at the Turkey Point site near Miami, Florida, was found acceptable for docketing. The docket numbers established for these applications are 52-040 and 52-041. The NRC intends to publish a schedule for the detailed review of the Turkey Point Units 6 and 7 COLA after the applicant provides the staff with the additional information requested in the letter.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

<u>Teleconference with Representatives of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Wyoming</u> <u>State Office</u>

On September 9, 2009, NRC staff conducted a teleconference with representatives of the BLM's Wyoming State Office and several of its Field Offices to discuss updates on environmental evaluations being completed by the agencies related to uranium recovery in Wyoming (WY). Topics that were discussed included: 1) status of the NRC/BLM MOU; 2) status of the four in situ recovery applications in WY currently under review by the NRC; 3) recent energy-related developments regarding mineral extraction that may contribute to cumulative environmental impacts for sites undergoing NRC reviews; and 4) exemption requests received by the NRC for preconstruction activities. Each agency provided a status of its environmental reviews and a commitment was made to share preliminary information on projects as cooperating agencies.

Office of Administration (ADM) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

Administrative Changes; Final Rule (10 CFR Parts 55 and 76) (RIN 3150-AI69, NRC-2009-0242)

On September 3, 2009, NRC published a final rule (74 FR 45544) in the *Federal Register*, making administrative changes to its regulations to correct errors published in recent rulemaking documents updating the NRC's Fitness-for-Duty programs. This final rule clarifies the term "Under the Influence" and corrects erroneous citations and typographical errors. This document is necessary to inform the public of these changes. The rule becomes effective October 5, 2009.

Office of Information Services (OIS) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of September 4, 2009 through September 10, 2009:

| Agency records on named individual | FOIA/PA-2009-0272 |
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| Records related to named individual from January 1998 to September 8, 2009 | FOIA/PA-2009-0273 |
| Office of Investigations report 2-2008-002 | FOIA/PA-2009-0274 |

Office of Human Resources (HR) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

| Arrivals | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|--|--|
| Carr, Trisha | IT Specialist | OIS | | |
| Cooke, Ruth | Senior Attorney (Contracts) | OGC | | |
| Cunanan, Davida | Reactor Systems Engineer | NRR | | |
| Denissen, Christina | Reactor Inspector (Civil Engineering) | RIV | | |
| Garmon-Candelaria, David | Reactor Systems Engineer | NRR | | |
| Hove, Ann | Law Clerk | ASLBP | | |
| Hudson, Daniel | Human Factors Engineer | RES | | |
| Kirstein, Joshua | Law Clerk | ASLBP | | |
| Klos, Lee | Program Manager | FSME | | |
| Marble, Julie | Human Factors Specialist | NRO | | |
| Moll, Katherine | Law Clerk | ASLBP | | |
| Sloan, Kimberly | Secretary (OA) | RII | | |
| Stuart, Dora | Program Assistant | SBCR | | |
| Sylvester, Dennis | Auditor | OIG | | |
| Trefethen, Jean | Project Manager | FSME | | |
| Walker, Gayle | Criminal Investigator | OI/RIV | | |
| Wenzel, Kara | Law Clerk | ASLBP | | |
| Departures | | | | |
| Burgess, Sonia | Senior Reactor Analyst | RIII | | |
| Harper, Joseph | Student Engineer (Summer) | RII | | |
| Mcfarlane, Andrew | Criminal Investigator | OI | | |
| Schuman, Michael | Personnel Security Assistant | ADM | | |
| Shaw, Brian | IT Specialist | OIS | | |
| Smith, Linda | Senior Reactor Analyst | RIV | | |
| Spencer, Howard | Technical Writer Editor | ADM | | |

Office of Public Affairs (OPA) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following

A report issued this week on groundwater contamination at the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in New Jersey.

The ACRS meeting where the license renewal application for the Indian Point nuclear power plant in New York, was discussed. Some reporters were unsatisfied with the meeting due to some problems with the audio that made it difficult to hear portions of the meeting.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA received a request from a Beyond Nuclear reporter to obtain a copy of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Information Sheet on the update to the 1990 National Cancer Institute study.

OPA generated brief talking points about the improvements in inspections, safety culture, and Reactor Oversight Process among others for the Chairman to use with members of Congress in the future.

OPA answered questions from a Grand Rapids Gazette reporter about Potassium Iodide (KI) distribution in Michigan. The reporter was interested in the cost of KI pills and the mechanism for distribution from the NRC to the states.

OPA provided more fact checking for Chairman's Jaczko's National Journal interview.

| Press Releases | | | |
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| Headquarters: | | | |
| 09-148 NRC Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Revisions to Nuclear Fuel Cycle Oversight Process | | | |
| 09-149 | NRC Accepts Application for New Reactors at Turkey Point Site in Florida | | |
| 09-150 | Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Pre-Hearing Conference on Yucca Mountain September 14-15 in Las Vegas | | |
| 09-151 | NRC Holding Final Public Meeting on Proposed Changes to Emergency Preparedness Requirements | | |
| 09-152 | New NRC Guidelines Published Today are First Step Toward Allowing Security Personnel to Possess Enhanced Weapons at Nuclear Facilities | | |

| Regions: | | | | |
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| IV-09-029 NRC Schedules Meeting in Atlanta on Proposed Revisions to Nuclear Plan License Renewal Environmental Regulations | | | | |
| I-09-037 | NRC Schedules Meeting in Newton, Massachusetts on Proposed Changes to Nuclear Plant License Renewal Environmental Regulations | | | |
| I-09-038 | NRC, Constellation Energy to Discuss Dry Cask Storage at Company's Nuclear Power Plants on September 15 | | | |
| III-09-025 | NRC Confirms Completion of 2004 Confirmatory Order Requirements at Davis-Besse | | | |

Office of the Secretary (SECY) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Harry Reid, dated September 1, 2009, responds to letter regarding the NRC's travel policies.

Federal Register Notices Issued

- 1. Notice of Issuance of Guidelines on Use of Firearms by Security Personnel; Notice of Effective Date of Statute.
- 2. Proposed rule, 10 CFR Part 72, License and Certificate of Compliance Terms.
- 3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on AP1000, notice of meeting (10/6-7/2009).
- 4. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (10/7/2009).

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA) Items of Interest Week Ending September 11, 2009

| CONGRESSIO | CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 21 | | | | |
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| OCA Contact | Date & Place | Time | Committee | Subject | Witnesses |
| Janbergs | 09/09/09 2322 RHOB | 2:00 | House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Environment (Representatives Markey / Upton) | HR 3276 – A bill to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for Medical Isotope Production, and to Condition and Phase Out the Export of Highly Enriched Uranium for the Production of Medical Isotopes | Parrish Staples, Director, European and African Threat Reduction, Office of Global Threat Reduction, National Nuclear Security Administration, DOE Steven M. Larson, Chief, Nuclear Medicine Service, Department of Radiology, Memorial Sloan- Kettering Cancer Center and Vice- Chairman, Committee on Medical Isotope Production Without Highly Enriched Uranium, National Academy of Sciences Michael Duffy, Vice President and General Counsel, Lantheus Medical Imaging, and Board Member, Counsel on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals |

| Decker | 09/14/09 Brooklyn, NY | 9:30 | House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology (Representatives Thompson / King) | Status Updates on Federal and Local Efforts to Secure Radiological Sources | Rob Lewis, Director, Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements, NRC Craig Conklin - Branch Chief, Nuclear and Chemical Hazards, Office of National Preparedness, DHS Ken Sheely - Deputy Director, Global Threat Reduction Initiative, National Nuclear Security Administration, DOE Gene Aloise - Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO Richard Falkenrath - Deputy |
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| | | | | | Richard Falkenrath - Deputy Commissioner of Counterterrorism, New York City PD, NYPD Counterterrorism |
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