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### **WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2008**

The Weekly Information Report is compiled by the Office of the EDO and includes highlights of Headquarters and Regional Office activities.

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# Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Meeting Regarding Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191, "Assessment of Debris Accumulation of PWR Sump Performance"

On September 23, 2008, the staff briefed the ACRS Thermal-Hydraulics Subcommittee regarding the status of items related to GSI-191. The staff presented an overall status of its review of licensee responses to Generic Letter (GL) 2004-02, "Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Recirculation during Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized Water Reactors," head loss testing activities, chemical effects evaluations, including a Phenomena Identification Ranking Table and in-vessel downstream effects. The Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) presented the status of their work on in-vessel downstream effects, including a description of on-going testing to assess the behavior of debris at the core inlet and the likelihood of core blockage.

#### Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and Industry on GSI-191

On September 24, 2008, the staff participated in a public meeting with the NEI and the Industry to discuss issues related to resolution of GSI-191 and GL 2004-02. The staff discussed the status and prognosis of reviews of licensee supplemental responses to GL 2004-02 and the possible need for some licensees to do additional testing using appropriate test protocols. The staff discussed the possibility of license conditions on plants that are unable to complete all actions necessary to demonstrate adequate sump performance by September 30, 2009, such that the incomplete actions would have a clear link in the plant's license.

## <u>Public Meeting Regarding Shearon Harris Supplement to License Amendment Request (LAR) to Transition to NFPA 805</u>

On September 29, 2008, the staff held a public meeting (Category 1) with representatives of Progress Energy, the licensee for Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant, in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss the progress of a LAR review. Progress Energy submitted the LAR on May 29, 2008, to transition to National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 pursuant to 10 CFR 50.48(c). During the meeting, the staff discussed the results of its acceptance review of the LAR and the proposed supplemental submittal.

## <u>Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF)-493, "Clarity Application of Setpoint Methodology for LSSS Functions" Meeting</u>

On September 30, 2008, a Category 2 public meeting was held between NRC staff, NEI, Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWROG), and PWROG to discuss TSTF-493, "Clarify Application of Setpoint Methodology for LSSS Functions." During this meeting, industry presented their position on the TSTF, and the staff presented their concerns with the TSTF in its present form. The NRC staff agreed to formally respond to the concerns with the industry responses which were transmitted with Revision 3 of TSTF-493. The staff will also highlight the path forward in their response. Preliminary indication from the meeting indicated that the staff's proposed path forward may be acceptable to the industry.

## Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) Submits a License Renewal Application of Cooper Nuclear Power Station (CNS)

On September 30, 2008, NRC received an application from NPPD for the renewal of the operating license for CNS for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year term. CNS, a General Electric boiling water reactor, has a current operating license that expires at midnight on January 18, 2014. Staff will perform an acceptance review to determine whether the application is sufficient for docketing. CNS's application is the 13th license renewal application currently under review.

## Florida Power & Light (FPL) Duane Arnold, LLC Submits a License Renewal Application of Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC)

On October 1, 2008, NRC received an application from FPL Duane Arnold, LLC for the renewal of the operating license for the DAEC for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year term. DAEC, a General Electric boiling water reactor, has a current operating license that expires at midnight on February 21, 2014. The staff will perform an acceptance review to determine whether the application is sufficient for docketing. DAEC's application is the 14th license renewal application currently under review.

### Office of New Reactors (NRO) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

#### Submittal of a Combined License Application for Nine Mile Point Station

On September 30, 2008, UniStar Nuclear Energy submitted an application for a combined license (COL) for an AREVA NP U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR) to be located adjacent to the current Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 1 and Unit 2 in Oswego County, New York. The COL application designates the new unit as Nine Mile Point Unit 3 and the application incorporates by reference the design certification application for the U.S. EPR submitted by AREVA NP. The COL application is based upon and linked to the U.S. EPR reference COL application for UniStar's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Unit 3. The sixty-day acceptance review period of the Nine Mile Point Unit 3 COL application is scheduled to begin on October 6 and be completed by December 3.

#### Completion of Acceptance Review for Levy County COL Application

On October 1, 2008, the staff determined that Progress Energy Florida's (PEF's) Levy County COL application, which includes a limited work authorization (LWA) request, is complete and technically sufficient and therefore can be docketed. The staff plans to issue a letter documenting the decision on October 6, 2008. Due to the complex geotechnical characteristics of the Levy County site, the review of the geo-science and structural engineering sections cannot commence until additional information is provided by the applicant. All other portions of the review are scheduled to begin on or about October 6. The staff will defer publication of a schedule until after receipt and evaluation of the additional geotechnical information.

# Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

#### Cesium Chloride Workshop Held

On September 29-30, 2008, NRC held a public workshop on the Security and Continued Use of Radioactive Cesium-137 Chloride Sources. Over 150 representatives from industry, States, and other groups attended. The meeting was held to solicit early public input on issues associated with the use of radioactive cesium chloride sources. The meeting included five roundtable sessions on the topics of: alternative cesium chloride sources, alternative technologies, phase out and transportation issues, additional enhanced security, and potential future requirements for use of the material.

#### Shieldalloy Open House Conducted

On September 30, 2008, NRC held an Open House at Edgarton Memorial Elementary School, in Newfield, New Jersey. Approximately 80 members of the public attended the meeting. The purpose of the Open House was to provide interested parties the status of the NRC's review of the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's Decommissioning Plan. The staff met with members of the public to discuss their particular areas of interest. Topical areas included: radiological dose assessment, site characterization, the engineered barrier design, financial assurance, groundwater and surface water, slag and baghouse dust leach rate testing, the status of New Jersey Agreement State application, and the environmental review.

#### Naturally-Occurring and Accelerator-Produced Radioactive Materials (NARM) Waiver Expires

On September 30, 2008, with the expiration of a Commission-issued waiver to certain States and territories, all persons who possess NARM are to be in compliance with NRC regulations. This waiver termination was announced through various communications (i.e., letters to the States, press releases, notifications to scientific publications and *Federal Register*).

# Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

<u>Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG) 5026 (DG-5026), "Fatigue Management for Nuclear Power Plant Personnel"</u>

On September 23, 2008, the staff issued DG-5026 to provide an opportunity for public comments. This proposed new Regulatory Guide describes an acceptable method for complying with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, Subpart I, for managing personnel fatigue at nuclear power plants. DG-5026 is available on the NRC Web site at <a href="http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/protection/draft-index.html">http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/protection/draft-index.html</a>.

# Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

#### Public Meeting to Discuss Drug and Alcohol Testing

On September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, NRC staff met with stakeholders and resolved most comments associated with the draft implementation guidance documents supporting 10 CFR Part 73 rulemaking. NRC staff continues to engage stakeholders to clarify the regulatory guidance implementing the Part 73 rule.

#### Public Interest Newsletter

On September 30, 2008, NRC staff released the inaugural issue of *Emergency Preparedness & Response News*, a newsletter highlighting issues of interest to the radiological emergency preparedness community. The newsletter is published quarterly and is available on the NRC external website. A copy of the newsletter can be found in ADAMS (ML082730734).

# Office of Administration (ADM) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

## Inflation Adjustment to the Price-Anderson Act Financial Protection Regulations (Part 140, RIN 3150-Al44)

On September 29, 2008, the NRC published a final rule (73 FR 56451) amending its regulations to satisfy the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, requirement that the NRC adjust the maximum total and annual standard deferred premiums specified in the Price-Anderson Act for inflation at least once during each 5-year period following August 20, 2003. The rule becomes effective on October 29, 2008.

#### Welding Technology and Codes Training

On September 29, 2008, as the result of a competitive acquisition, contract NRC-38-08-702 was awarded to Edison Welding Institute of Columbus, Ohio. The contract is to provide welding technology and codes training in support of the Office of Human Resources. The value of the contract inclusive of options is \$709,217, over a period of performance from September 30, 2008 – September 29, 2009, with four one-year option.

#### Technical Editing Services

On September 29, 2008, a fixed price/labor hour type (hybrid) contract, NRC-03-08-088, was awarded to Thomas Associates, Inc. of Stevensville, Maryland. The contractor will provide expert document layout, assembly, formatting and technical editing services to assist the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Division of License Renewal in the preparation of supplemental environmental impact statements and safety evaluation reports for license renewal applications. The award was made non-competitively under the Small Business Administration 8(a) program. The total estimated cost is \$826,056.08, over a period of performance from September 29, 2008 – September 28, 2011.

#### Freedom of Information Act Analysis Support Services

On September 29, 2008, as a result of a competitive full and open-negotiated acquisition, a labor hour type contract, NRC-33-08-389, was awarded to FedConsulting, Inc. of Leesburg, Virginia. Services include support from a Senior Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Analyst to assist in the review and processing of incoming FOIA/Privacy Act (PA) requests in accordance with FOIA 5 U.S.C. 552 and the PA, 5 U.S.C. 552a., and other related statutes. The total cost of the contract, including options is \$317,082, over a period of performance from September 29, 2008 – September 28, 2009, with two option years.

#### <u>Circle Configuration and Maintenance Services</u>

On September 29, 2008, as a result of a competitive negotiation under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, a fixed price delivery order, NRC-DR-33-08-388, was awarded to Data Systems Hardware, Inc. of Sterling, Virginia, to provide circle configuration and maintenance services.

The total value of the contract is \$145,836.49, over a period of performance from September 29, 2008 - September 28, 2009.

#### Fluent Simulation Code License

On September 29, 2008, as the result of a competitive acquisition under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, delivery order, NRC-DR-04-08-143, was awarded to ANYSYS, Inc. of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, for the purchase of one-year license agreements for Fluent, a simulation code used for computational fluid dynamics analysis of nuclear reactor safety issues. The total fixed price of the contract is \$102,382.77, over a period of performance from October 1, 2008 - December 14, 2009, with no options.

#### Labor Services and Materials for Construction and Building Alterations

On September 29, 2008, under the Small Business Administration 8(a) program, an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity type contract, NRC-10-08-419, was awarded to Paige Industrial Services of Landover, Maryland. Under individual task orders, the contractor shall perform demolition, repairs, alterations, and construction for projects as specified by NRC for the White Flint Complex facilities. The total ceiling of the contract is \$3,500,000, over a period of performance from September 29, 2008 - September 29, 2010.

#### **HSPD-12 Consulting Services**

On September 29, 2008, under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, a labor hour type non-competitive follow on delivery order, NRC-DR-10-08-417, was awarded to BearingPoint LLC of McLean, Virginia. The contractor will provide the NRC with continued guidance and recommendations on how best to structure and implement its HSPD-12 program. The total estimated ceiling of the delivery order is \$490,689.30, over a period of performance from September 30, 2008 – March 30, 2009.

#### Building Signage

On September 29, 2008, as a result of a competitive action under GSA Federal Supply Schedule, a fixed price delivery order, NRC-DR-08-0367, was awarded to Creative Sign Service of Bethesda, Maryland. The contractor shall provide building signage for the agency. The total value of the delivery order is \$586,979.94 (inclusive of options), over a 5-year period of performance from September 29, 2008 – September 28, 2013.

#### **Technical Support Services**

On September 30, 2008, a fixed price/labor hour (hybrid) contract, NRC-03-08-085, was awarded to Xa Systems, LLP of McLean, Virginia for technical support services in infrastructure and operational development activities for the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. The award was made non-competitively under the Small Business Administration 8(a) program. The total estimated cost is \$877,991.90, over a period of performance from September 29, 2008 - September 28, 2011.

#### Conference Planning and Audiovisual Services

On September 30, 2008, a time and material, task ordering type contract, NRC-DR-03-08-086, was awarded to Synergy Enterprises, Inc. of Silver Spring, Maryland. The contractor will provide conference planning and audio visual support for the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Regulatory Information Conference. The award was made non-competitively under the Small Business Administration 8(a) program. The total value of the award is \$708,175.91, over a period of performance from September 30, 2008 – September 29, 2011.

#### Advanced Water Boiling Reactor Training

On September 30, 2008, as a result of a competitive acquisition, a fixed price type contract, NRC-38-08-709, was awarded to Silver Fox Synergies, LLC of Toms River, New Jersey. The contractor will provide a two week training course on Advanced Boiling Water Reactor technology to NRC Inspectors. The total value of the contract is \$634,138, over a period of performance from September 30, 2008 – September 29, 2010.

#### **Technical Support Services**

On September 30, 2008, as a result of a competitive acquisition under the GSA Federal Supply Schedules, a labor hour type delivery order, NRC-DR-33-08-351, was awarded to Phase One Consulting Group, Inc. of Alexandria, Virginia. The contractor will provide technical assistance to the "Enterprise Architecture Program." The contractor will help mature the NRC's Enterprise Architecture Program in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget and Government Accountability Office (GAO) guidelines. The total cost of this contract is \$619,245.81, with an 18-month base period of performance from October 15, 2008 – April 14, 2010, with one six-month option from April 15, 2010 to October 14, 2010.

#### **Environmental Assessments Technical Support**

On September 30, 2008, a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract was awarded to Environet, Inc. of Honolulu, HI, for technical assistance to support NRC staff in preparing Environmental Assessments for: (1) the Moore Ranch In-Situ Leach Project, located in the Powder River Basin, in the State of Wyoming; (2) the Nichols Ranch In-Situ Leach Project, located in the Powder River Basin, in the State of Wyoming, and; (3) the Lost Creek In-Situ Leach Project, located in Sweetwater County, in the State of Wyoming. The award was made non-competitively under the Small Business Administration 8(a) program. The total estimated contract amount is \$888,000, over a period of performance from September 30, 2008 – September 29, 2009.

#### **EnCase Software**

On September 30, 2008, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, a firm-fixed price type delivery order, NRC-DR-33-08-395, was awarded to ImmixTechnology of McLean, Virginia, for EnCase Software. The contractor will provide EnCase software to establish a cyber situational awareness capability for the agency. The total value of the contract is \$196,104.57, with a projected delivery date of October 31, 2008.

### Ethics, Financial Disclosure and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Complaint Tracking Software Tool

On September 30, 2008, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, a fixed price type delivery order, NRC-DR-33-08-397, was awarded to MicroPact Engineering, Inc. of Herndon, Virginia, for delivery and installation of a COTS software package for Labor Relations, Ethics and Financial Disclosure, and EEO Complaint tracking functionalities. The total value of the contract is \$374,397.46 (inclusive of options), over a period of performance from September 26, 2008 – September 25, 2009, with four one-year options for upgrades and maintenance.

#### **Enterprise Encryption Technical Support**

On September 30, 2008, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, a fixed price type delivery order, NRC-DR-33-08-365, was awarded to Gartner of Fairfax, VA, for Enterprise Encryption technical assistance in implementing the enterprise encryption infrastructure. The total value of the award is \$446,080, inclusive of options, over a period of performance from September 30, 2008 – July 31, 2009, with two two-month option periods.

#### Senior Information Technology Security Officer Support Services

On September 30, 2008, as a result of a competitive acquisition under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity, fixed price and labor hour (hybrid) delivery order, NRC-DR-33-08-344, was awarded to Knowledge Consulting Group, Inc. of Reston, Virginia, for "Senior Information Technology Security Officer Support Services (SITSOSS)." The contractor will provide Certified Information Systems Security Professional technical services to the Computer Security Office and provide recommendations concerning NRC's information technology security program in conformance with the Federal Information Security Management Act. The total value of the award, inclusive of options, is \$1,754,464.80, over a period of performance from September 30, 2008 – September 29, 2009, with two one-year options.

#### OIS Office-wide IT Requirements Support

On September 30, 2008, as a result of a competitive negotiation under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, a labor hour type delivery order, NRC-DR-33-08-393, was awarded to Coresphere, LLC of Potomac, Maryland, to provide the Office of Information Services office-wide Information Technology requirements support. The total value of the contract, inclusive of options, is \$225,216.00, over a base period of performance from September 30, 2008 - January 29, 2009, with two four-month option periods.

#### Electronic Travel Voucher Processing System

On September 30, 2008, a non-competitive task order, NRC-DR-09-08-336, was awarded under the E-gov GSA travel contract to Carlson Wagonlit Government Travel Inc of Arlington, Virginia, for the agency-wide production data load and transition to E2 (electronic travel voucher processing system), operations and maintenance, help desk, training and report generation.

The total fixed price contract award amount is \$616,388.80, with a period of performance from September 30, 2008 to September 30, 2009, with no options.

#### Facilitation Services

On September 30, 2008, under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, a competitive, time and materials delivery order, NRC-DR-23-08-243, was awarded to the McCammon Group of Richmond, Virginia. The McCammon Group will work with the Office of the Executive Director for Operations to provide a qualification program for existing NRC staff and conduct customized facilitator training for \$99,944 during the one-year base period. The total value of the contract is \$272,744.00, inclusive of options, over a period of performance from October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010, with four one-year options.

#### <u>Electronic Camera – Quality Copy Services for NRC Issuances and Indexes</u>

On September 30, 2008, a competitive, fixed price type contract, NRC-10-08-395, was awarded to Kelly & DeWitt of Bethesda, Maryland. The contractor shall provide timely and complete preparation for camera-quality copy and an electronic version of the monthly issuances, including quarterly and semiannual indexes, and six-month hardbound editions. The total contract value, inclusive of all option periods, is \$401,966.34 over a period of performance from September 29, 2008 – September 29, 2009, with four one-year options periods.

# Office of Information Services (OIS) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

## Completion of Annual Review of Agency Network Drives for Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

On September 19, 2008, the NRC completed its annual review of agency network drives for the presence of PII. The Information and Records Services Division provided guidance and search criteria to the Business Process Improvement and Applications Development Division, who conducted searches of the agency shared drives and provided each office and region with a list of files that potentially contained PII. Each office and region reviewed the files that potentially contained PII and either restricted access to the file, removed the file containing PII from the network drive, or determined that the file did not contain PII.

#### Vendor Sessions Held by Price WaterhouseCooper (PwC)

On September 25, 2008, staff attended vendor sessions held by PwC in Tyson's Corner, Virginia. The three sessions were held with Fairfax Data Systems, Object Builders, and RGB Projects and were designed to provide the NRC staff with knowledge of complexities that are inherent with performing data migration from Panagon, which is the current operating platform for the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems, to P8, which is the potential future Enterprise Content Management Platform.

## FOIA and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of September 29, 2008, through October 2, 2008:

FOIA request 2008-0260	FOIA/PA-2008-0340
Allegation RIV-2006-A-018, All information	FOIA/PA-2008-0341
Vacancy Announcement # OIS/IRSD-2008-0019, FOIA/PA Specialist GG-11/12/13, All records	FOIA/PA-2008-0342
ML081140295 and ML081160372 (referenced in OIG-07-A-15, Attachment 31)	FOIA/PA-2008-0343
All SES Members, January 1, 2002 - present, include nature, public-function, and names.	FOIA/PA-2008-0344
MLTS database, active and retired	FOIA/PA-2009-0001
NRC's purchase of OnStream Media's webcasting services	FOIA/PA-2009-0002
FOIA request 2008-0244	FOIA/PA-2009-0003
All allegations regarding Monticello and Prairie Island 1 and 2 from onsite or anonymous sources, January 1, 2004 - present.	FOIA/PA-2009-0004

### Office of Human Resources (HR) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

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INTERRANTE, CHARLES	MATERIALS ENGINEER	NMSS	
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ABRAMSON, LEE	CONSULTANT	RES	
ALEXANDER, STEPHEN	REACTOR ENGINEER	NRR	
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BIRD, JOHN	CONSULTANT	CFO	
COSTELLO, FRANCIS	CONSULTANT	RI	
COX, THOMAS	CONSULTANT	NMSS	
CREED, JAMES	CONSULTANT	NSIR	
DIMARZO, MARINO	CONSULTANT	RES	
DZIARNOWSKI, RICHARD	CONSULTANT	OIG	
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FITZGERALD, JAMES	CONSULTANT	OI	
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FUNCHES, JESSIE	CONSULTANT	HR	
GAGE, PAUL	SENIOR REACTOR INSPECTOR	RIV	
GOODMAN, P CLARE	CONSULTANT	NRR	
KANTOR, FALK	CONSULTANT	NSIR	
KING, MARY	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	NRR	
NAIDU, KAMALAKAR	SENIOR REACTOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	NRO	
NORRY, PATRICIA	CONSULTANT	HR	
ONG, LONG	CONSULTANT	NSIR	
SCHWARZ, SALLY	CONSULTANT	FSME	
SHARMA, BHAWANA	CONSULTANT	ADM	
SHERR, THEODORE	CONSULTANT	NMSS	
SILBER, JACQUELINE	CONSULTANT	HR	
STEIN, STEVEN	SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER	NSIR	
STROSNIDER, JACK	CONSULTANT	HR	
TOKAR, MICHAEL	CONSULTANT	FSME	
TRIMBLE, DAVID	CONSULTANT	NRO	
VEILLETTE, MICHELLE	PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	OPA	

# Office of Public Affairs (OPA) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

#### OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

NRC's role in the upcoming expiration of the plant's Wackenhut security contract

Entergy's restructuring proposal and the NRC approval requirements

NRC's plant to amend Part 63 radiation standards for Yucca Mountain following EPA issuance of their final revised standards from 10,000 to 1 million years for repository

Submission of new reactor application for Nine Mile Point 3 nuclear power plant near Oswego, New York

#### Other Public Affairs Items;

OPA supported the public meeting at Palo Verde Nuclear Power plant near Phoenix, Arizonia. Discussion on resolving performance issues.

OPA supported the Nuclear Fuel Services public meeting in Erwin, Tennessee where staff discussed topics of safety culture; the major area media covered the meeting.

Press Releases			
Headquarters:			
08-179	NRC Assumes Regulatory Authority Over Certain Radioactive Materials in Five States and U.S. Territories (9/29)		
08-180	Hispanic Business Magazine Names NRC Regional Administrator, Luis Reyes to its 100 Most Influential Hispanics List for 2008 (10/1)		
08-181	NRC Announces New Listserv for Operating Reactors Correspondence (10/1)		
08-182	NRC Signs Arrangements at International Atomic Energy Agency (10/3)		

### Office of the Secretary (SECY) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-08-0137	10/01/08	Proposed Rule: Limiting the Quantity of Byproduct Material in a Generally Licensed Device (RIN 3150-A133)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-08-0134	09/29/08	Regulatory Structure for Spent Fuel Reprocessing
2. SECY-08-0135	10/01/08	Revision of the Criteria for Identifying Nuclear Materials Licensees for Discussion at the Agency Action Review Meeting
3. SECY-08-0141	09/29/08	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending September 19, 2008
4. SECY-08-0139	09/22/08	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending September 12, 2008

#### Commission Correspondence

 Letter to Congress, dated September 26, 2008, responds to the recommendations made by the GAO in its report entitled, "Telecommunications: Agencies Are Generally Following Sound Transition Planning Practices, and GSA Is Taking Action to Resolve Challenges" GAO-07-759.

#### Federal Register Notices Issued

- 1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting (10/21-22/2008).
- 2. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Materials, Metallurgy and Reactor Fuels, notice of meeting (10/24/2008).
- 3. Proposed rule. Consideration of Environmental Impacts of Temporary Storage of Spent Fuel after Cessation of Reactor Operation, 10 CFR Part 51, RIN: 3150-AI47 [NRC-2008-0404].
- 4. Waste Confidence Decision Update, 10 CFR Part 51 [Docket ID-2008-0482].
- 5. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on US-Advanced Pressurized-Water Reactor, notice of meeting (10/23-24/2008).

6. Proposed rule: Extension of comment period. Medical Use of Byproduct Material – Amendments/Medical Event Definitions, 10 CFR Part 35, RIN: 3150-Al26 [NRC-2008-0071].

7. ACRS, Procedures for Meetings.

### Region II (RII) Items of Interest Week Ending October 3, 2008

#### Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS) License Performance Review (LPR) meeting in Erwin, Tennessee

On October 2, 2008, Region II held a public meeting for the NFS LPR in Erwin, Tennessee. Staff and management from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards also attended the LPR. NFS emphasized its commitment to improving performance and safety culture. About 35 interested members of the public attended, including 4 local papers.