### **INFORMATION REPORT**

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The Commissioners For:

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**DECEMBER 6, 2013** 

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## Office of Administration (ADM) Items of Interest Week Ending December 6, 2013

Amendments to Material Control and Accounting Regulations and Proposed Guidance for Fuel Cycle Facility Material Control and Accounting Plans and Completing the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Form 327: Notice of Public Meeting on Proposed Rule and Proposed Guidance; 10 CFR Parts 40, 70, 72, 74, and 150 (RIN 3150-Al61; NRC-2009-0096 and NRC-2013-0195)

On November 29, 2013, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (FR 78 71532) regarding its plans to hold a public meeting on its proposed rule to amend its regulations for material control and accounting (MC&A) of special nuclear material and the proposed guidance documents that discuss acceptable methods that licensees may use to prepare and implement their MC&A plans, as well as how the NRC will review and inspect these plans. The NRC plans to hold this meeting on December 10, 2013, in Rockville, Maryland.

# Enterprise Wide Contract for the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses Work-For-Others Technical Assistance and Research Support of Activities under the Responsibility of the NRC's Program Offices

On December 5, 2013, as a result of a noncompetitive solicitation pursuant to maintaining the research capability of NRC's federally funded research and development center, an enterprise wide indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract (NRC-HQ-50-14-E-0001) was awarded to Southwest Research Institute, of San Antonio, Texas. This contract will provide technical assistance and research through task orders in the areas of systems engineering and integration, near and long term performance of geologic setting, near and long term performance of engineered barrier system, and interim and extended storage and repository design, construction and operation as well as other related areas. The period of performance is from December 5, 2013, to September 30, 2014, with three 1-year option periods. The total value of the contract is \$39,925,077, inclusive of all options.

# Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO) Items of Interest Week Ending December 6, 2013

| Arrivals        |                          |      |  |  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------|--|--|
| None            |                          |      |  |  |
| Retirements     |                          |      |  |  |
| FREEMAN, DENISE | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | R-IV |  |  |
| Departures      |                          |      |  |  |
| BHACHU, UJAGAR  | MECHANICAL ENGINEER      | FSME |  |  |

# Office of Information Services (OIS) Items of Interest Week Ending December 6, 2013

### <u>Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received During the Period of November 28, 2013 – December 5, 2013:</u>

| Annual Performance Awards information for fiscal year (FY) 2010-<br>FY2013  | FOIA/PA-2014-0067 |
|---|-------------------|
| All documents pertaining to the WikiLeaks website or organization from January 2006 to present                        | FOIA/PA-2014-0068 |
| Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Report of Investigation, OIG-12-0161  | FOIA/PA-2014-0069 |
| Any information of files regarding Materials License Tracking System - License No. 31-23833-01E on listed property    | FOIA/PA-2014-0070 |
| Any information or copies of files regarding environmental conditions on listed property                              | FOIA/PA-2014-0071 |
| Information of radioactive materials on listed property   | FOIA/PA-2014-0072 |
| Copies of listed Office of the Secretary (SECY) documents and Federal Register Notices                                | FOIA/PA-2014-0073 |
| Copy of IG investigative report, 13-046   | FOIA/PA-2014-0074 |
| Copies of any and all documents concerning the former AVCO Corporation facility at 1751 Sheridan Street, Richmond, IN | FOIA/PA-2014-0075 |

## Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Items of Interest Week Ending December 6, 2013

#### **Issuance of Grand Gulf Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement**

On November 29, 2013, the staff issued for public comment the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) on the proposed renewal of the operating license for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. The report contains the NRC's preliminary finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude the option of license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation. As part of its environmental review of the application, the NRC will hold public meetings on January 29, 2014, near the plant to discuss the preliminary findings in the draft SEIS and to solicit public comments on the document. The public comment period ends February 11, 2014. This is the third license renewal environmental impact statement issued since the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit vacated the Waste Confidence Decision rule. The staff continues to move forward with license renewal reviews; however, consistent with the direction provided by the Commission, the staff will not issue renewed licenses until the issues related to waste confidence are appropriately addressed.

#### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting with Xcel Energy and GE-Hitachi

On December 3, 2013, staff and representatives from Xcel Energy and GE-Hitachi met with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee on Power Uprates to discuss the review of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant's license amendment request for utilizing the Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Plus (MELLLA+) operating domain. Monticello is the first plant to submit a license amendment for use of MELLLA+. MELLA+ provides operational flexibility in operating at extended power uprate conditions. The ACRS Full Committee is tentatively scheduled for February 2014.

### Office of the Secretary (SECY) Items of Interest Week Ending December 6, 2013

| Document Released to Public       | Date    | Subject   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---|--|
| Decision Documents                |         |   |  |
| 1. SRM on COMSECY-13-<br>0029     | 12/2/13 | Tasking to Develop Interim Staff Guidance for Integrated Safety Analysis Implementation Issues  |  |
| Voting Record for COMSECY-13-0029 | 12/2/13 | (same)  |  |
| COMSECY-13-0029                   | 11/7/13 | (same)  |  |
| Memoranda                         |         |   |  |
| 1. M131205                        | 12/5/13 | Staff Requirements – I. SECY-13-0085 – Southern California Edison Co. (San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3), NRC Staff's Motion to Vacate the Licensing Board's Full Initial Decision, LBP-13-7 (June 14, 2013); II. SECY-13-0035/SECY-13-0035A – Southern California Edison Company's Motion to Withdraw License Amendment Request and to Vacate LBP-12-25 and Associated Petition for Review as Moot (Aug. 8, 2013); NRC Staff's Motion to Vacate Licensing Board Order LBP-12-25 (Aug. 9, 2013) |  |

### Commission Correspondence

- 1. Letter to Senator Barbara Boxer, dated November 27, 2013, requesting a meeting regarding concerns expressed at the Environment and Public Works Committee Hearing.
- 2. Letter to Representative Bill Foster, dated November 27, 2013, responds to his letter regarding management of spent fuel at commercial nuclear power plants.