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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 Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending December 25, 2009

Observation of Safety and Safeguards Programs at Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant in Japan

From December 9 through 20, 2009, staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards travelled to Japan to: (1) conduct information exchange activities and discuss regulatory experience with the appropriate Japanese safety and safeguards regulators providing oversight for used nuclear fuel reprocessing facilities in Japan; (2) observe implementation of the material control and accounting program and to conduct safety/risk analyses for the Rokkasho reprocessing plant; and (3) conduct a technical tour of the Tokai reprocessing plant. The visit was coordinated with the Department of Energy (DOE) and funded under the DOE/NRC Interagency Agreement on advanced fuel cycle.

December 17, 2009, Meeting with Transnuclear Inc. to Discuss a Proposed Amendment

On December 17, 2009, the NRC staff from NMSS, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, met with Transnuclear Inc. (TN) to discuss a proposed amendment to a Certificate of Compliance for a transportation package used to transport uranium oxide pellets and powder. TN will provide additional drop testing results, which reflect the most damaging configuration of the package and corresponding criticality analyses. TN will submit the proposed amendment by the end of 2009.

Office of Administration (ADM)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending December 25, 2009

Draft Technical Basis for Rulemaking Revising Security Requirements for Facilities Storing Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) and High Level Waste (HLW); Notice of Availability and Solicitation of Public Comments (10 CFR PARTS 72 and 73) NRC-2009-0558

On December 16, 2009, the NRC published a document (74 FR 66589) in the *Federal Register* seeking input from the public, licensees, certificate holders, and other stakeholders on a draft technical basis for a proposed rulemaking that would revise the NRC's security requirements for the storage of SNF at an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) and the storage of SNF and/or HLW at a Monitored Retrievable Storage Installation (MRS). This contemplated rulemaking would also make conforming changes to the ISFSI and MRS licensing requirements for security plans and programs. The NRC has developed a draft technical basis for this proposed rulemaking that describes the agency's overall objectives, conceptual approaches, potential solutions, integration with agency strategic goals, and related technical and regulatory clarity issues. The NRC will conduct a public Webinar on January 14, 2010, to discuss the draft technical basis and to facilitate the public's and stakeholders' submission of informed comments. The comment period on the draft technical basis closes January 31, 2010.

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
Items of Interest  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of December 18, 2009 through December 24, 2009:

NRC's response to Senator Barbara Mikulski's November 4, 2009, letter	FOIA/PA-2010-0074
Records on security clearance for named individual	FOIA/PA-2010-0075
Ur-Energy Prompt Fission Neutron well logging license (License 05-29252-01) and all supporting documents including original application and attachments in electronic format if available.	FOIA/PA-2010-0076
All radioactive materials licenses that NRC holds in the State of South Carolina.	FOIA/PA-2010-0077
Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Wyoming State Office or BLM Wyoming Field Office re: National Environmental Policy Act analysis, compliance or issues surrounding General Insitu Uranium Mining Environmental Impact Statement or any Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GIES) tiered to GEIS for Lost Creek, Moore Ranch, Nichols Ranch, and JAB/Antelope Mines.	FOIA/PA-2010-0078
Copy of License 37-31143-01	FOIA/PA-2010-0079
Contract with Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) that is the basis for the Sources Sought Notice RES-10-123.	FOIA/PA-2010-0080

Office of Human Resources (HR)  
Items of Interest  
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Arrivals		
Collins, Travis	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	RES
Lynch, Steven	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	FSME

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)  
Items of Interest  
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following

NRC's settlement with the Tennessee Valley Authority ending two longstanding discrimination cases at Browns Ferry.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit's ruling on spent fuel pool reviews.

Follow up inquiries on the December 17 pre-enforcement conference with the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding mistakes in the Veterans Affairs Philadelphia's brachytherapy treatment program.

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Regions:</b>	
II-09-069	NRC Names New Resident Inspectors at Nuclear Fuel Services (12/22)
II-09-070	NRC Reaches Settlement with Tennessee Valley Authority Following Mediation Session (12/23)