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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
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Third Annual Nuclear Power Congress Advancing New Build: Innovative Project Financing, Development and Execution Strategies

On October 27-29, 2010, the staff attended the 3rd Annual Nuclear Power Congress Advancing New Build: Innovative Project Financing, Development and Execution Strategies in Atlanta, Georgia. Private sector stakeholders in the nuclear industry, prominent banking establishments, and NRC Region II personnel were in attendance. The conference provided overview perspectives on the future of nuclear energy in the US which will help inform the NRC regarding financial review activities associated with new reactor construction and decommissioning activities.

Platts Twelfth Annual Financing US Power Conference

On October 28-29, 2010, the staff attended the Platts 12th Annual Financing U.S. Power Conference in New York, New York. The conference included a variety of panel lead discussions on such topics as: "The Outlook for Merchants-Refinancing, Re-negotiation, Re-thinking the IPP Model;" "Financing Challenges Faced in Today's Market by a Private Entity;" "How the Current Financing Climate is Influencing Mergers and Acquisitions and Joint Ventures;" and "Supporting the Clean Energy Economy." In light of the information provided, staff will be able to better consider the current economic climate regarding financing of new energy sources and the securing of loan guarantees in the course of performing financial analyses in support of stakeholder requests.

Public Meeting to Discuss Leak-Before Break and Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2010-07

On October 28, 2010, the staff participated in a Category 2 public meeting with pressurized water reactor industry representatives to discuss Leak-Before-Break (LBB) and the RIS 2010-07 - *Regulatory Requirements for Application of Weld Overlays and Other Migration Techniques in Piping Systems Approved for Leak-Before-Break*. Staff presented the regulatory process to update LBB analyses after installing weld overlays on Alloy 82/182 dissimilar metal welds. Staff also discussed 10 CFR 50.59 evaluations related to license amendment requests in light of updated LBB analyses. Presentation slides are located under ADAMS Accession No. ML102990273. Three vendors also presented their methodology of updating the original LBB analyses. A generic approach was discussed for resolution of issues related to updating the LBB analyses and submitting license amendment requests.

Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Licensing Forum

On November 1 – 3, 2010, the staff participated in the NEI Licensing Forum held in Alexandria, Virginia. Topics for the forum include Emergency Plan Submittals, Risk Informed Licensing Actions, Backfit, Cyber Security, Decommissioning Funding, Fatigue Management, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805 Lessons Learned and Safety Culture.

Meeting with NEI Regarding its NFPA Standard 805 License Amendment Request Template

On November 4, 2010, the staff held a Category 3 public meeting with NEI representatives to discuss NEI License Amendment Request Template for licensees transitioning to NFPA Standard 805.

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

On November 4, 2010, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with NEI NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public, to discuss the FAQs related to licensees' adoption of NFPA Standard 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006 and expects to continue holding them at least throughout the transition period for the pilot plants adopting NFPA Standard 805.

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
Items of Interest
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Combined License Schedules for Vogtle and Summer Revised

By letters dated October 29, 2010, the staff issued revised combined license (COL) application review schedules for Vogtle Units 3 and 4, and the Summer Units 2, and 3, COL applications. In the letters, the staff informs each applicant that the revised public milestone for completing the final safety evaluation report has been extended from April 2011 to June 2011. These changes are a result of a rebaselining effort to make the AP1000 COL review schedules consistent with the current AP1000 design certification amendment public milestone review schedule. The letter to the applicant for the Summer COL application also informs the applicant that public milestone date for issuance of the final environmental impact statement was extended from February 2011 to April 2011. The staff believes that that this additional time is needed to address certain issues raised during the comment period, including clarification of transmission line routes and the associated environmental impacts.

NRC Receives Application to Renew the Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) Design Certification

On November 2, 2010, the NRC received Toshiba's ABWR Design Certification Renewal and Amendment application. The acceptance review is scheduled to begin on November 2, 2010, and be completed on December 2, 2010.

NRC Holds Environmental Scoping Meetings

On November 4, 2010, the NRC hosted environmental scoping meetings at Salem Community College, Carneys Point, New Jersey, on the PSEG early site permit application for a potential new reactor site adjacent to the Salem and Hope Creek generating stations. These meetings consisted of two afternoon sessions to present the environmental review process, to answer questions, and to collect comments on the scope of the environmental review. Prior to the public meetings, the NRC met with other Federal and State agencies, and local officials in a government-to-government meeting.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
Items of Interest
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Facilitated Round Table Discussion on Potential Changes to NRC's Radiation Protection Regulations

On November 3-4, 2010, NRC hosted a public meeting/workshop in Los Angeles, California, to solicit early stakeholder input on the potential changes to the agency's radiation protection regulations and guidance in light of recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (2007). This meeting was in the format of a facilitated roundtable discussion and was the second in a series of three public meetings on this subject. The participants provided a wide variety of perspectives and viewpoints. NRC staff encouraged participants to submit written comments regarding this topic by January 31, 2010 as outlined in the September 27, 2010, *Federal Register* Notice related to this topic (75 FR 59160). The first of the three workshops was held in Silver Spring, Maryland, on October 25-27, 2010, and the third workshop will be held in Houston, Texas, on November 8-9, 2010.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Physical Protection of Shipments of Irradiated Reactor Fuel: Notice of Availability of Draft Guidance for Public Comment (NRC-2010-0340, RIN 3150-AI64)

On November 3, 2010, the NRC announced the availability of draft guidance for public comment (75 FR 67636). The NRC prepared a revision to current guidance to address implementation of the proposed regulations published on October 13, 2010 (75 FR 62695). The NRC is proposing to amend its security regulations pertaining to the transport of irradiated reactor fuel. The public comment period closes on February 11, 2011.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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IBM Information on Demand Conference

On October 24-28, 2010, OIS staff attended IBM's premier conference on Information and Analytics. Sessions attended covered the full range of Enterprise Content Management from Content Capture and Management through Advanced Case Management, Information Lifecycle Governance, and Content Analytics. Attendance at the conference helped OIS identify areas for improvement of the NRC's Enterprise Content Management program, but also validated many of our existing strategies. During the conference, IBM announced the upcoming release of the new Case Manager product. Case Manager extends the Business Process Manager tool by integrating content, process, rules, events, collaboration, social software, and analytics. OIS intends to evaluate applicability of this tool against the needs of NRC program and support offices.

Council of Agency Paperwork Reduction Act Officers Monthly Meeting

On October 28, 2010, OIS staff attended a meeting convened by the Council of Agency Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Officers (CAPRA) at the Treasury Department. Agenda items included: 1) establishing an Electronic Community; 2) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs and CAPRA; and 3) an OMB guest speaker who provided an overview of the Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery. As part of OMB's continuing effort to facilitate agencies' use of generic clearances under the PRA, they are developing a "fast track" generic process designed specifically for qualitative information collection requests related to soliciting feedback from the public on service delivery. This "fast track" clearance will include many types of voluntary information collections such as comment cards, focus groups, cognitive testing, usability testing and post-transaction qualitative surveys. Participation in this generic clearance will not change any existing agency clearances, but will provide agencies with a streamlined option for collecting feedback.

Office of Government Information Services' Dispute Resolution Skills Training

On October 28, 2010, OIS staff, attended dispute resolution skills training sponsored by the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Public Liaisons (FPLs) play a crucial role in the FOIA process to resolve disputes and serving as the point of contact for requesters. In support of this role, OGIS offers this training program to provide FPLs with dispute resolution tools which can be applied to FOIA disputes at their agencies. Key presentations included: Understanding the Mediation Process and Recognizing When Mediation is Appropriate, Key Elements of a Good Communicator, Effective Management of the FOIA Process, Appeals Process, and Analyzing Problem Behaviors.

2010 Federal Privacy Summit

On November 1, 2010, OIS staff attended the 2010 Federal Privacy Summit, sponsored by the Federal Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council Privacy Committee. The Privacy Committee is an interagency committee of the Federal CIO Council designed to facilitate cross-agency

communication on a wide range of privacy issues facing Federal agencies today. This training brought together hundreds of privacy professionals from across the government who strive to strategically, efficiently, and effectively serve and protect the privacy rights of the public. The staff attended plenary and breakout sessions on the following topics: Privacy and Open Government, E-Government/Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) – Beginning, E-Government/PIAs – Intermediate/Advanced, and Privacy Standards: From Federal Information Security Management Act to Federal Acquisition Regulation.

ADAMS Public User Group Meeting

On November 3, 2010, OIS staff participated in the semi-annual meeting of the ADAMS User Group. The meeting was an open forum to allow attendees to ask questions and provide comments about the newly introduced Web-based ADAMS interface, which is the new ADAMS search capability on the public Web site. There was a consensus among the attendees that the new interface was an improvement, including being easy to use for the visually impaired. In a separate meeting with a representative of Sciencetech, staff answered questions about the agency plans for public access to documents and future ADAMS developments. NUREG-1954 on Enterprise Content Management was discussed in this meeting for its description of the agency’s plan for improving information management.

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

Contracts between NRC and Kelly, Anderson and Associates Inc. to perform investigations for the Office of the Inspector General, all records	FOIA/PA-2011-0019
Emergency Plans for Kewaunee, Point Beach, D. C. Cook, Palisades, Enrico Fermi, Davis-Besse, Perry and Zion	FOIA/PA-2011-0020
Leaking condensate storage tank return line at Indian Point and leaking auxiliary service water line at Oconee, all records	FOIA/PA-2011-0021
OGC Attorneys and Law Clerks, Series 0904/0905, FY2000-FY2009, Personal identifier, date employment at NRC began, occupational series, grade/step for that FY, annual salary rate for that FY, amount of performance award/bonus for that FY performance in Excel format	FOIA/PA-2011-0022
Names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and job titles of all NRC employees in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and Texas	FOIA/PA-2011-0023
Communications between Chairman Jaczko and Senator Harry Reid, Nevada, from 1-1-2005 until 11-3-2010, all records	FOIA/PA-2011-0024

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Cronk, Kevin	PROJECT ENGINEER (RESIDENT INSPECTOR PROGRAM)	R-I
Fries, Eric	SAFETY CULTURE PROGRAM MANAGER	OE
Lally, Christopher	OPERATIONS ENGINEER	R-I
Lindo-Talin, Sandra	MATERIALS ENGINEER	RES
Silber, Jacqueline	SENIOR ADVISOR FOR CORPORATE SERVICES	EDO
Solander, Lars	SENIOR ADVISOR FOR CORPORATE SERVICES	EDO
Retirements		
Farrar, Michael	ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE (LEGAL)	ASLBP
Johannemann, Edward	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
Departures		
Brusehaver, Susan	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-III
D'Ettore, Michael	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
Ford, Anne	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-I
Glass, Shayla	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	FSME
Mauer, Andrew	BRANCH CHIEF	FSME
Miller, Robert	SR. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	OIS

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

The recent discovery of elevated tritium levels in an onsite monitoring well at North Anna nuclear power plant (Virginia).

A dry cask leaking helium at Peach Bottom nuclear power plant (Pennsylvania).

Entergy's plans to seek a buyer for Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (Vermont).

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA coordinated an on-camera interview where the Office of New Reactors' Michael Mayfield discussed small modular reactors with EnergyNow (formerly CleanSkies.tv).

OPA did an on camera interview with the CBS affiliate in West Palm Beach regarding a regulatory performance meeting at St. Lucie nuclear power plant (Florida).

OPA did a radio interview with the SC Radio News Network at a meeting with Progress Energy to discuss a diesel generator issue at the company's Robinson plant (South Carolina).

OPA did recorded interviews with Vermont Public Radio and WTSA-AM/FM on how the NRC would review a license transfer for the Entergy's Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (Vermont).

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-196	Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at Commission Meeting on NRC Equal Employment Opportunity and Small Business Programs (11/2/10)
10-197	NRC Seeks Public Input on Environmental Scoping for Victoria County Early Site Permit; Meetings Scheduled December 2, 2010, (11/2/10)
10-198	NRC to Hold Predecisional Enforcement Conference with Entergy Operations November 19, 2010, in Rockville, Maryland (11/3)
10-199	Licensing Board to Hear Oral Argument November 19, 2010 in Homestead, Florida, on Turkey Point New Nuclear Reactor Application (11/3/10)
10-200	Licensing Board to Hear Oral Argument November 17, 2010, in Rockville, Maryland, on Levy County New Nuclear Reactor Application (11/3/10)
10-201	NRC'S Knowledge Management Program Receives 2010 Merit Award (11/3/10)

10-202	NRC Announces Availability of License Renewal Application for South Texas Project Nuclear Power Plant (11/4/10)
10-203	NRC Issues Final Safety Evaluation Report for Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal (11/5/10)
Regions:	
II-10-071	NRC Schedules Meeting in Atlanta to Discuss Robinson Nuclear Power Plant (11/1/10)
II-10-072	NRC Names New Resident Inspector for Hatch Nuclear Power Plant (11/1/10)
II-10-073	NRC Names New Resident Inspector for Farley Nuclear Power Plant (11/1/10)
II-10-074	NRC Names New Resident Inspector for Watts Bar Unit 2 Construction Activities (11/1/10)
II-10-075	NRC to Discuss Review of Areva Nuclear Fuel Plant in Richland (11/4/10)
II-10-076	NRC Assigns New Resident Inspector to Summer Nuclear Plant (11/4/10)
II-10-077	NRC Assigns New Resident Inspectors to Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant (11/4/10)
II-10-078	NRC Proposes \$17,500 Fine Against Westinghouse for Violations at Columbia Nuclear Fuel Plant (11/4/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Chairman Jaczko vote and comments	11/1/10	SECY-10-0121 – Modifying the Risk-Informed Regulatory Guidance for New Reactors
2. Chairman Jaczko vote and comments	11/1/10	SECY-10-0128 – Proposed Rule: Domestic Licensing of Source Material – Amendments/Integrated Safety Analysis (RIN 3150-AI50)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0141	10/29/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending October 22, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M101105A	11/5/10	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-10-0129 – Entergy Nuclear Generation Co. and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station) Pilgrim Watch Motion Seeking Commission to Order Board to Respond or to Respond Itself to Pilgrim Watch Questions

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Patricia O'Donnell, Vermont House of Representatives, dated October 27, 2010, responds to letter concerning Vermont Yankee.
2. Letter to Senator Joseph Lieberman, dated October 26, 2010, provides NRC's views of the GAO report "2010 Resubmission of the U.S.-Russia Nuclear Cooperation Agreement: Further Actions Needed by State and Other Agencies to Improve the Review of the Classified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment" (GAO-10-1039R).

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. PSEG Power, LLC, and PSEG Nuclear, LLC, Early Site Permit Application for PSEG Site, 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 No. 52-043.

2. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
3. Request for a License to Import Radioactive Waste, Oregon Specialty Metals, Application No. IW028, Docket No. 11005876.

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