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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending February 24, 2017

**Uninterruptible Monitoring of Coolant and Fuel in Reactors and Spent Fuel Pools:
Petition for Rulemaking; Denial; Part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations
(PRM-50-113; NRC-2015-0230)**

On February 21, 2017, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* ([82 FR 11159](#)) denying a petition for rulemaking (PRM), dated September 10, 2015, submitted by Dr. Alexander DeVolpi (the petitioner). The petition was docketed by the NRC on September 21, 2015, and was assigned Docket No. PRM-50-113. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require “installation of ex-vessel instrumentation for uninterrupted monitoring of coolant and fuel in reactors and spent-fuel pools.” The NRC denied the petition because the issues raised by the petitioner have been addressed by actions taken by the NRC in response to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear accident. The docket for PRM-50-113 was closed on February 21, 2017.

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of February 21, 2017 – February 24, 2017, as submitted by requester**

A complete copy of the NRC Office of the Inspector General Report of Investigation, Case No. CD 14-003 (February 9, 2015), Potential Ethics Violation by the Acting General Counsel, and all records related to this investigation	FOIA/PA-2017-0360
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Certificate Disposition of Radioisotopes, date 10/31/1967, license: 35-11301-1	FOIA/PA-2017-0361
Copy of the Committee To Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) assessment referenced in a memorandum entitled "Summary of September 13, 2016, CRGR Public Meeting with Interested Stakeholders Regarding Backfitting and the Backfitting Process" (ML16258A299)	FOIA/PA-2017-0362
Copies of all records related to Allegation No. NRO-2016-A-0032	FOIA/PA-2017-0363
"Information on contamination, nuclear in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and wherever the contamination is greatest in locates besides these," in relation to FOIA-2017-0224"	FOIA/PA-2017-0364
Appeal the denial of information in response to FOIA/PA-2017-0105	FOIA/PA-2017-0123A
Appeal that the final response does not include records responsive to the request, FOIA/PA-2017-0359	FOIA/PA-2017-0124A

**Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
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Low Power and Shutdown (LPSD) Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Expert Elicitation

From February 21 through 23, 2017, RES staff, with support from the Offices of New Reactors and Nuclear Reactor Regulation, performed an expert elicitation to identify and rank key risk factors for a LPSD PRA. This work supports development of the integrated site level 3 PRA being performed for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant in response to Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) SECY 11-0089, and is also expected to aid PRA development activities by helping to direct resources toward areas with the highest potential to impact LPSD risk. In addition, this activity furthers staff work initiated under SRM SECY 11-0172 related to the development of staff guidance for implementing expert elicitation techniques. The expert elicitation utilized the Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) process to develop a qualitative ranking of plant operating states, hazards, and outage types according to their importance to LPSD risk. The expert elicitation was coordinated and facilitated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. The expert panel included representatives from the Westinghouse Electric Company, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, two nuclear industry consultants, and the NRC staff.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-17-0019	02/03/2017	Final Revision to Policy Statement Reporting Abnormal Occurrences Criteria
2. SECY-16-0131	11/16/2016	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Uninterruptible Monitoring of Coolant and Fuel in Reactors and Spent Fuel Pools (PRM-30-113; NRC-2015-0230)
3. Staff Requirements Memorandum - SECY-16-0131	01/12/2017	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Uninterruptible Monitoring of Coolant and Fuel in Reactors and Spent Fuel Pools (PRM-30-113; NRC-2015-0230)
4. Voting Record – SECY-16-0131	01/12/2017	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Uninterruptible Monitoring of Coolant and Fuel in Reactors and Spent Fuel Pools (PRM-30-113; NRC-2015-0230)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-17-0023	02/16/2017	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending February 10, 2017
2. SECY-17-0020	02/01/2017	The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Implementation Plan for the Radiation Source Protection and Security Task Force Report

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes: Meeting Notice for April 26-27, 2017.
2. Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee on Future Plant Designs – Notice of Meeting – March 8, 2017.