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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Employee Relocation – Home Sale Services

On August 31, 2011, as a result of a General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule competitive acquisition, a Blanket Purchase Agreement (NRC-HQ-11-A-09-0022) was awarded to Sirva Relocation Service of Independence, Ohio. This contract will provide employee relocation services, including a home sale program. The period of performance is September 19, 2011, through September 30, 2012, with four one-year option periods. The total value is $16,209,500.00, inclusive of all options.

Electronic Hearing Docket Modernization

On September 2, 2011, as a result of an 8(a) non-competitive negotiated acquisition, a Labor Hour contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-33-0071) was awarded to Cybermedia Technologies, Inc. of Reston, Virginia, for the electronic hearing docket modernization. The period of performance is September 2, 2011, through September 1, 2012, with a 1-year option period. The total value of the contract is $814,675.60, inclusive of all options.

NRC Enforcement Policy; Proposed Enforcement Policy Revision; Request for Comment, 10 CFR Chapter 1 (NRC-2011-0209)

On September 6, 2011, the NRC published a proposed policy revision in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 54986) to solicit comments to assist the NRC in revising its Enforcement Policy. A second document to solicit public comment will be published in the *Federal Register* before staff submits the proposed policy revision to the Commission for approval early in 2012. Stakeholders and the public are encouraged to submit comments on the issues discussed in this notice by October 6, 2011.

Professional Development Center Operations Support

On September 7, 2011, as a result of a GSA Federal Supply Schedule competitive acquisition, a Time and Materials Contract (NRC-HQ-11-F-38-0001) was awarded to Information International Associates, Inc. of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This contract will provide general administrative and customer service support, as well as classroom and logistical support for all training held at the Professional Development Center. The period of performance is September 12, 2011, through September 11, 2012, with four 1-year option periods. The total value is $2,420,644.00, inclusive of all options.

Sign Language Interpreting and Transcription Services

On September 7, 2011, as a result of an 8(a) non-competitive solicitation, a Labor Hour contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-38-0055) was awarded to Diversified Sign Language Services of Columbia, Maryland, for sign language interpreting and transcription services. The period of performance is September 7, 2011, through September 6, 2012, with four 1-year option periods. The total value of the contract is $4,000,000.00, inclusive of all options.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Flyntz, Matthew	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
Lewman, Shelbie	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
Maltese, James	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
Pikas, Timothy	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
Siarnacki, Anne	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Carneal, Jason	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
Conley, Ethan	STUDENT ENGINEER (SUMMER)	R-II
Hoying, Craig	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRO
Metzgar, Laura	IT SPECIALIST (BUDGET SYSTEMS)	CFO
Saunders, Aaron	STUDENT CLERK	R-III

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Geomagnetic Storms Workshop

On August 30-31, 2011, staff attended a workshop on geomagnetic storms hosted by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) in Atlanta, Georgia. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss issues related to grid challenges as a result of geomagnetic disturbances (GMD) and degradation of large power transformers. Industry experts from utilities, who have operating experience with geomagnetically-induced current (GIC) as a result of geomagnetic storms and solar flares, provided guidelines on protective measures that have been implemented in their transmission networks. Federal entities, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Energy (DOE), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) participated in this meeting.
On September 8, 2011, staff also met with representatives from FERC, DHS, and DOE in a separate meeting in Washington, DC, to discuss the reliability and restoration strategies of offsite power/grid after a significant GMD event.

Biannual Coordination Meeting with American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Executives

On August 30, 2011, staff conducted a regularly-scheduled biannual teleconference with executives from ASME to discuss schedule and priorities for the next six months. The discussions focused on common work assignments, including ASME code updates and Code Cases. All parties agreed that these periodic conversations were useful in efficiently and effectively directing both our efforts, and to continue to have them on the existing schedule.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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RES Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1278, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants"

On September 6, 2011, the staff issued DG-1278, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants" to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed third revision to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.160 dated March 1997. DG -1278 provides methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the provision of Section 50.65, "Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," in Title 10, of the *Code of Federal* Regulations, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." The draft regulatory guide endorses Revision 4A to Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC) 93-01, "Industry Guidelines for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear power Plants." Revision 4A of NUMARC 93-01 provides enhanced clarity for scoping of non-safety related systems, structures, and components based on their use in Emergency Operating Procedures. It also provides guidance for considering fire risk in risk assessments, and provides enhanced consistency in unavailability monitoring between the Maintenance Rule and Reactor Oversight Process. Revision 4A to NUMARC 93-01 incorporates guidance previously contained in RG 1.182, Revision 0, "Assessing and Managing Risk before Maintenance Activities at Nuclear Power Plants," issued May 2000. Therefore, this revision to RG 1.160 supersedes RG 1.182, Revision 0. The draft regulatory guide 1278 is on-line at: http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1116/ML111640267.pdf.

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

Commission Order issued on Atomic Safety Licensing Board's Yucca Mountain ruling

Potential impact of Susquehanna River flooding on nuclear power plants along the river and its tributaries

Southern California's power outage and the impacts on the San Onofre nuclear power plant north of San Diego.

Follow up on the NRC's Augmented Inspection Team review of the North Anna nuclear power plant following the Virginia earthquake

Post 9/11 security upgrades

Oconee nuclear power plant (South Carolina) recent special inspection report

Mid-cycle assessments of the operating nuclear power plants

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA launched the NRC YouTube site with first videos on remembering 9/11 where employees talked about their 9/11 experience.

OPA supported a public meeting to discuss NRC oversight of the Nuclear Fuel Services facility (Erwin, Tennessee) as well as related issues of interest to local residents; and managed the extensive local news coverage.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-170	NRC to Discuss Early Implementation Recommendations of Near-Term Japan Task Force September 14, 2011, in Rockville, Maryland (9/09/2011)
11-169	The NRC Goes Live on YouTube (9/08/2011)
11-168	NRC Holds Public Meetings to Discuss Proposed Changes to Regulations for Research and Test Reactors in Idaho Falls, Idaho September 13-14, 2011 (9/07/2011)
11-167	NRC to Meet with Dominion September 8, 2011, to Discuss Ongoing Post-Earthquake Actions at North Anna Nuclear Power Station (9/07/2011)
11-166	NRC Issues Mid-Cycle Assessment for Nation's Nuclear Plants (9/06/2011)
Regions:	
I-11-034	NRC Statement on U.S. Department of Justice Action Announcing Plea Agreement with Former Radiation Protection Technician at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (9/08/2011)

I-11-033	NRC to Discuss Process for Review of License Renewal Application for Limerick Nuclear Plant, Seeks Environmental Review Input (9/07/2011)
I-11-032	New NRC Senior Resident Inspector Assigned to Three Mile Island (9/07/2011)
II-11-055	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (9/07/2011)
II-11-054	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at McGuire Nuclear Power Station (9/07/2011)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-11-0094	9/06/2011	Advantages and Disadvantages of Changing the Current Authentication Assurance Level (Level 4) of the National Source Tracking System
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0094	9/07/2011	(same)
3. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0089	9/07/2011	Options for Proceeding with Future Level 3 Probabilistic Risk Assessment Activities
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0114	9/02/2011	Periodic Assessment of the Activities of the Committee to Review Generic Requirements from June 1, 2010, Through May 31, 2011
2. SECY-11-0123	9/07/2011	Weekly Information Report- Week Ending August 26, 2011
Memoranda		
4. MII0909	9/09/2011	Staff Requirements –Affirmation 1. Petitions Requesting Relief Related to the March 11, 2011, Earthquake and Tsunami Events in Fukushima, Japan 2. Nuclear Innovation North America LLC (South Texas, Units 3 and 4), Staff Petition for Review of LBP-11-7 3. U.S. Department of Energy (High Level Waste Repository), Review of LBP-10-11, Docket No. 63-001-HLW

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. 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.

2. NRC Request to Amend a License to Export Radioactive Waste.

3. NRC Request to Amend a License to Import Radioactive Waste.

4. Revision to September 21, 2011, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Meeting Federal Register Notice, ACRS Subcommittee Meeting on Materials, Metallurgy and Reactor Fuels.