INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners

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Office of Administration (ADM) Items of Interest Week Ending September 14, 2012

Level 2 Probabilistic Risk Analysis (PRA) Logic Model Development and Thermal-Hydraulic Modeling and Analysis Support for the Full Scope Site Level 3 PRA Project

On September 6, 2012, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition, a cost reimbursement, fixed-fee Indefinite Quantity-Indefinite Delivery contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-04-0087) was awarded to Energy Research, Inc. of Rockville, MD. The contractor will support the development of the Level 2 PRA Logic Model and the Thermal-Hydraulic aspects of the Full-Scope Level 3 PRA project. The period of performance is September 6, 2012, to September 5, 2016. The estimated value of this four-year contract is \$553,091.04.

<u>Fitness-for-Duty Programs; Regulatory basis and preliminary proposed rule language; 10 CFR Part 26 (NRC-2009-0090)</u>

On September 10, 2012, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 55429) announcing the availability of two rulemaking documents related to the ongoing proposed rulemaking effort to amend its regulations regarding Fitness-for-Duty Programs. The released documents include the regulatory basis and preliminary proposed rule language for requiring personnel performing certain quality control and quality verification duties to comply with the work hour provisions. The availability of these documents allows interested stakeholders to prepare for future public meetings. The NRC is not soliciting formal public comments on these documents at this time. Additional documents related to this proposed rulemaking will periodically be made publicly available.

Seismic Hazard Review for the Western United States Nuclear Power Plants and Development of Flood Hazard Integrated Assessment Staff Guidance Applicable to United States Nuclear Power Plants

On September 10, 2012, as a result of a noncompetitive acquisition, a cost-plus-fixed-fee type contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-42-0083) was awarded to Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, TX for technical assistance in support of seismic hazard reviews for the Western United States Nuclear power plants and development of flood hazard integrated assessment staff guidance applicable to United States Nuclear Power Plants. The period of performance is September 10, 2012, to September 28, 2013, with two one-year option periods. The total estimated cost is \$773,791, inclusive of options.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO) Items of Interest Week Ending September 14, 2012

Arrivals				
None				
Retirements		·		
Tam, Peter	SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	NRR		
Departures				
Schultz, Eileen	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	NMSS		
Williams, Christopher	RESIDENT INSPECTOR (BWR)	R-I		

Office of the Information Services (OIS) Items of Interest Week Ending September 14, 2012

Federal Records Council Meeting

On September 13, 2012, the NRC's Agency Records Officer attended a meeting of the Federal Records Council (FRC) which is an interagency group that advises the National Archives and Records Administration. The purpose of the meeting was to form workgroups to address solutions for three items in the Presidential Directive on Managing Government Records: to develop a plan for automated records management solutions; define "open source" solutions and obtain external involvement to develop such; and implement a Community of Interest with Federal Chief Information Officers Council, the Federal Records Council, and other Government-wide councils.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of September 10, 2012- September 14, 2012:

All documents regarding to NUREG-2125, Spent Fuel Transportation Risk Assessment, Draft for comment	FOIA/PA-2012-0317
Information on Polymedco, Inc, Cortlandt Manor, NY regarding licensing and storage of radioactive materials	FOIA/PA-2012-0318
Copies of all email sent to time2hire@opm.gov	FOIA/PA-2012-0319
Information on companies holding radioactive material licenses/permits within Portsmouth and Norfolk, VA.	FOIA/PA-2012-0320

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Items of Interest Week Ending September 14, 2012

Nuclear Energy Institute Fire Protection Information Forum Attendance

From September 9-13, 2012, staff attended the 2012 Fire Protection Information Forum. Multiple presentations related to National Fire Protection Association 805, probabilistic risk assessment, multiple spurious operations and fire research were given. The staff also led a panel discussion designed to provide clarity and awareness of NRC perspectives on fire protection.

Office of Public Affairs (OPA) Items of Interest Week Ending September 14, 2012

OPA received significant media inquiries on the following:

The issuance of the mid-cycle assessment letters

The ongoing special inspection at the Palisades (MI) nuclear plant

The lawsuit filed in federal court by an Indian Point (NY) nuclear plant security officer against Entergy

The U.S. Government Accountability Office's report on NRC's security regulations of radioactive materials in hospitals

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- The Commissioners' appearance before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.
- The Region III public meeting responding to the public's concerns about the Palisades nuclear power plant.
- Commission's public meeting on the economic consequences of a reactor accident.

OPA Social Media items:

Blog:

- Keeping Radioactive Materials Safe and Secure
- Meeting the Challenges of the Next SONGS Meeting

YouTube:

NRC Commission Briefing on the Economic Consequences - Sept. 11, 2012

Press Releases		
Headquarters:		
12-100	NRC Issues Draft Guidance for Examining Plant Response to Updated	
	Seismic Hazards (9/10)	
12-101	NRC Completes FY12 Nuclear Education Grant Awards and Announces	
	FY13 Federal Funding Opportunities (9/10)	

Regions:		
I-12-035	NRC Staff to Meet with Constellation on Sept. 19 in Baltimore to Discuss Performance of Company's Nuclear Plant Fleet (9/11)	
I-12-036	NRC to Increase Oversight of Concrete Degradation Reviews Involving Seabrook (9/14)	
IV-12-037	NRC Issues Confirmatory Order Banning Individual from NRC Licensed Activities for 18 Months (9/11)	
IV-12-038	NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Issues (9/13)	

Office of the Secretary (SECY) Items of Interest Week Ending September 14, 2012

Document Released to Public	Date	Subject		
Decision Documents				
1. COMSECY-12-0018	8/15/12	Request to Solicit for the Appointment of a New Member on the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)		
SRM on COMSECY-12-0018	9/4/12	(Same)		
2. COMSECY-12-0016	7/9/12	Approach for Addressing Policy Issues Resulting from Court Decision to Vacate Waste Confidence Decision and Rule		
SRM on COMSECY-12-0016	9/6/12	(same)		
Commission Voting Record on COMSECY-12-0016	9/6/12	(same)		
Information Papers				
1. SECY-12-0119	8/31/12	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending August 24, 2012		
2. SECY-12-0114	8/21/12	Periodic Assessment of the Activities of the Committee to Review Generic Requirements from June 1, 2011, Through May 31, 2012		

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressmen Edward Markey and William Keating, dated September 5, 2012, responds to letter regarding the emergency response capability at the Pilgrim Nuclear Generating Station during the labor dispute.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Power Resources, Inc., Smith Ranch Highland Uranium Project; License Renewal Request, Opportunity to Request a Hearing and to Petition for Leave to Intervene, and Commission Order Imposing Procedures for Document Access.