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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 20, 2017

Update to Incorporate Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Improvement Act of 2016 Requirements: Final Rule; Parts 2 and 9 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) [Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 3150-AJ84; NRC-2016-0171]

On December 30, 2016, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* ([81 FR 96344](#)) amending its regulations to reflect changes to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 requires the NRC to amend its FOIA regulations to update procedures for requesting information from the NRC and procedures that the NRC must follow in responding to FOIA requests. This final rule is effective on January 30, 2017.

Increase in the Maximum Amount of Primary Nuclear Liability Insurance: Final Rule; 10 CFR Part 140 [RIN 3150-AJ81; NRC-2016-0164]

On December 30, 2016, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* ([81 FR 96347](#)) amending its regulations to increase the required amount of primary nuclear liability insurance from \$375 million to \$450 million for each nuclear reactor that is licensed to operate, is designed for the production of electrical energy, and has a rated capacity of 100,000 electrical kilowatts or more. This change conforms to the provision in the Price-Anderson Amendments Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-408) that the amount of primary financial protection required of licensees by the NRC shall be the maximum amount available at reasonable cost and on reasonable terms from private sources. This final rule was effective on January 1, 2017.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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ARRIVALS		
CHEN, QIAO-LIN	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRR
KRANSTUBER, NANCY	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-III
RETIREMENTS		
None		
DEPARTURES		
***BERNARDINO, KAREN	RECORDS MANAGEMENT CLERK (OA)	R-III
CORLEY, CHERRIE	BRANCH CHIEF	OCIO
ELLIOTT, TAMEKA	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	CFO

***Please Note Ms. Bernardino was on LWOP since 01/24/2016

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 20, 2017**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of January 17, 2017 – January 19, 2017, as submitted by requester**

List of OIG investigations closed during calendar years 2015 and 2016	FOIA/PA-2017-0266
Copy of the Web-Based Licensing system database for all records in Texas	FOIA/PA-2017-0267
Appeal the denial of Office of Investigations (OI) Report and attachments regarding OI Case No. 3-2012-021, including all documents reflecting communications about the case (FOIA/PA-2016-0481)	FOIA/PA-2017-0120A

Office of the Executive Director for Operations (OEDO)
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DPO Appeal Decision

On January 10, 2017, the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) issued a decision on the appeal of DPO 2016-001, concerning the language used in regulatory guides used by nuclear power plant licensees to develop risk-informed licensing submittals. The focus of the issues was on the language used to describe the appropriateness of the probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) used to support these submittals—specifically that the term “PRA quality” had been replaced with “technical adequacy,” introducing a circular reference in the definition of the term, which includes three components: scope, level of detail, and technical adequacy. The DPO submitter was concerned that this change in the definition, both elimination of the word “quality” and addition of “plant representation” as a sub-component could lead to confusion regarding the staff’s expectations. The DPO ad-hoc review panel recommended, and the Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research subsequently concluded, that the term “PRA acceptability” should be used. The DPO submitter appealed this decision as the replacement of “PRA quality” or “technical adequacy” with “PRA acceptability” in all instances could continue to be circular, and the discussion of PRA standards in the DPO decision could introduce confusion. The EDO considered the DPO documents and additional supporting materials and determined that it is appropriate to uphold the DPO decision to use “PRA acceptability” as the high-level term, with the staff given discretion to use appropriate sub-component terms. Recognizing the issues of clarity raised by the DPO submitter, the EDO stated that the change in terminology should be specifically noted in the *Federal Register* notice issuing the next revision to the PRA guidance for public comment, potentially with a specific request for comment on the terminology. The EDO also recommended issuing a brief Regulatory Issue Summary or other appropriate communication to publicize the final updated terminology for use in future documents. The public records for this DPO are available in the DPO case file via Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML17013A015.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-17-0009	01/18/2017	Staff's Statement in Support of the Uncontested Hearing for Issuance of a Combined License for North Anna Power Station Unit 3

Commission Correspondence

1. Letters to United States Senators and Representatives congratulating them on their elections to Congress and/or on their selections as Chairman and Ranking Member to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and Chairman to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, dated January 9, 2017.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. 640th Full Committee Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) - Notice of Meeting - February 9-11, 2017.
2. Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on APR 1400 – Notice of Meeting – Wednesday, February 8, 2017.
3. Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Regulatory Policies and Practices – Notice of Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2017 AM.