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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 Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Public Meeting on National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 (NFPA 805)

On March 17, 2010, the staff held a Category 3 public meeting with external stakeholders and interested members of the public to discuss template guidance for nuclear plants transitioning to NFPA 805. The staff provided preliminary feedback to the Nuclear Energy Institute on certain sections of the NFPA 805 License Amendment Request Template and shared a draft section of the NFPA 805 Safety Evaluation Template.

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

On March 18, 2010, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute NFPA 805 Task Force and other stakeholders 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.

Technical Briefing Session to the Mexican Regulator on Steam Dryers

On March 18, 2010, the staff participated in a briefing with the Mexican regulator, National Nuclear Commission for Safety and Safeguards, regarding the review of steam dryers associated with extended power uprate (EPU) reviews. The Mexican regulator provided the staff with an overview of the issues that they have identified related to the steam dryers associated with Mexico's Laguna Verde EPU application. The staff provided a history of the boiling water reactor EPU reviews that had been completed and of those that were currently still under review and the specific issues that have been raised. In addition, the staff discussed the review status of the steam dryer-associated topical reports.

Public Meeting on Risk Tools Enhancement Program

On March 18, 2010, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with external stakeholders and interested members of the public to discuss the Risk Tools Enhancement (RTE) Program. At the meeting, staff presented RTE activities currently underway to enhance the efficiency and effective use of NRC risk tools.

Task Working Group #6 Meeting with Industry

On March 24, 2010, the staff held a public meeting at NRC headquarters with representatives from the industry to discuss their comments on the latest draft of interim staff guidance (ISG) #6. The staff agreed with many of the industry's comments. In addition, several comments were considered out of scope, stemming from industry's desire to revise the review process rather than clarify it. Action items were taken away to investigate some of their comments. The attendees at the meeting were unable to get through the 183 comments, and a schedule for a subsequent meeting was agreed to.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
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Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.126, Revision 2, "An Acceptable Model and Related Statistical Methods for the Analysis of Fuel Densification."

On March 23, 2010, the staff published an RG that describes an analytical model and related assumptions and procedures that the staff considers acceptable for predicting the effects of fuel densification in light-water-cooled nuclear power reactors. RG 1.126 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/>.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 2004 (DG-2004) "Emergency Planning for Research and Test Reactors."

On March 24, 2010, the staff issued DG-2004 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The DG is proposed Revision 1 to RG 2.6 that provides licensees and applicants with a method that the staff considers acceptable for use in complying with the Commission's regulations on the content of emergency plans for research and test reactors. DG-2004 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://webwork.nrc.gov:300/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/res-test-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Civil/Structural Codes and Standards Course(s) and Development

On March 11, 2010, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition, a firm fixed price contract (NRC-38-10-714) was awarded to BMA Engineering, Inc. in Potomac, Maryland for Civil/Structural Codes and Standards Course(s) development. The period of performance is from March 11, 2010, through March 10, 2011, with four 1-year options. The total value is \$860,045.00, which is inclusive of all options.

RG2 Copier Lease

On March 11, 2010, as a result of a competitive acquisition under the General Services Federal Supply Schedule, a firm fixed price delivery order (NRC-DR-29-10-528) was awarded to Xerox Corporation in Lewisville, Texas for the lease of 15 copiers (14 B&W and 1 Color) for Region II. The period of performance is from April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2015. The total value is \$352,322.80.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending March 26, 2010

Controlled Unclassified Information Briefing

On March 24, 2010, OIS staff briefed the Information Security Steering Committee on the status of the transition to the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Framework. The purpose of the briefing was to update the committee on the progress made in developing the CUI policy since the last time the committee was briefed on November 9, 2009. Specifically, they were told about the pending issuance of a CUI Executive Order (EO), which is expected in April 2010, which will be followed by the publication of an implementing directive, most likely in the summer of 2010. They were also provided an explanation of how the Safeguards Program will be incorporated into the EO.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of March 19, 2010, through March 25, 2010:

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Operating Experience Communication dated 10-02-2008, titled "River Bend - Wind Forces Exceed Turbine Building Siding Construction" including pictures 1, 2, and 3	FOIA/PA-2010-0171
Allegation RII-2008-0040 and OI Case 2-2008-0038, all documents, transcripts and exhibits	FOIA/PA-2010-0172
Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and Space Division (1966-1968), Lockheed Missiles and Space Corp. (1970 - 1974), 1470 North 4 th Street, San Jose, California, licenses, permits, violations	FOIA/PA-2010-0173
Enforcement Actions, listing of actions issued by NRC to licensees, individuals and non-licensees for failure to comply with a regulation	FOIA/PA-2010-0174
Diablo Canyon, Units 1 and 2, Revision 17 of the updated Final Safety Analysis Report	FOIA/PA-2010-0175
Employee Satisfaction Survey Report from 2005 through present	FOIA/PA-2010-0176
Security process access incident at Headquarters, 2007 and/or 2008, investigation, interview and actions taken	FOIA/PA-2010-0177
Government travel by NRC employee	FOIA/PA-2010-0178

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
DeGange, Jonathan	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRO
Kahler, Carolyn	Administrative Assistant	NRO
Wellock, Thomas	Historian	SECY
Zanzonico, Pat	ACMUI Member	FSME
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Kahn, Zachary	Law Clerk	ASLBP
Santiago-Negron, Damaris	Management Analyst	RES

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

Source identified of a leak that caused groundwater contamination at Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Burlington, Vermont.

U.S. Department of Energy's motion to withdraw the Yucca Mountain repository application and NRC's potential ruling on the motion.

Preliminary indication of cracks in some of the reactor vessel head nozzles at the Davis-Besse nuclear plant located near Toledo, Ohio.

NRC proposed \$227,500 fine against a Veterans Affairs hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for medical errors in treating prostate cancer.

"White" inspection finding at Nine Mile Point nuclear power plant's reactor Unit 2 and tritium contamination identified at FitzPatrick nuclear plant; both plants are located near Oswego, New York.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA supported annual plant assessment public meetings in the field.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
10-051	NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for North Anna New Reactor Application (03/25/10)
10-052	NRC Meeting April 15, 2010, in Victoria, Texas, to Discuss Review Process for Early Site Permit Application (03/25/10)
10-053	NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko Making External Stakeholder Meeting Schedule Public (03/25/10)
10-054	Licensing Board to Hear Oral Argument April 7, 2010, in Bay City, Texas, on South Texas Project New Nuclear Reactor Application (03/26/10)
Regions:	
I-10-008	NRC Holds Open House on March 25, 2010, in Oswego, New York to Discuss 2009 Assessments of Nine Mile Point, Fitzpatrick Nuclear Plants (03/22/10)
I-10-009	NRC to Hold Open House on March 30, 2010, in Plymouth, Massachusetts to Discuss Annual Assessment of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant (03/23/10)
I-10-010	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant (03/23/10)

I-10-011	NRC, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. to Discuss Company's Nuclear Plants on March 31, 2010 (03/24/10)
II-10-010	NRC Authorizes Restart of Nuclear Fuel Services Navy Fuel Process Line (03/23/10)
II-10-011	NRC Moving Region II Office to New Atlanta Location April 12, 2010 (03/24/10)
III-10-007	NRC to Hold Public Meeting With Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc. (03/26/10)
IV-10-009	NRC Sends Special Inspection Team to Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant (03/22/10)
IV-10-010	NRC Seeks Public Input on Environmental Review of Columbia Generating Station License Renewal; Meetings April 6, 2010 (03/26/10)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-10-0031	03/25/10	Revising the Fuel Cycle Oversight Process
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0033	03/26/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 19, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M100218	03/19/10	Briefing on Research Programs, Performance, and Future Plans
2. M100223B	03/25/10	Briefing on Decommissioning Funding
3. M100326	03/26/10	Affirmation Session, I. SECY-09-0147 – Entergy Nuclear Generation Company and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. – (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station) Review of LBP-07-13 (Ruling on Motion to Dismiss SAMA Contention) II. SECY-10-0014 – Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2), Notice of Appeal, and Brief on Appeal of LBP-09-26 by Sierra Club, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Tennessee Environmental Council, and We The People, Inc. (December 3, 2009).

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress, dated March 19, 2010, provides a summary of actions taken by the NRC in response to recommendations contained in various Government Accountability Office reports that address NRC activities.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Application for a License to Export High-Enriched Uranium, U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration – Y-12 National Security Complex, Application No. XSNM3633, Docket No. 11005854.
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on EPR, Notice of Meeting (04/20-21/2010).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Power Uprates, Notice of Meeting (04/23/2010).

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
 Items of Interest
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 7

OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses/Nominees
Shane	TBA (Originally scheduled for 03/23/10) 2154 RHOB	TBA	House Oversight and Government Reform Domestic Policy Subcommittee (Representatives Kucinich / Jordan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nuclear Power's Federal Loan Guarantees: The Next Multi-Billion Dollar Bailout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie Kass – Senior Director of Business Policy and Programs, Nuclear Energy Institute • Peter Bradford – Former Member, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Adjunct Professor, Vermont Law School • Jack Spencer – Research Fellow in Nuclear Energy, Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation • Dr. Arjun Makhijani – President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research • Dr. Mark Cooper – Senior Fellow for Economic Analysis, Institute for Energy and the Environment, Vermont Law School • Henry Sokolski –President and Executive Director, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center • Richard Caperton – Policy Analyst, Center for American Progress • Christopher Guith – Vice President of Public Policy, U.S.

					Chamber of Commerce
Decker	TBA (Originally scheduled for 03/23/10) 366 DSOB	TBA	Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Senator Bingaman / Murkowski)	The Committee will mark up pending legislation and vote on a pending nomination, including this bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ S. 1462 – An original bill to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security and energy innovation and workforce development, and for other purposes ▪ Nomination: Jeffrey Lane to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Decker	03/23/10 2362-B RSOB	2:00	House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Representatives Visclosky / Frelinghuysen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hearing on proposed fiscal 2011 appropriations for DOE's nuclear energy programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren F. Miller, Jr. - Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy
Riley	03/23/10 342 DSOB	2:30	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee (Senators Carper / McCain)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Removing the Shroud of Secrecy: Making Government More Transparent and Accountable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivek Kundra – Federal Chief Information Officer and Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, OMB • Anesh Chopra – Assistant Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy • David Ferriero – Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration • Ellen Miller – Co-Founder and Executive Director, Sunlight

					<p>Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Pinkerton – Director, Sunlight Foundation • Rob Pinkerton – Director, Public Sector Solutions, Adobe Systems Inc. • Stephen O’Keeffe – Founder, Meri Talk On-line • Thomas Blanton – Director, National Security Archives
Riley	03/24/10 253 RSOB	10:00	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation (Senators Rockefeller / Hutchison)	<p>The Committee will mark up pending legislation and vote on pending nominations, including the following bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ S. 773 – A bill to ensure the continued free flow of commerce within the United States and with its global trading partners through secure cyber communications, to provide for the continued development and exploitation of the Internet and intranet communications for such purposes, to provide for the development of a cadre of information technology specialists to improve and maintain effective cybersecurity defenses against disruption, and for other purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Decker	03/24/10 2359 RHOB	2:00	House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Representatives Visclosky / Frelinghuysen)	Department of Energy Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Chu – Secretary of Energy

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