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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 8, 2012

Certification of Substance Abuse Experts, Petition for Rulemaking; Consideration in the Rulemaking Process; 10 CFR Part 26 (Docket No. PRM-26-7; NRC-2011-0220)

On June 7, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 33619) a document to consider the issues raised in petition for rulemaking (PRM) PRM-26-7, submitted by the American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders, in the rulemaking process. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to include the Academy as one of the organizations authorized to certify a substance abuse expert. The NRC determined that the issues raised in the PRM are appropriate for consideration and will consider them in the ongoing Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 Technical Issues rulemaking. The docket for PRM-26-7 was closed on June 7, 2012.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 8, 2012

Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Hearst, Wiahdee	Contract Specialist (Entry-Level)	ADM

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 8, 2012

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period
of June 1, 2012 - June 7, 2012:

Chairman Gregory Jaczko, out of town trips for fiscal year 2011	FOIA/PA-2012-0244
Lecture on the atomic bomb at UC San Francisco by Dr. Glenn Seaborg on Oct 18, 1946	FOIA/PA-2012-0245
Civil and administrative violations of the Atomic Energy Act for which monetary penalty was assessed for Calendar Year 2011	FOIA/PA-2012-0246
NRC files associated with allegations RIV-2008-A-0068, RIV-2008-A-0104, RIV-2008-A-0142 and RIV-2010-A-0114	FOIA/PA-2012-0247

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Site Audit at Duane Arnold Energy Center

On May 30 and 31, 2012, the staff and NRC contractors conducted a site audit at the Duane Arnold Energy Center to support review of the National Fire Protection Association Standard (NFPA) 805 license amendment, specifically relating to the licensee's use of fire modeling in their analysis. The staff and contractors performed walk downs of selected plant fire areas, conducted interviews with licensee personnel and reviewed detailed fire modeling input data.

Public Meeting Held on the Cumulative Effects of Regulation Process Changes

On May 31, 2012, the staff held a Category 3 public meeting on the Cumulative Effects of Regulation (CER) process changes. Representatives of the nuclear power industry, agreement states, and materials/fuel facilities participated both in person and remotely via teleconference and webinar. The staff obtained feedback on several CER-related topics, and will incorporate that feedback into the October 2012 Commission paper describing the staff's final strategy to implement the process changes.

Virgil C. Summer (VC) Nuclear Station (NFPA) Standard 805 Regulatory Audit

During the week of June 4, 2012, the staff conducted an NFPA 805 regulatory audit at the VC Summer Nuclear Station. The audit team reviewed NFPA 805 transition documents related to VC Summer's NFPA 805 license amendment request. VC Summer's staff and their contractors conducted presentations, technical discussions, and plant tours to help the audit team understand their fire protection program.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
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Publication of Regulatory Guide 8.24, "Health Physics Surveys During Enriched Uranium-235 Processing and Fuel Fabrication"

On June 5, 2012 the staff published Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 8.24, "Health Physics Surveys During Enriched Uranium-235 Processing and Fuel Fabrication" (77FR 33253). This regulatory guide was revised to describe methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations in 10 CFR 20.1501(a). The guide also describes techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and identifies data the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Withdraw of Regulatory Guide 8.33, "Quality Management Program"

On June 5, 2012, the staff withdrew Regulatory Guide 8.33, "Quality Management Program" (77 FR 33253). This regulatory guide provided guidance to materials licensees to help to ensure that the objectives of the former NRC "Quality Management Program" regulations were met. However, the requirement to establish a Quality Management program was deleted from the regulations as part of an overall revision in 2002 of the of the "Medical Use of Byproduct Material" regulations (10 CFR part 35). Therefore, the guidance provided in RG 8.33 is no longer accurate or current and is being withdrawn through this notice.

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 8, 2012

OPA received significant media inquiries on the following:

D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals decision on the NRC's Waste Confidence decision and rule.

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) oral arguments on the license renewal contentions based on two post-Fukushima orders.

Rep. Edward Markey's letter to the NRC Chairman regarding problems with NRC safety culture.

Dispelling rumors of a nuclear emergency and high radiological readings near nuclear plants in Indiana and Michigan.

Labor strike at the Pilgrim nuclear plant (MA).

Leaks identified during inspections at the David-Besse nuclear plant in Ohio.

Confirmatory Orders issued to Maine Yankee, Yankee Rowe and Connecticut Yankee, decommissioned nuclear plant sites, about foreign ownership interest in their companies.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Radio interviews regarding upcoming meeting for Quad Cities nuclear plant (IL);

OPA issued blog posts:

- Animated Timeline Details the NRC Response to the Fukushima Accident.
- The Challenge of Decommissioning a One-of-a-Kind Reactor.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
12-071	NRC Issues Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items for Seabrook Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (6/8/2012).
12-070	NRC, FERC Commissioners to Discuss Electrical Grid Issues June 15 in Washington, D.C. (6/8/2012).
12-069	NRC to Discuss Post-Fukushima "Regulatory Framework" June 20 in Rockville, MD (6/7/2012).
12-068	NRC Issues Confirmatory Orders to Maine Yankee, Connecticut Yankee and Yankee Rowe on Foreign Ownership Issues (6/6/2012).
12-067	NRC Announces Senior Management Appointments for Michael Johnson, Glenn Tracy (6/5/2012).

Regions:	
III-12-020	NRC Schedules June 12 Open House to Discuss Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station Performance and NRC Oversight (6/4/2012).
IV-12-021	NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Status of Augmented Inspection at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (6/8/2012).

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 8, 2012

Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-12-0066	5/30/12	Criminal Penalties for the Unauthorized Introduction of Weapons into Facilities Designated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and for Sabotage of Nuclear Facilities or Fuel
2. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-12-0069	5/30/12	Process for Addressing Late-Breaking Issues During a Combined License Application Review
3. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-12-0060	5/31/12	Proposed Changes to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Associated with Buried Piping
4. SECY-12-0032	2/25/12	Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2011
5. SRM on SECY-12-0032	4/11/12	(same)
6. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0032	4/11/12	(same)
7. SRM on SECY-12-0026	6/7/12	Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2), Referred Ruling in LBP-11-32 (Nov. 18, 2011); San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace's Petition for Partial Interlocutory Review of LBP-11-32 (Dec. 5, 2011)
8. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0009	6/7/12	Final Rule: 10 CFR 73.37, "Physical Protection of Irradiated Fuel in Transit" (RIN 3150-A164)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0080	6/7/12	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 1, 2012

Memoranda		
1. M120607B	6/7/12	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-12-0009 – Final Rule: 10 CFR 73.37, “Physical Protection of Irradiated Fuel in Transit” (RIN 3150-AI64); II. SECY-12-0026 - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2), Referred Ruling in LBP-11-32 (Nov. 18, 2011); San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace’s Petition for Partial Interlocutory Review of LBP-11-32 (Dec. 5, 2011); III. SECY-12-0058 – Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power and Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (Combined License Application for North Anna Unit 3); Dominion’s Petition for Review of LBP-11-22; IV. SECY-12-0067 – Entergy Nuclear Generation Co. and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), Docket No. 50-293-LR

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Cass Sunstein, Office of Management and Budget, dated May 31, 2012, provides the NRC’s FY 2012 Regulatory Plan.
2. Letter to Congress, dated May 29, 2012, provides the Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2011.
3. Letter to Congress, dated May 25, 2012, responds to letter concerning SECY-12-0062 requesting authorization to issue Pilgrim’s renewed license.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the Subcommittee Power Upgrades, notice of meeting (06/22/2012).
2. License Amendment to Construct and Operate new In Situ Leach Uranium Recovery Facility; Uranium One Americas; Ludeman [Docket No.: 040-08502; NRC-2012-0120].
3. NRC Enforcement Policy Revision.
4. 10 CFR Parts 71 and 73 RIN 3150-AG41 [NRC-1999-0005] Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transportation of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste.
5. Final Alternative Soils Standards for the Uravan, Colorado, Uranium Mill.