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**Office of Administration
Items of Interest
Week Ending March 11, 2016**

Environmental Qualification of Electrical Equipment: Petition for Rulemaking (PRM); Denial; Parts 50, 52, 54, and 100 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (PRM-50-106; NRC-2012-0177)

On March 7, 2016, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* ([81 FR 11681](#)) denying PRM-50-106 submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., and Mr. Paul M. Blanch (collectively, the petitioners) on June 18, 2012. The petitioners requested that the NRC amend its regulations to clearly and unequivocally require the environmental qualification of all safety-related cables, wires, splices, connections, and other ancillary electrical equipment that may be subjected to submergence and/or moisture intrusion during normal operating conditions, severe weather, seasonal flooding, and seismic events, and post-accident conditions, both inside and outside of a reactor's containment building. The docket for the petition, PRM-50-106, was closed on March 7, 2016.

American Science and Engineering, Inc. (AS&E) Service Plan for NRC Headquarters and Regions X-ray Machines

On March 4, 2016, contract number NRC-HQ-40-16-C-0001 was awarded to AS&E in Billerica, MA. The purpose of this contract is to provide comprehensive preventative and corrective maintenance, including labor, consumables, and x-ray tube disposal, for NRC owned AS&E x-ray machines. The period of performance is from March 7, 2016, to March 6, 2017. The total potential value over the life of the contract is \$527,118.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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ARRIVALS		
NONE		
RETIREMENTS		
NONE		
DEPARTURES		
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**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of March 4, 2016 – March 11, 2016

Medical records and work history of deceased grandfather, named individual, who worked at Hanford before 1975	FOIA/PA-2016-0343
Copy of all documents regarding or relating to an interview of named individual conducted by Region II Office of Investigations Field Office, in February 2016	FOIA/PA-2016-0344
All information relating to two companies that previously conducted commercial work using radioactive materials regulated by NRC and/or its predecessors: Nuclear Chemical Disposal Co., Long Island, NY, and Long Island Nuclear Service Corp., Smithtown, NY	FOIA/PA-2016-0345
A list of all invoices received and payments made under the NRC's Financial Accounting and Integrated Management Information System (FAMIS) relative to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) contract GS35F5359H for order number NRC-HQ-10-14-T-0001 for Requisition/reference number OIS-14-0161, 09/05/2014	FOIA/PA-2016-0346
ML14049A282, ML14034A359, ML14034A364, and the responses to NRC Bulletin 2012-01 dated on or about October 24, 2012, from the licensees for Farley Units 1 and 2, Hatch Units 1 and 2, and Vogtle Units 1 and 2	FOIA/PA-2016-0347
Copy of Bill Borchardt's memorandum on an Open & Collaborative Work Environment entitled "It Takes a Team!"	FOIA/PA-2016-0348
Request a copy of documents regarding "cold fusion" or "LENR" or "low Energy Nuclear Reactions"	FOIA/PA-2016-0349
Request a copy of Regulatory Guide 1.214 "Response Strategies for Potential Aircraft Threats (OUO-SRI)"	FOIA/PA-2016-0350
Request list of all investigations and allegations on which the Cyber Crime Unit (CCU) assisted in conducting a portion of the investigation	FOIA/PA-2016-0351
Request current information related to the NRC materials license for the use of I-131 at listed institutions	FOIA/PA-2016-0352
NRC Mailing List	FOIA/PA-2016-0353
SECY-78-158, March 16, 1978, Operating Assumption Covering the Use of and Reliability Placed in Information from the Intelligence Community	FOIA/PA-2016-0354
SECY-78-158, March 16, 1978, Operating Assumption Covering the Use of and Reliability Placed in Information from the Intelligence Community	FOIA/PA-2016-0355
Appeal the lack of response to records contained in the NRC's Privacy Act System of Records NRC-23, FOIA/PA-2016-0137	FOIA/PA-2016-0072A
Appeal the redactions made in response to FOIA/PA-2016-0253	FOIA/PA-2016-0073A

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**Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting with DTE Energy on Fermi Unit 2 License Renewal Safety Evaluation Report

On March 2, 2016, the staff and DTE Energy met with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee to discuss the Fermi Unit 2 License Renewal Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items. The SER contains one open item related to the effects of reactor water environment on fatigue life. The staff expects to issue the final SER in July 2016.

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**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-15-0168	03/09/2016	Recommendations on Issues Related to Implementation of a Risk Management Regulatory Framework
2. Commission Voting Record SECY-15-0168	03/09/2016	Recommendations on Issues Related to Implementation of a Risk Management Regulatory Framework
3. SECY-15-0098	08/05/2015	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Related to Environmental Qualification of Electrical Equipment (PRM-50-106)
4. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-15-0098	01/11/2016	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Related to Environmental Qualification of Electrical Equipment (PRM-50-106)
5. Commission Voting Record SECY-15-0098	01/11/2016	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Related to Environmental Qualification of Electrical Equipment (PRM-50-106)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-16-0018	02/25/2016	Status of Improvements to the Force-on-Force Inspection Program in Response to SRM-SECY-14-0088
2. SECY-16-0024	03/04/2016	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending February 26, 2016

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Ed Whitfield, John Shimkus, Mike Simpson, Lamar Alexander, Jason Chaffetz, James Inhofe, Fred Upton, Harold Rogers, Thad Cochran, Ron Johnson, Gene Dodaro, and Shaun Donovan, provides the summary of actions taken by the NRC in response to recommendations contained in various U.S. Government Accountability Office reports that address NRC activities, dated February 29, 2016.
2. Letter to the Honorable Thad Cochran and Harold Rogers provides quarterly reports on the NRC's progress on certain licensing actions and right-sizing commitments, dated March 1, 2016.

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3. Letter to the Honorable Harold Rogers and Thad Cochran responds to the directive in the Joint Explanatory Statement for NRC to submit a plan for making changes to the agency's rulemaking process, dated March 1, 2016.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes – Renewal Notice.

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**Region IV
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Staff Issues Decision on a Differing Professional Opinion

On February 2, 2016, the Regional Administrator, Region IV, issued a decision on a Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) involving the significance determination process (SDP) evaluation result of “Yellow” for a finding at Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) involving a Unit 1 stator drop event that occurred in March 2013 (DPO-2015-001). On September 2, 2015, an NRC employee submitted a DPO that focused on whether the staff properly followed Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0308, “Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Basis Document”, and IMC 0609, “Significance Determination Process”, the governing documents associated with determining the significance of inspection findings, rather than the conflicting guidance in the Risk Assessment Standardization Project (RASP) Handbook, a sub-tier document, in determining the risk significance of a finding pertaining to the ANO Unit 1 stator drop event. On January 22, 2016, an Ad Hoc Review Panel provided the results of its independent review to the Regional Administrator, Region IV. The panel concluded that the ANO Unit 1 stator drop event was a very complex event which required a detailed risk analysis to determine the best estimate results for the significance determination, and that the process used by the staff to determine the significance of the associated performance deficiency, which resulted in the issuance of a “Yellow” finding to Entergy (the licensee for ANO) on June 23, 2014, was the appropriate process to use. The panel also recommended that a comprehensive review of the RASP Handbook be performed to ensure its guidance is not inconsistent with program requirements; the purpose and use of the RASP Handbook be clarified to ensure it remains a “living” methods document which takes into account the use of available best practices, which may or may not be specified in higher tier program documents; and that IMCs 0308 and 0609 be revised to clarify the expected need for flexibility in performing SDP evaluations. Based on a review of the original DPO, the panel’s report, and additional comments provided by the DPO submitter in response to the panel’s report, the Regional Administrator, Region IV, agreed with the panel’s conclusions and recommendations. The DPO Case File can be found at [ML16061A362](#).