INFORMATION REPORT

August 1, 2011 SECY-11-0104

For: The Commissioners

From: Nader L. Mamish
Assistant for Operations
Office of the Executive Director for Operations

Subject: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 2011

Contents	Enclosure
Administration	A
Information Services	B
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards	C
Nuclear Reactor Regulation	D
Nuclear Regulatory Research	E
Public Affairs	F
Secretary	G

/RA by Mindy S. Landau for/
Nader L. Mamish
Assistant for Operations, OEDO

Contact:
L. Rakovan, OEDO

August 1, 2011 SECY-11-0104

For: The Commissioners

From: Nader L. Mamish
Assistant for Operations
Office of the Executive Director for Operations

Subject: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 2011

Contents	Enclosure
Administration	A
Information Services	B
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards	C
Nuclear Reactor Regulation	D
Nuclear Regulatory Research	E
Public Affairs	F
Secretary	G

/RA by Mindy S. Landau for/
Nader L. Mamish
Assistant for Operations, OEDO

Contact:
L. Rakovan, OEDO

DISTRIBUTION:
EDO R/F
AO R/F
ADAMS ML11

OFFICE	OEDO	AO/OEDO
NAME	LRakovan	NMamish (MLandau for)
DATE	07/27 /11	08/01/11

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 22, 2011

Centralized Environment Support for NRC Application Systems and Environment

On July 18, 2011, as a result of a full and open competitive solicitation, a hybrid-type (fixed price/labor hour) Indefinite-Delivery Indefinite-Quantity contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-33-0056) was awarded to Vistronix, Inc. of Reston, Virginia, to provide centralized environment support for NRC Application Systems and Environment. The period of performance is July 20, 2011, through July 19, 2012, with six 1-year options to extend the term of the contract and three 1-year award terms. The total estimated ceiling cost is $12,000,000, inclusive of all options and award terms.

Consideration of Rulemaking to Address Prompt Remediation of Residual Radioactivity During Operations; Notice of Public Webinar and Request for Comment, 10 CFR Part 20 (NRC-2011-0162)

On July 18, 2011, the NRC published a notice of public Webinar and request for comment regarding a potential rulemaking (76 FR 42074) in the *Federal Register* seeking input from the public to address prompt remediation of residual radioactivity during the operational phase of licensed material sites and nuclear reactors. The NRC has not initiated a rulemaking, but is in the process of gathering information for developing a technical basis document. The NRC is requesting comments on the issues discussed in the document by September 16, 2011. The public Webinar will be held on July 25, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. to facilitate public understanding of the issues and the submission of comments.

Alternative to Minimum Days Off Requirements; Final Rule, 10 CFR Part 26 (NRC-2011-0058)

On July 21, 2011, the NRC published a final rule (76 FR 43534) in the *Federal Register* amending its regulations governing the fitness for duty of workers at nuclear power plants. These amendments allow holders of nuclear power plant operating licenses the option to use a different method from the one already prescribed in the NRC's regulations for determining when certain nuclear power plant workers must be afforded time off from work. This is to ensure that such workers are not impaired due to cumulative fatigue caused by work schedules. The final rule is effective August 22, 2011.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 22, 2011

Meeting with National Archives and Records Administration, Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Executive Agent (EA)

On July 18, 2011, staff from the Information and Records Services Division met with representatives from the CUI EA. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the NRC's CUI compliance plan project and to review draft elements the EA would like to see included in agency compliance plans. The EA staff was complimentary of the NRC's progress in developing its plan, stating that NRC is ahead of most agencies. Compliance plans are due to the EA on December 6, 2011, after which the EA will review them and, in consultation with affected agencies and the Office of Management and Budget, will establish deadlines for phased implementation by agencies.

Council of Agency Paperwork Reduction Act (CAPRA) Officers Monthly Meeting

On July 21, 2011, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended a meeting convened by the CAPRA Officers at the Treasury Department. Agenda items included a live demonstration of the new common-forms module in the Regulatory Information Service Center, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Consolidated Information System, and a live demonstration of the CAPRA website in the Max Community led by a representative from the Office of Management and Budget. Common forms are generic forms usually developed by the Office of Personnel Management and used by all Federal agencies. The new common forms module will require agencies to account for burden associated with the use of these forms as part of agency information-burden collections. Currently, such burden as NRC staff using common forms is not included in the NRC annual burden collection report but under the new forms module such a burden would need to be included. The new module is expected to roll out in November 2011. The Max Community demonstration of the CAPRA web site showed it to be an excellent tool to collaborate with fellow CAPRA members and those in the Paperwork Reduction Act arena.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of July 15, 2011, through July 21, 2011:

Maintenance Operation and Modernization (MOM) Support of NRC application systems and environment, Lockheed Martin, GS353F4524G	FOIA/PA-2011-0294
FOIAs, submitted by other than requester, where information related to unclaimed, uncashed, or undelivered check(s)/warrant(s) was located and then provided to requester, or if none, most current information such as Limited Payability Cancellation Report(s), or list of deposits into Treasury Account 20x6133.	FOIA/PA-2011-0293
Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant's impact on endangered species in the Hudson River, copy of draft Biological Opinion and accompanying documents.	FOIA/PA-2011-0292

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 22, 2011

Limited Appearance Statement Session for AREVA Eagle Rock

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) held a limited appearance statement session in Idaho Falls, Idaho on Monday, July 11, 2011. Fourteen people provided oral statements. Most comments were supportive of the facility. Concerns raised included the need for the facility and whether it is prudent for the Department of Energy to provide a loan guarantee to a French company.

Licensing Board Visits Proposed AREVA Eagle Rock Site

On July 11, 2011, the ASLB visited the proposed site for the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility and the nearby Hell's Half Acre. AREVA Enrichment Service's led the site visit and described the layout of the proposed facility. NRC staff and representatives of the Snake River Alliance also attended.

Mandatory Hearing for AREVA Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility

From July 12-13, 2011, the ASLB held the mandatory hearing on the Environmental Impact Statement for the AREVA Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility. The hearing was held in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Six presentations covered the purpose and need for the facility; preconstruction activities; greenhouse gas impacts of the facility's production power consumption; construction air quality impacts; effluent and environmental monitoring programs; and the status of the Memorandum of Agreement for cultural and historic resources. The Board is scheduled to provide its decision in September 2011.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 22, 2011

Public Meeting on American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Case N-770-1

On July 12, 2011, staff held a Category 2 public meeting to discuss the implementation of ASME Code Case N-770-1 and provide an opportunity for questions and answers concerning the use of the code case. Use of this ASME code case was made mandatory, along with certain limitations imposed by the NRC, effective July 21, 2011. Participants were encouraged to ask questions at the meeting and to forward the questions electronically to the staff. Preliminary answers were provided to questions during the meeting, and a publicly available response to all questions received will be compiled and made available along with the meeting summary within 30 days of the meeting.

Issuance of the Renewed Operating License for Hope Creek Generating Station

On July 20, 2011, the operating license for the Hope Creek Generating Station was renewed, authorizing operation for an additional 20 years beyond the original license expiration date. The new expiration date is April 11, 2046. The staff completed its review as documented in the Safety Evaluation Report, NUREG-2102, published June 2011 and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, NUREG-1437, Supplement 45, published March 2011. The issuance of the Hope Creek Generating Station renewed license brings the total number of renewals to 71 reactor units.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 22, 2011

NRC-specific Symposium at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Pressure Vessel and Piping (PVP) Conference

RES staff organized and chaired the "ASME Code Process and Incorporation into Regulations" symposium at the ASME PVP Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on July 19, 2011. The symposium consisted of a series of keynote presentations made by NRC management followed by a panel session on Nuclear Codes and Standards consisting of NRC and ASME panelists who discussed issues related to new reactors, operating reactors, license renewal, materials and operational leakage. Two additional Panel Sessions followed covering recent developments in ASME Code Section III, e.g. High Density Polyethylene Piping, Fusion Facilities, and High Temperature Reactors.

Meeting on Weld Residual Stress (WRS) Finite Element Analysis (FEA) Validation Program – Results of the International Round Robin:

On July 20, 2011, RES staff hosted a meeting of 40 participants from nine countries, representing 27 organizations from industry, academia, research institutes, and regulatory bodies on the results from the NRC Dissimilar WRS Validation Program – International Round Robin. NRC developed, coordinated, and hosted an international blind round robin comparison between WRS models used in flaw evaluations to actual WRS measurements. The meeting was held at the 2011 ASME PVP Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 22, 2011

OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

The NRC near-term task force review of insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident report and commission briefing.

The first of three staff technical evaluation reports regarding the Dept. of Energy's Yucca Mountain high-level waste repository application.

NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ruling on a motion in the Indian Point (New York) nuclear plant license renewal proceeding.

Status of the strike at the Nine Mile Point (New York) nuclear power plant.

Other Public Affairs Items
OPA coordinated Chairman Jaczko's nationally televised address at the National Press Club on the Japan Task Force's recommendations.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-139	NRC Approves "Time Off" Amendment to its Fitness-For-Duty Regulations (07/21/2011)
11-138	NRC Issues First of Three Technical Evaluation Reports on Doe's Yucca Mountain License Application (07/21/2011)
11-137	Japan Task Force Holding Public Meeting July 28 in Rockville, Maryland. (07/21/2011)
11-136	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Potential Rulemaking to Revise Reporting of Defects in Reactor Parts; Meeting August 1, 2011. (07/20/2011)
11-135	NRC Recognized for Diversity/Work Life Balance (07/20/2011)
11-134	NRC's ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations and Fire Protection to Meet July 28, 2011, in Atlanta, Georgia. (07/20/2011)
11-132	NRC Renews Operating Licenses for Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plant for an Additional 20 Years (07/20/2011)
11-131	NRC Issues License to Uranerz Energy Corp. for Nichols Ranch Uranium Recovery Project in Wyoming (07/20/2011)
11-130	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at the Japan Task Force Briefing (07/19/2011)
11-129	NRC Names Mark A. Satorius as Director of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (07/19/2011)

Regions:	
I-11-026	NRC, CENG Managers to Discuss Company's Fleet of Nuclear Plants at Public Meeting on July 26, 2011 (07/20/2011)
III-11-026	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Point Beach Nuclear Plant (07/19/2011)
III-11-027	NRC to Hold Regulatory Conference on July 28, 2011, to Discuss Preliminary White Inspection Finding at Prairie Island Nuclear Plant (07/21/2011)
IV-11-035	NRC Cites Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant for Inspection Finding of Low to Moderate Safety Significance (07/19/2011)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 22, 2011

Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Commissioner Magwood's vote and comments on SECY-11-0093	07/19/2011	Near-Term Report and Recommendations for Agency Actions Following the Events in Japan
Commissioner Svinicki's vote and comments on SECY-11-0093	07/19/2011	(same)
2. SECY-11-0093	07/12/2011	(same)
3. SRM on SECY-11-0073	07/20/2011	Staff Proposal to Reintegrate Security Into the Action Matrix of the Reactor Oversight Process Assessment Program
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0073	07/20/2011	(same)
Memoranda		
1. M110712B	07/19/2011	Staff Requirements – Briefing on NRC Actions for Addressing the Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Report

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Al Franken, dated July 16, 2011, responds to letter concerning the safety of U.S. nuclear power reactors.

2. Letter to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, dated July 16, 2011, responds to letter regarding the results of the recent inspection at Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3 under NRC Temporary Instruction 2515/183.

3. Letter to Congresswoman Lois Capps, dated July 16, 2011, responds to letters (3) requesting that NRC immediately stay the license renewal process for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on AP1000, notice of meeting (08/16/2011).

2. Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Fukushima, notice of meeting (08/16/2011).

3. Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on U.S. Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor (US-APWR), notice of meeting (08/17/2011).

4. Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Regulatory Policies and Practices, notice of meeting (08/18/2011).

5. Policy Statement of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the Protection of Cesium-137 Chloride Sources.

6. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Notice of Hearing; Opportunity to Submit Written Limited Appearance Statements; and Notice of Oral Argument, In the Matter of Nuclear Innovation North American LLC (South Texas Project Units 3 and 4).

7. Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials notice of meeting (08/17/2011).

8. Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor notice of meeting (08/18/2011).