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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)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 18, 2010

Meeting with Industry's Materials Reliability Program and the Electric Power Research Institute

On June 8-9, 2010, the staff participated in a Category 2 public meeting with the industry's Materials Reliability Program and the Electric Power Research Institute as part of the staff's review of Topical Report MRP-227, "Materials Reliability Program: Pressurized Water Reactor Internals Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines." MRP-227 represents the industry's proposed guidelines for an aging management program for pressurized water reactor internals in support of plant license renewal. In particular, it will assist licensees who have already received renewed licenses with meeting their commitments to submit aging management programs in this area prior to entering the period of extended operation. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the industry staff questions and concerns regarding the technical basis supporting MRP-227 and the scope of inspections proposed in MRP-227. Staff was provided with much needed background information that was either missing from, or unclear in, other technical reports which documented the technical basis for MRP-227. The staff is proceeding with its review and expects to issue a detailed set of follow-up questions in a request for additional information by mid-July 2010.

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ENCLOSURE A

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 18, 2010

Meeting with Transnuclear, Inc.

On June 10, 2010, NRC staff, met with Transnuclear, Inc., (TN) to discuss the revised Fuel Drop Analysis performed by TN as part of a response to the second round request for additional information. The staff identified some specific aspects not considered by TN in its analysis. They include modeling appropriate gaps between fuel assemblies and internal packaging cavity, variability in the wood properties for impact limiters, and a high yield-strength value used by TN for the fuel cladding. TN agreed to address these issues in their analysis. TN needs also to submit their revised criticality analysis and address some clarifying questions in the shielding thermal areas before the staff can issue the Certificate of Compliance No. 9313 for the Model No. TN-40 transportation package.

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ENCLOSURE C

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 18, 2010

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1240 (DG-1240) “Condition Monitoring Program for Electric Cables Used in Nuclear Power Plants”

On June 15, 2010, RES staff issued DG-1240 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is a proposed new guide that provides specific guidance for condition monitoring of cables to provide reasonable assurance that the cables are capable of performing their intended function(s) during their installed life. In particular, this regulatory guide describes a programmatic approach to condition monitoring of electric cable systems and their operating environments and acceptable condition-monitoring techniques. DG-1240 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

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ENCLOSURE E

Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 18, 2010

The Regulatory Process Training Course

On June 7, 2010, as a result of a competitive acquisition under the General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule, a labor hour delivery order (NRC-38-10-710) was awarded to The Regulatory Group in Arlington, Virginia. The objective of this procurement is to provide the instructional and facilitation services for a course titled, "The Regulatory Process Course." The period of performance is June 7, 2010, through June 6, 2011, with four 1-year option periods. The total ceiling price is \$356,940.00, inclusive of all options.

Technical Support in the Design of an Alternate Site to Support Disaster Recovery of Critical Information Technology (IT) Applications and Systems

On June 9, 2010, as a result of a noncompetitive acquisition under the 8(a) program of the Small Business Administration, a firm fixed price contract (NRC-DR-33-10-317) was awarded to InfoAge Solution, Inc. in Washington, DC. The objective of this procurement is to provide technical support in the design of an alternate site to support disaster recovery of critical IT applications and systems. The period of performance is June 9, 2010, through August 27, 2010, with a total value of \$202,500.00.

Technical Assistance for the Development of Environmental Documents for Uranium Recovery, Fuel Cycle Facilities, Decommissioning Licensing, and Other NRC Licensing Support Activities

On June 14, 2010, as a result of a noncompetitive acquisition, a cost plus fixed-fee type contract (NRC-41-10-015) was awarded to Straughan Environmental Services, Inc. in Columbia, Maryland. The objective of this procurement is to provide technical assistance to the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs for supporting NRC staff in conducting environmental reviews for fuel cycle facilities, uranium recovery facilities, materials licensees, and decommissioning sites. The period of performance is June 14, 2010, through June 13, 2011, with two 1-year option periods. The total value is \$2,569,723.00, inclusive of all options.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: MAGNASTOR System, Revision 1; Direct Final Rule (10 CFR PART 72) (A186, NRC-2010-0140)

On June 15, 2010, the NRC published a direct final rule (75 FR 33678) in the *Federal Register* that amends spent fuel storage regulations by revising the NAC International, Inc., MAGNASTOR System listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 1 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) Number 1031. Amendment No. 1 to the MAGNASTOR System CoC will change Technical Specifications (TS) related to neutron absorber qualification and acceptance testing. Specifically, the amendment will revise TS 4.1.1.b and incorporate by reference into the MAGNASTOR CoC, Sections 10.1.6.4.5, 10.1.6.4.6, 10.1.6.4.7, and 10.1.6.4.8 of the Final Safety Analysis Report regarding the acceptance testing of borated aluminum alloy and borated metal matrix composite neutron absorber material. The amendment will also include other changes in Appendices A and B of

the TS to incorporate minor editorial corrections. The direct final rule becomes effective August 30, 2010, unless significant adverse comments are received by July 15, 2010.

On June 15, 2010, the NRC published the companion proposed rule (75 FR 33736) to this direct final rule in the *Federal Register*. The comment period closes July 15, 2010.

Physical Protection of Byproduct Material; Proposed Rule (10 CFR PARTS 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 51, 71, and 73) (A112, NRC-2008-0120)

On June 15, 2010, the NRC published a proposed rule (75 FR 33901) in the *Federal Register* that would amend its regulations to establish security requirements for the use and transport of category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material which the NRC considers to be risk-significant; and therefore, warrants additional protection. Category 1 and category 2 thresholds are based on those established in the International Atomic Energy Agency Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources, which NRC endorses. The objective of this proposed rule is to provide reasonable assurance of preventing the theft or diversion of category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material. The proposed regulations would also include security requirements for the transportation of irradiated reactor fuel that weighs 100 grams or less in net weight of irradiated fuel. The proposed rule would affect any licensee that is authorized to possess category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material, any licensee that transports these materials using ground transportation, and any licensee that transports small quantities of irradiated reactor fuel. Comments on the proposed rule are due October 13, 2010. Comments specific to the information collection aspects of the proposed rule are due by July 15, 2010.

General Electric Simulator Upgrade

On June 16, 2010, as a result of a full and open competition, a firm fixed price contract (NRC-38-10-702) was awarded to GSE Systems, Inc. in Columbia, Maryland. The objective of this procurement is to rehost the General Electric Simulator and provide digital control room capabilities. The period of performance is June 16, 2010, through June 15, 2011, with four 1-year option periods. The total contract value is \$1,248,067.00, inclusive of all options.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 18, 2010

Freedom of Information Act Best Practices Working Group

On June 15, 2010, OIS staff attended a Freedom of Information Act - Best Practices Working Group sponsored by the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy. The sharing of ideas between agencies will help ensure that the best ideas are not only known and shared between agencies, but also improved upon. This forum provided an opportunity for agencies to share successful strategies for facilitating access to records and increasing proactive disclosures. The topics of discussion included: applying the presumption of openness; creating an effective system for responding to requests; increasing proactive disclosure; utilizing technology; reducing backlogs; and improving timeliness.

National Archives and Records Administration Meeting

On June 15, 2010, OIS staff attended the Federal Records Center (FRC) Program Forum and the Bimonthly Records and Information Discussion Group (BRIDG) meeting, which were both hosted by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington, DC. The on-going deployment of NARA's Archives and Records Centers Information System was discussed at the FRC Forum. At the BRIDG meeting, NARA led discussions on Electronic Records Scheduling Workshops, NARA's Flexible Schedules Bulletin (2008-04), Electronic Records Summary Report, and the status of the FY 2010 Records Management Self-Assessment, a mandatory annual self-assessment conducted by every agency.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of June 11, 2010, through June 17, 2010:

Combined license applications anticipated to be filed in late FY2010 for 2 units as referenced in the Semiannual Status Report on the Licensing Activities and Regulatory Duties of NRC	FOIA/PA-2010-0254
Fort Campbell, Kentucky, use, storage, manufacture, disposal, experimentation and transportation of nuclear and/or radioactive material, 1965 to 2005	FOIA/PA-2010-0255
Employees of the NRC, names and salary, persons receiving pensions and amount	FOIA/PA-2010-0256
Material License Tracking System database, active and retired	FOIA/PA-2010-0257
Allegation RIV-2002-A-0045 including all correspondence between named individual and NRC	FOIA/PA-2010-0258

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 18, 2010

Arrivals		
Ani, William	Student IT Assistant	OIS
Buggs, Nicholas	Senior Program Analyst	NRR
Chanin, Jonathan	Management Analyst	NRR
Conley, Ethan	Student Engineer	RII
Darby, Krystal	Administrative Assistant	CFO
Dean, Michael	Branch Chief	RI
Dumont, Louis	Construction Inspector (I&C)	RII
Eam, Erika	Senior Contract Specialist	ADM
Esch, Nicole	Administrative Assistant	RI
Faucher, James	Student IT Specialist	RIV
Feliu, Luis	Mechanical Engineer	NRR
Fields, Joyce	Assistant for the Small Business Programs	SBCR
Flynn, Mark	Senior Procurement Analyst	EDO
Furstenau, Diane	Student Management Analyst	OIG
Gary, Marva	Assistant to the Director	SBCR
Gran, Zachary	Physical Scientist (NSPDP)	NRO
Hiser, Diana	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	NRR
Hoffman, Daniel	IT Specialist (Project Manager)	OIS
Humberstone, Matthew	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRO
Kidwell, Michael	Senior Program Analyst	CFO
Liu, Steve	Senior IT Specialist	NMSS
Malone, Domonique	Senior Contract Specialist	ADM
McGrattan, Brian	Student Management Analyst	RES
McLemore, John	Senior Labor & Employee Relations Specialist	HR
Meyers, Beth	Student Scientist	NMSS
Murphy, Francis	HR Specialist	HR
Olson, Bradford	Student Engineer	ACRS
Patterson, Eric	Construction Project Inspector	RII
Pierykowski, Michael	Student Engineer	RII
Raofi, Seyed	Student IT Assistant	OIS
Smith, Jordan	Student Management Assistant	ACRS
Thompson, Ronald	Senior Procurement Analyst	EDO
Torres, Andrea	Senior Program Analyst	NRR
Traynham, Brooke	General Engineer (NSPDP)	FSME
Wallace, Christian	Student IT Assistant	NRR
Whited, Jeffrey	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRR
Ziev, Tracey	Reactor Engineer (NSPDP)	RI
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
None		

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 18, 2010

OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

The Commission ruling against the Pilgrim Watch organization's contention in the Pilgrim nuclear power plant's (Massachusetts) license renewal hearing.

The Groundwater Task Force's report and findings.

The Public Service Enterprise Group's recently-submitted Early Site Permit application for the Salem/Hope Creek site (New Jersey).

The NRC-issued special inspection report following the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant (Maryland) dual unit shutdown on February 18, 2010.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA did a recorded interview with WTSA-AM (of Brattleboro, Vermont) on the newly issued Groundwater Task Force report.

OPA did a recorded interview with Vermont Public Radio on the Annual Assessment meeting for the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant scheduled for June 22, 2010.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-102	NRC Accepts Application for Early Site Permit at Victoria County Site in Texas (6/14/10)
10-103	NRC Honored for its Healthy Workplace Program (6/14/10)
10-104	NRC Announces Availability of License Renewal Application for Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant (6/16/10)
10-105	NRC Issues Final Licensing, Inspection and Annual Fees Rule for Fiscal Year 2010 (6/16/10)
10-106	NRC Seeking Environmental Scoping Comments Regarding Turkey Point New Reactor Application, Meeting July 15, 2010 (6/16/10)
10-107	NRC Honors Employees June 16, 2010, in Rockville, Maryland (6/16/10)
10-108	NRC Establishes Senior Management Group to Review Groundwater Task Force Findings and Recommendations (6/17/10)
10-109	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at Today's Blending of Low Level Waste Meeting (6/17/10)
10-110	NRC Announces Opportunity to Participate in Hearing on New Reactor Application for Turkey Point Site (6/18/10)

Regions:	
I-10-030	NRC to Hold Public Meeting on June 22, 2010, to Discuss Annual Assessment for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant (6/15/10)
II-10-047	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Restart of Nuclear Fuel Services Line (6/14/10)
II-10-048	NRC Orders Babcock & Wilcox to Pay \$32,500 for Violation During Chemical Spill (6/17/10)

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ENCLOSURE M

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-09-0179	6/16/10	Proposed Rule: Distribution of Source Material to Exempt Persons and to General Licensees and Revision of General License and Exemptions (RIN 3150-AH15)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0179	6/16/10	(same)
2. SECY-10-0044 (SECY PAPER AND ENCLOSURE 1 ONLY)	4/13/10	Review of Final Rule Package, "Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material; Updates and Clarifications (10 CFR Part 110, RIN 3150-AI16)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-10-0044	6/9/10	(same)
3. COMSECY-10-0007 (COMSECY PAPER AND ENCLOSURE 1 ONLY)	6/15/10	Project Plan for the Regulatory Program Review to Support Extended Storage and Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel
Information Papers		
4. SECY-10-0070	5/20/10	Status Report on Power Upgrades
5. SECY-10-0072	5/28/10	Update on Agency Communication Initiatives
Memoranda		
1. M100617A	6/17/10	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-09-0175 – Entergy Nuclear Generation Co. and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station) Remaining Issues From Pilgrim Watch Petition for Review; II. SECY-10-0057 - Entergy Nuclear Generation Co. and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station) Pilgrim Watch Motion for Reconsideration of CLI-10-11; III. SECY-10-0050 – South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co. (South Texas Project Units 3 and 4), Interveners' Joint Appeal of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Order of January 29, 2010

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman David Price, dated June 11, 2010, responds to request for a status of NRC's efforts in the area of fire safety.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Notice of Acceptance for Docketing and Opportunity for Hearing on the Application Regarding Renewal of Facility Operating License for an Additional 20-Year Period for the University of Wisconsin Nuclear Reactor and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Safeguards Information and Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
2. Florida Power & Light Company, Combined License Application for the Turkey Point Units 6 & 7, Notice of Hearing, Opportunity to Petition for Leave to Intervene and Associated Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation, Docket Nos. 52-040 and 52-041.
3. Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material – Proposed Rule.

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 14

OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses/Nominations
Riley	06/15/10 366 DSOB	2:30	Energy Subcommittee Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Chairwoman Cantwell, D-WA)	Hearing to receive testimony on the following legislation: S 3460 — 10 Million Solar Roofs Act of 2010 S 3396 — Supply Star Act of 2010 S 3251 — Improving Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Use By Federal Agencies Act of 2010 S 679 — Heavy Duty Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development and Demonstration Act S 3233 — Surplus Uranium Disposition Act of 2010 S 2900 — Gas Turbine Efficiency Act of 2009	<p><u>Panel 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Carper (D-DE) • Senator Gillibrand (D-NY) <p><u>Panel 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Chalk - Chief Operating Officer and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Renewable Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy • Shane Johnson - Chief Operating Officer, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy

Decker	06/15/10 342 DSOB	3:00	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Chairman Lieberman, I-CT)	Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset: Comprehensive Legislation for the 21st Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip R. Reitingger - Deputy Undersecretary of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate • Robert D. Jamison - Former Undersecretary of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate • Frances Fragos Townsend, Chairwoman of the Board, Intelligence and National Security Alliance • Alan Paller – Director of Research - SANS Institute • Steven T. Naumann – Vice President, Wholesale Market Development, Exelon Corp.
Riley	06/16/10 366 DSOB	11:00	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Bingaman, D-NM)	Mark-up of Pending Energy Bills, most notably S 2830 to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Riley	06/17/10 2154 RHOB	2:00	House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives (Chairman Clay, D-MO)	Federal Electronic Records Management: A Status Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witness list not yet posted