

## INFORMATION REPORT

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FOR: The Commissioners

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING  
JULY 17, 2015

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**Office of Administration (ADM)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending July 17, 2015**

**Safety Culture and Climate Survey**

On July 14, 2015, as a result of a non-competitive solicitation, fixed-price task order NRC-HQ-30-15-T-0001 was issued under General Services Administration Schedule GS10F0170P to Towers Watson Delaware, Incorporated in Arlington, VA. The objective of this task order is to assist the Office of the Inspector General in assessing the current organizational safety culture and climate of NRC's workforce. The period of performance is from August 1, 2015, through February 1, 2016. The total ceiling price is \$253,727.

**Power Reactor In-Core Monitoring: Petition for Rulemaking; Notice of Docketing; Part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (NRC-2015-0124)**

On July 16, 2015, the NRC published a notice of docketing in the *Federal Register* ([80 FR 42067](#)) for Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) 50-111 that was filed on March 13, 2015, by Mark Edward Leye (the petitioner). The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities" regulations to require all nuclear power plant licensees to use in-core monitoring devices at different elevations and radial positions throughout the reactor core. The NRC is not requesting public comment on this PRM at this time.

**Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)**  
**Items of Interest**  
**Week Ending July 17, 2015**

<b>ARRIVALS</b>		
None		
<b>RETIREMENTS</b>		
None		
<b>DEPARTURES</b>		
Cherry, Brandon	Acquisition Business Specialist	ADM
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ENCLOSURE B

**Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received  
During the Period of July 10 – July 16, 2015:

Copies of all records related in any way to the Alvin W. Vogtle nuclear power plant (including Vogtle 1, 2, 3, and 4) near Augusta, Georgia.	FOIA/PA-2015-0380
Copies of the FOIA Log Reports for the month of June, 2015.	FOIA/PA-2015-0381
All records relating to the Canadian Radium and Uranium Corporation, dated back to the 1940's.	FOIA/PA-2015-0382
Copies of all records regarding any licenses held by the Canadian Radium and Uranium Corporation, including the termination of those licenses.	FOIA/PA-2015-0383
Request that TIA [Task Interface Agreement] 2014-04 is not publicly available and to ensure that we have the full understanding of the issues raised during the Component Design Basis Inspection.	FOIA/PA-2015-0384
All records from the NRC briefing of Duke Energy on October 27, 2014.	FOIA/PA-2015-0385
Copy of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Procedures, Revision 4 of Office Instruction COM-106	FOIA/PA-2015-0386
Any and all Site Environmental Reports required by the Atomic Energy Commission and its successors for Grumman's Research Reactors.	FOIA/PA-2015-0387
All information regarding MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) financial transactions from employees, offices, MARTA, other sources, to include all Inspector General documents, emails, memos, reports, interview results, audits, investigations, and transactions from November 2014 to present.	FOIA/PA-2015-0388
All information regarding named individual from and to the following individuals and offices: Russell Ficken, Len Wert, Victor McCree, the Executive Director for Operations, Region II current and former Human Resources Branch personnel, the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, and Cris Brown, from February 2012 to present.	FOIA/PA-2015-0389
Copies of transcripts of all meetings held with CampCo, Inc., License No. 0423910-01E, within the past 10 years.	FOIA/PA-2015-0390
All documents related to the Secretary of Defense visits to Russia, the Ukraine, or Kazakhstan, the Nunn-Lugar/Cooperative Threat Reduction initiative and/or Project Sapphire, or weapons of mass destruction found in 1993. Official Records of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.	REF-2015-0001
Final reports on the peer review findings and observations to Boiling-Water Reactors (BWR) Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) and Pressurized-Water Reactors (PWR) SPAR model would be completed in October 2009.	FOIA/PA-2015-0391

**Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)**  
**Items of Interest**  
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**National Operator Licensing Examiners Conference**

On July 7-8, 2015, staff participated in the National Operator Licensing Examiners Conference hosted by Region II. This year's conference served as a forum to discuss challenges and experiences related to implementation of proposed changes to NRC's Operator Licensing program. The proposed changes derived from a comprehensive lessons learned initiative following a 2014 decision from the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to award a Senior Reactor Operator license to an applicant from the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. The next step in the change process will be the formal routing, concurrence, and public comment period for NUREG 1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors."

**Differing Professional Opinion Regarding the Definition of a Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone**

On June 11, 2015, the Director, NRR, issued a decision on a Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) submitted on December 7, 2014, concerning a change in the definition of a repetitive degraded cornerstone. The DPO raised concerns that the revision made to Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0305 that changed the definition of a repetitive degraded cornerstone was an unnecessary relaxation in regulatory oversight and was contrary to Commission direction. On May 5, 2015, an Ad Hoc Panel (Panel) provided the results of its independent review of the DPO to the Director, NRR. The Panel concluded that the revision to IMC 0305 was a slight relaxation in regulatory oversight. The Panel did not believe that the change needed to be rescinded. The Panel also concluded that the change did not require prior notification or approval from the Commission before it was implemented. Finally, the Panel concluded that making multiple changes one at a time to the reactor oversight process (ROP) guiding documents could lead to unintended consequences. The Panel recommended assessing the potential unintended consequences of changing the definition of a repetitive degraded cornerstone, developing a technical bases document to capture the reasons for decisions that change the ROP, establishing basic thresholds for when a change would be viewed as "substantive," as well as for the method and content of communications to the Commission in that case, and developing guidelines for a process to evaluate aggregate/cumulative effects of changes to the ROP. The Director, NRR, agreed with the Panel on the conclusions and recommendations. The DPO case file can be found in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access & Management System under Accession No. ML15194A444.

**Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)**  
**Items of Interest**  
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**Public Workshop on Standardized Plant Analysis Risk Model Program**

On July 14-15, RES, in collaboration with Idaho National Laboratory staff, held a two-day public workshop on the agency's Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) model program. Workshop discussions included: the objectives of the SPAR model program, data collection, and analysis; human reliability analysis; loss of offsite power modeling; and SPAR model maintenance and quality assurance. The workshop participants included representatives from utilities, industry contractors, international partners, and public interest groups. The SPAR models provide agency risk analysts with an independent risk assessment tool and support a variety of risk-informed agency programs including the reactor oversight process and the accident sequence precursor program.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending July 17, 2015**

<b>Document Released to Public</b>	<b>Date of Document</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. Staff Requirement Memorandum-SECY-15-0074	07/14/2015	Discontinuation of Rulemaking Activity-Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, Subpart I, Quality Control and Quality Verification Personnel in Fitness for Duty Program (RIN 3150-AF12).
2. Voting Record-SECY-15-0074	07/14/2015	Discontinuation of Rulemaking Activity-Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, Subpart I, Quality Control and Quality Verification Personnel in Fitness for Duty Program (RIN 3150-AF12).
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-15-0092	07/16/2015	Weekly Information Report —Week Ending June 26, 2015.
2. SECY-15-0093	07/16/2015	Weekly Information Report —Week Ending July 3, 2015.
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. SRM-M150709A	07/15/15	Briefing on Mitigation of Beyond Design Basis Events Rulemaking.

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee, expresses congratulations to the State of Tennessee on its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of becoming an Agreement State, dated July 7, 2015.
2. Letter to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand responds to her letter regarding transformer fires at the Indian Point Energy Center, dated July 10, 2015.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Petition for rulemaking, notice of docketing entitled, "Power Reactor In-Core Monitoring" (PRM-50-111; NRC-2015-0124).
2. Notice of Hearing (Notice of Evidentiary Hearing and Opportunity to Provide Written Limited Appearance Statements) – Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (Docket No. 40-8943)
3. Notice (Regarding weapons at Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Proceeding) – Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (Docket No. 40-8943)