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Office of Administration (ADM)  
Items of Interest  
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Making Changes to Emergency Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors; Regulatory Guide (RG); Issuance, 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 (RIN 3150-A110; NRC-2008-0122)

On December 1, 2011, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 74630) a new regulatory guide 1.219, "Guidance on Making Changes to Emergency Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors." RG 1.219 describes a method the NRC staff considers acceptable to implement the requirements that relate to emergency preparedness and specifically to making changes to emergency response plans. RG 1.219 was effective on December 1, 2011.

Emergency Planning Guidance for Nuclear Power Plants; Issuance of NUREG Documents and Interim Staff Guidance, 10 CFR Parts 50 and Part 52 (RIN 3150-A110; NRC-2008-0122)

On December 5, 2011, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 75771) Supplement 3, "Guidance for Protective Action Strategies," to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Revision 1, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants;" NSIR/DPR-ISG-01, "Interim Staff Guidance Emergency Planning for Nuclear Power Plants;" and NUREG/CR-7002, "Criteria for Development of Evacuation Time Estimate Studies;" all dated November 2011. These documents update implementation guidance regarding, and support recent changes to, the NRC's emergency preparedness regulations. Supplement 3 to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Revision 1, was effective on December 5, 2011.

Installation of Radiation Alarms for Rooms Housing Neutron Sources; Petition for Rulemaking; Request for Comment, 10 CFR Part 73 (Docket Nos. PRM-73-15; NRC-2011-0251)

On December 7, 2011, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 76327) a notice of receipt and request for comment for a petition for rulemaking dated September 15, 2011, from George Hamawy (the petitioner). The petitioner requests that the NRC require installation of radiation alarms in rooms housing neutron sources. The public comment period closes on February 21, 2012.

Petition for Rulemaking Submitted by Sherwood Martinelli; Petition for Rulemaking; Denial, 10 CFR Part 50 (Docket No. PRM-50-94; NRC-2010-0004)

On December 7, 2011, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 76322) a denial of a petition for rulemaking (PRM-50-94) submitted by Mr. Sherwood Martinelli (the petitioner). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations as they relate to decommissioning and decommissioning funding. Specifically, the petitioner requested that the NRC revise its reporting requirements, restrict funding mechanisms, require deposits within 90 days to cover shortfalls regardless of cause, amend the definition of the safe storage decommissioning option, and eliminate the ENTOMB decommissioning option. The docket for the petition for rulemaking, PRM-50-94, was closed on December 7, 2011.

Hosting and Related Support Services for NRC's Financial Accounting and Integrated Management Information System (FAIMIS) Solution

On December 8, 2011, as a result of a competition under NRC's Functional Area 2 of NRC's enterprise, multiple-ward Maintenance, Operation, and Modernization Support of NRC's Application Systems and Environment contract, a hybrid (fixed price and time and materials) task order (Contract # NRC-HQ-11-C-33-0059, Order # NRC-HQ-12-T-09-0001) was awarded to CGI Federal, Inc. of Fairfax, Virginia, for support services for NRC's FAIMIS system. The period of performance is December 8, 2011, to December 7, 2012, with five 1-year option periods. The total value of the task order is \$21,284,037, inclusive of all options.

Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking, 10 CFR Part 32 (Docket No. PRM-32-6; NRC-2009-0547)

On December 8, 2011, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 76625) a denial of a petition for rulemaking (PRM-32-6) submitted by the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (The Association). The Association requested that the NRC amend its regulations to improve the labeling and accountability of tritium exit signs. Specifically, the Association requested that: the labeling be in several locations on the sign and printed with larger font; an expiration date should be distinctly legible to a fire or building inspector without taking down the sign; and the radiation trefoil should be displayed on the front and back of advertisements. Although not a specific request for rulemaking, the petitioner recommended that a national collection effort with distinct milestones and goals be undertaken to consolidate all expired and disused tritium exit signs. The petitioner requested that the NRC organize a meeting with the Association and all interested stakeholders to set a new path forward on this issue. The docket for PRM-32-6 is was closed on December 8, 2011.

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP) Annual Symposium and Training Conference

On December 7-8, 2011, Information and Records Services Division (IRSD) staff attended the ASAP Annual Symposium and Training Conference. ASAP is a professional forum dedicated to bringing government Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) personnel in touch with the requester community. IRSD staff attended sessions on the following topics: Hot Trends in FOIA, Classification, The New News Media and Fees, Turning Reading Rooms into 21<sup>st</sup> Century On-line Libraries, Best Practices in FOIA Processing, and FOIA Portals.

FOIA and PA Requests Received During the Period of December 1, 2011, through December 8, 2011:

Halliburton's Duncan Site in Stephens County, Oklahoma	FOIA/PA-2012-0073
Any and all communications to and from Commissioner Magwood IV and (1) Marvin Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) or any other NEI officials/staff, and (2) any communications referencing or relating to meetings with licensees not at NRC facilities.	FOIA/PA-2012-0074

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Public Meeting with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) on Browns Ferry Transition to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805

On December 8, 2011, the staff participated in a Category 1 public meeting with TVA to discuss the status of Browns Ferry transition to NFPA Standard 805.

Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on Fire-Induced Multiple Spurious Actuation

On December 8, 2011, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with NEI representatives and stakeholders to discuss fire-induced multiple spurious actuation and other current licensing basis issues.

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

Regarding the Davis Besse nuclear power plant (Ohio) – NRC’s conclusion that the shield building can fulfill its safety function with the current extent of cracking; cancellation of December 15, 2011, public meeting regarding cracking; NRC’s knowledge of additional cracks at the top of the shield building

Regarding the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant (Vermont) – fleet-wide quality control changes being made by Entergy regarding NRC’s Confirmatory Order issued in August; a report filed by Entergy regarding an October 11, 2011, event where a breaker was mistakenly thrown; an emergency diesel generator inadvertently knocked out of service

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews:

- A roundtable discussion between Chairman Jaczko and reporters about the NRC’s many accomplishments in 2011
- An interview of Chairman Jaczko and two Nuclear Reactor Regulation staff with the Center for Investigative Reporting on plant aging issues, license renewal and Probabilistic Risk Assessment
- Chairman Jaczko’s interviews with New York news outlets, *Bloomberg*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Reuters*
- An interview of Deputy Executive Director for Operations with National Public Radio (NPR) on the Fukushima accident.
- An interview with the leader of NRC’s Japan team by AP Atlanta regarding the Fukushima accident.

OPA issued three blogs:

- NRC continues discussions on implementing Japan Task Force recommendations
- An American construction inspector in China
- Time to hear from the public about the NRC’s Reactor Oversight Program

OPA posted the YouTube: The Japan Nuclear Incident: An Overview Part 2

<b>Press Releases Issued</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
11-219	NRC Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes Teleconference Meeting December 15, 2011 (12/05/2011)
<b>Regions:</b>	
I-11-043	NRC Cites Limerick Unit 2 Nuclear Plant for Inspection Finding of Low to Moderate Safety Significance (12/08/2011)

II-11-069	NRC Finds Oconee Electrical Breaker Performance Issue to be of Substantial Safety Significance (12/07/2011)
II-11-068	NRC Staff Schedules Meeting with Shaw Areva Mox Services to Discuss Performance at Mixed Oxide Facility (12/05/2011)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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<b>Document Released to Public</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0107	11/29/2011	Final Rule: Requirements for Fingerprint – Based Criminal History Records Checks for Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Nonpower Reactors (Research or Test Reactors) (RIN-3150-AI25)
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0088	12/08/2011	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Requesting Amendments to 10 CFR Part 50 Regarding Decommissioning and Decommissioning Funding (PRM-50-94)
3. SECY-11-0088	12/08/2011	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Requesting Amendments to 10 CFR Part 50 Regarding Decommissioning and Decommissioning Funding (PRM-50-94)
4. Staff Requirements Memorandum on SECY-11-0088	12/08/2011	Staff Requirements- Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Requesting Amendments to 10 CFR Part 50 Regarding Decommissioning and Decommissioning Funding (PRM-50-94)
5. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0097	12/09/2011	(Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-32-6-) Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials same)
6. SRM on SECY-11-0097	12/09/2011	Staff Requirements- Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-32-6-) Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials
7. Chairman Jaczko's Vote and Comments on SECY-11-0145	12/09/2011	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Requesting Amendments to 10 CFR Part 50 Regarding Decommissioning and Decommissioning Funding (PRM-50-94)
8. Commissioner Apostolakis Vote and Comments on SECY-11-0145	12/09/2011	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Requesting Amendments to 10 CFR Part 50 Regarding Decommissioning and Decommissioning Funding (PRM-50-94)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-11-0165	11/25/2011	Weekly Information Report-Week Ending November 18, 2011
2. SECY-11-0167	12/02/2011	Weekly Information Report-Week Ending November 25, 2011

<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. M111129A	11/29/2011	Staff Requirements: I. SECY-11-0083 – U.S. Department of Energy (High-Level Waste Repository), Docket No. 63-001; Staff Petition for the Commission to Exercise its Inherent Supervisory Authority to Review Board Orders Regarding Preservation of LSN Document Collection, and Staff Request for Stay; II. SECY-11-0107 - Final Rule: Requirements for Fingerprint – Based Criminal History Records Checks for Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Nonpower Reactors (Research or Test Reactors) (RIN-3150-AI25)
2. M111201	12/06/2011	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity and Small Business Programs

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Barbara Boxer, dated December 2, 2011, responds to letter regarding NRC actions to ensure the safety of Americans from threats posed by nuclear facilities following a natural disaster, such as an earthquake or hurricane.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Notice and Opportunity to Make Oral or Written Limited Appearance Statements; In the Matter of Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (Levy County Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2).
2. 10 CFR Part 32, Docket No. PRM-32-6, Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking.
3. Final rule. 10 CFR Part 52, RIN 3150-AI84, U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor Aircraft Impact Design Certification Amendment.