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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Public Meeting with Southern California Edison Company

On January 26, 2010, the staff and representatives of Southern California Edison Company held a public meeting to discuss the licensee's planned submittal of a license amendment request to revise the Technical Specifications for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, to better align with the most recent changes to NUREG-1432, "Standard Technical Specifications for Combustion Engineering Plants."

Public Meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric Company

On January 27, 2010, the staff and representatives of Pacific Gas and Electric Company held a publicly-noticed conference call to discuss the licensee's response to the NRC request for information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, "Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Recirculation during Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized Water Reactors," for Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2.

Fire Protection Meeting on National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 (NFPA 805) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

On January 28, 2010, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public to discuss the FAQs related to licensees' adoption of NFPA 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July of 2006 and expects to continue to hold them at least throughout the transition period for the pilot plants adopting NFPA 805.

Staff Issues Kewaunee Power Station License Renewal Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Public Comment

On January 29, 2010, the staff issued the draft of NUREG-1437, Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 40, Regarding Kewaunee Power Station, for public comment. This SEIS includes the staff's preliminary analysis that considers and weighs the environmental effects of the proposed action, the environmental impacts of alternatives to the proposed action, and mitigative measures available for reducing or avoiding adverse impacts. It also includes the staff's preliminary recommendation that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Kewaunee Power Station are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. The public comment period is scheduled to end on April 23, 2010. The staff has scheduled public meetings on March 24, 2010, in Kewaunee, Wisconsin, to present its analyses and to accept public comments on the draft SEIS.

Public Meeting with Ginna Licensee Regarding Generic Letter 2004-02 Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance

On February 1, 2010, staff held a public telephone conference with the licensee for Ginna to discuss the licensee's planned responses to an NRC staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance.

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Availability of License Renewal Application for Columbia Generating Station

On February 2, 2010, the staff announced the receipt and public availability of an application from Energy Northwest requesting an extension of the operating license for Columbia Generating Station. The application requests an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year license term, pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 51 and 54. The current operating license for Columbia Generating Station expires at midnight on December 20, 2023. The staff is currently determining whether the application has sufficient information to docket the application for formal review. If the application is sufficient, the staff will docket the application and announce an opportunity to request a public hearing. The application is now available on the NRC Website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html>.

Public Meeting with Turkey Point Licensee Regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance

On February 3, 2010, the staff held a public telephone meeting with the licensee for Turkey Point to discuss the licensee's planned responses to an NRC staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance.

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Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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South Texas Withdraws Limited Work Authorization Request

On February 2, 2010, the staff received a letter from South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) withdrawing its limited work authorization request that it submitted to the NRC on November 16, 2009, related to the South Texas Units 3 and 4 combined license (COL) application. In the letter, STPNOC also requested an exemption, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12(b), to allow installation of the crane foundation retaining walls before the staff completes its review of the COL application. According to STPNOC, the exemption would facilitate construction and installation activities for the two new reactors.

Schedule Change for Vogtle

On January 28, 2010, the staff issued a letter to Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) detailing the environmental review schedule for the COL application for Vogtle Units 3 and 4 in Waynesboro, Georgia. The letter contains key milestone dates for issuance of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), the end of the Draft SEIS public comment period, and issuance of the Final SEIS expected in February 2011. The SEIS supplements the Environmental Impact Statement issued on August 26, 2009, in support of the Early Site Permit and Limited Work Authorization.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Natural Resources Defense Council; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking, 10 CFR Part 50
(PRM-50-90, NRC-2008-0279)

On January 28, 2010, the NRC published a document (75 FR 4493) in the *Federal Register* denying a petition for rulemaking dated March 24, 2008, filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations that govern domestic licensing of highly enriched uranium (HEU) production and utilization facilities to establish a date when the NRC would no longer license the domestic use or export of HEU except for restricted use by a few specialized facilities. The NRC determined that the petitioner did not demonstrate that existing NRC licensing, security, and export regulations do not currently provide for reasonable assurance of adequate protection of the public health and safety, and the common defense and security of the United States.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Council of Agency Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Officers Meeting

On January 28, 2010, OIS staff attended a meeting convened by the Council of Agency Paperwork Reduction Act Officers at the Department of Treasury. Agenda items included highlights of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) December 17, 2009, meeting regarding the October 27, 2009, *Federal Register* Notice (74 FR 55269) on improving the PRA; discussion of the OMB December 30, 2009, follow up data call; Public Key Infrastructure service for *Federal Register* Submissions; and OMB Regulatory Information Service Center and Office of Information Regulatory Affairs Consolidated Information System (ROCIS) system upgrades. An OMB guest speaker answered several of the group's questions on topics such as improvement of OMB's ROCIS electronic submission system, best practices for submission of PRA documents to OMB, and future trends of the PRA with regard to the Open Government initiative. Several agencies attended this meeting and shared issues and best practices on how best to complete OMB submissions efficiently. The group plans to continue to meet monthly at Treasury, and welcomed NRC as new members.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 29, 2010 through February 4, 2010:

Three Mile Island, Unit 1, communications between NRC and representatives of Exelon Corporation regarding incident on November 21, 2009	FOIA/PA-2010-0118
WCAP-16406-P-A, Revision 1 "Evaluation of Downstream Sump Debris Effects in Support of GSI-191"	FOIA/PA-2010-0119
Webster-Gulf Nuclear Site and Odessa-Gulf Nuclear Site, licenses, renewals and financial security documents	FOIA/PA-2010-0120
NRC's 2008 and 2009 maintenance and operations costs associated with the maintenance, operation, and modernization support	FOIA/PA-2010-0121
NRC's 2008 and 2009 new development and enhancement costs associated with the maintenance, operation, and modernization support	FOIA/PA-2010-0122
Iran's nuclear program; names of any individuals and organizations who made request from January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009	FOIA/PA-2010-0123
NRC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Investigation; final report and closing memo for C07024, C08028, C08009, C07048, C08021, CC09013, C09004, C08034, C08040	FOIA/PA-2010-0124
Allegation RIV-2009-A-0053 transcript	FOIA/PA-2010-0125
OIG-06-347 Contract and Statement of Work authorizing investigation	FOIA/PA-2010-0126
FOIA/PA-2009-0272 withheld records listed in Appendices C and I	FOIA/PA-2010-0127

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMSECY-09-0030	12/31/09	Request to Use Different Communication Tool to Remind Licensees of Responsibilities Regarding Disposal of Sources
SRM-COMSECY-09-0030	02/03/10	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMSECY-09-0030	02/03/10	(same)
2. SRM-SECY-09-0035	02/03/10	Proposed Rule: Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material, Parts 30, 31, 32, 40, and 70 (RIN 3150-AH91)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0035	02/03/10	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0011	01/29/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 22, 2010

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward J. Markey, dated January 27, 2010, response regarding the openness of NRC decision-making processes.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Idaho State University.
2. Application for a License to Export High-Enriched Uranium, DOE/NNSA – Y-12 National Security Complex, Application No. XSNM3623, Docket No. 11005844.
3. Carolina Power & Light Company, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information, Docket No. 50-261.