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**Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 28, 2017**

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks; TN Americas, LLC, NUHOMS® EOS Dry Spent Fuel Storage System, Certificate of Compliance No. 1042; Correction; Correcting Amendment; Part 72 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations; (Regulation Identifier Number 3150-AJ88; NRC-2016-0254)

On July 25, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a document in the *Federal Register* ([82 FR 34387](#)) correcting a direct final rule that appeared in the *Federal Register* on March 24, 2017 ([82 FR 14987](#)), that amended NRC's spent fuel storage regulations by adding the TN Americas LLC, NUHOMS® Extended Optimized Storage Dry Spent Fuel Storage System to the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" as Certificate of Compliance No. 1042. This action is necessary to correct the certificate expiration date. The correction is effective July 25, 2017.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 28, 2017

ARRIVALS		
NONE		
RETIREMENTS		
NONE		
DEPARTURES		
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**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 28, 2017**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of July 24 – July 28, 2017, as submitted by requester**

The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements and the Safety Evaluation Reports issued to the Cameco Corporation for their Crow Butte Uranium Mine, and the August 2015 minutes of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) hearings and the ASLB judgement on these hearing for the Crow Butte Uranium Mine	FOIA/PA-2017-0624
NRC record/document of all NRC employees who were charged with a crime(s) regardless of the nomenclature used in the charging documents by any lawful body, to include both local and federal entities, e.g., the local police department, the Office of the Inspector General for the NRC, from 01/01/2002 to 07/24/2017	FOIA/PA-2017-0625
Reports of Investigation (ROI) 17165A579 - a document that defines how Tier 1 questions for an NRC initial written examination are written, time period May through July 2017	FOIA/PA-2017-0626
ML15150A035	FOIA/PA-2017-0627
An electronic transcript of all cell phone calls to named individual's phone from two other named individuals	FOIA/PA-2017-0628
Records pertaining to the event codenamed "Nuclear 17"	FOIA/PA-2017-0629
Digital copy of named individual's review and analysis of a Union of Concerned Scientists letter that questioned the differences between NRC's and licensee's risk analysis for Significance Determination Process, referenced in an email dated August 3, 2015, from named individual to several NRC staffers (found within documents in ML16120A308 released in response to a FOIA request)	FOIA/PA-2017-0630

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Differing Professional Opinion Regarding Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station License Amendments

On June 28, 2017, the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) issued a decision on two Differing Professional Opinions (DPOs) submitted on December 28, 2016, and January 9, 2017, concerning two emergency license amendment requests submitted by Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) that were approved by the NRC related to diesel generator allowed outage time. The DPOs raised concerns that the approval of the emergency license amendments was inconsistent with the NRC Mission, NRC Vision, NRC Safety Objectives, NRC Effectiveness Strategies, NRC Openness Strategies, and the Principles of Good Regulation. On June 5, 2017, an Ad Hoc Panel (Panel) provided the results of its independent review of the DPOs to the Director, NRR. The Panel was not unanimous in concluding that the PVNGS license amendments should have been approved by the staff. The Panel was unanimous in concluding that additional guidance is needed in several areas for reviewing emergency license amendment allowed outage time extension requests for inoperable diesel generators, as well as guidance for deterministic license amendment requests with supplemental risk information, how and whether precedents should be used, and how and whether independent verification using independent risk tools should be used. The Panel also made eight recommendations to help clarify guidance to the staff. The Director, NRR, agreed with the Panel on the conclusions and on seven of the eight recommendations. Aspects of the DPO not directly related to the PVNGS amendments (e.g., comments regarding staff training and ROP effectiveness) will be considered as part of the staff's annual ROP review. Additionally, the comments were forwarded to the Office of the Inspector general. The DPO Case File can be found at ML17202G468.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 28, 2017**

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Lamar Alexander and Mike Simpson submits the NRC's Monthly Congressional Status Report for June 2017, dated July 18, 2017.
2. Letter to the Honorable Greg Walden, John Shimkus, John Barrasso, Shelley Moore Capito, Fred Upton, Rodney Frelinghuysen, Mike Simpson and Lamar Alexander, submits the June 2017 monthly status report of the NRC's activities and use of unobligated carryover funds appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund, dated July 19, 2017.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Combined License Application; Revised Notice of Hearing for Florida Power and Light Company; Turkey Point, Units 6 and 7 [Docket Nos. 52-040 and 52-041; NRC-2009-0337]
2. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information [NRC-2017-0162]