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**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending November 17, 2017**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of November 13 – November 17, 2017, as submitted by requester**

Any and all documents, including correspondence, interviews, and transcripts, related to Office of Investigations Report 2-2016-025 pertaining to named individual	FOIA/PA-2018-0063
All e-mails (including attachments), faxes, and letters exchanged between the following named staff at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the named White House staff as listed, from January 20, 2017, to March 31, 2017	FOIA/PA-2018-0064
All records pertaining to any Inspector General investigation into behavior by a named individual	FOIA/PA-2018-0065
Copy of responses to FOIA request numbers: 2016-0123, 2016-0052 and 2015-0492	FOIA/PA-2018-0066
ML15140A680 and LTR-15-274, ML11098067 and package ML11109A146, ML12333A202; NRC Form 7 Application for Export/Import License, last amendment, or renewal documents, from January 1, 2007, to November 13, 2017; NRC Form 250 Export Licenses for the Approved NRC Form 7 Application; and NRC Advance Export Notification documents from any shipper or receiver or carrier with the listed names, January 1, 2007 to November 13, 2017	FOIA/PA-2018-0067
Records pertaining to the cheating allegations made against named individual at Turkey Point Power Plant	FOIA/PA-2018-0068
All records released thus far under NRC FOIA 2018-0003	FOIA/PA-2018-0069
Same search topic as 2017-0456 (copies of all annual assessments of applying agency's criteria of designating records public or non-public reports, but not any released to named individual in FOIA 2016-0624 or 2016-0517), but for date range January 1, 1990 through December 31, 2004	FOIA/PA-2018-0070
Six newest Weekly Information Reports	FOIA/PA-2018-0071
Same topic search as FOIA 2017-0247 (contracts related to obtaining firearms), but for date range January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2011	FOIA/PA-2018-0072
List of all public and non-public SECY papers from 2015 through current date	FOIA/PA-2018-0073
SECY 86-384	FOIA/PA-2018-0074
Copies of appeals and internal/external communications related to them: 2017-0191A, 2017-0182A, 2017-0009A, 2017-0024A	FOIA/PA-2018-0075
Copy of CON-2017-0002, CON-2017-0003, CON-2017-0004, CON-2017-0005, and all internal/external communication related to CON-2017-0004	FOIA/PA-2018-0076
Copies of the following initial FOIA requests: 2017-0034, 2017-0038, 2017-0397, 2017-0398, 2017-0367, 2017-0368	FOIA/PA-2018-0077
Congressional Budget Justification for FY 2018	FOIA/PA-2018-0078
Job duties, organizational chart, and cell number of named NRC staff	FOIA/PA-2018-0079

Copies of the 20 oldest or pending FOIA requests, being processed or held in coordination with other agencies	FOIA/PA-2018-0080
All internal/external communication related to FOIA case and appeal numbers: 2017-0168A, 2017-0289, 2017-0194A, 2017-0456, 2017-0167A, 2017-0247	FOIA/PA-2018-0081
Appeal the redactions made to the #2 response of FOIA 2016-0738	FOIA/PA-2018-0010A
Appeal the search performed and withholding of the cell number in response to FOIA 2018-0011	FOIA/PA-2018-0011A
Appeal the large amount of redactions made to the requested record in response to FOIA 2017-0395	FOIA/PA-2018-0012A

Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Naturally-Occurring and Accelerator-Produced Radioactive Materials; Petition for Rulemaking (PRM); Extension of Comment Period; Part 30 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) (PRM 30-66; NRC-2017-0159)

On November 6, 2017, the NRC published an FRN in the *Federal Register* ([82 FR 51363](#)) extending the comment period for a PRM that was published on August 23, 2017 ([82 FR 39971](#)), by Matthew McKinley on behalf of the Organization of Agreement States. The comment period that was due to close on November 6, 2017, was extended for 30 calendar days to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments. Comments should be filed no later than December 6, 2017.

Miscellaneous Corrections; Final Rule; 10 CFR Parts 2, 9, 40, 50, 61, 71, 73, and 110; (Regulatory Identifier Number (RIN) 3150-AK08; NRC-2017-0170)

On November 15, 2017, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* ([82 FR 52823](#)) amending its regulations to make miscellaneous corrections. The amendments include correcting references, an address and a misspelling. The amendments will also make references to persons in one part of the NRC's regulations gender neutral. This document is necessary to inform the public of these non-substantive amendments to the NRC's regulations. This rule is effective December 15, 2017.

Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies; Regulatory Basis; Availability; 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 (RIN 3150-AJ68; NRC-2015-0225)

On November 15, 2017, the NRC published an FRN in the *Federal Register* ([82 FR 52862](#)) making available a regulatory basis document in support of a rulemaking that would develop new emergency preparedness (EP) requirements for small modular reactors (SMRs) and other new technologies (ONTs), such as non-light-water reactors and medical isotope production facilities. The regulatory basis concludes that there is sufficient justification to proceed with rulemaking to develop a clear set of rules and guidance for EP for SMRs and ONTs. The regulatory basis also concludes that the principle of using a dose-at-distance and consequence-oriented approach to determine the appropriate size of an emergency planning zone can be applied to SMRs and ONTs. The NRC is not seeking public comment on this document. There will be an opportunity for formal public comment on the proposed rule when it is published in the *Federal Register*. The regulatory basis was available on November 15, 2017.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Public Meeting to Discuss Crediting FLEX Strategies and Equipment in Regulatory Applications

On November 15, 2017, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Electric Power Research Institute, and several utilities to discuss crediting of FLEX strategies and equipment [the diverse and flexible coping capability, or “FLEX,” builds on earlier safety steps by providing an effective and efficient way to make U.S. nuclear energy facilities even safer] in regulatory applications beyond their original intent to mitigate Beyond Design Basis External Events. During the meeting, industry representatives and staff presented progress made in this area and identified challenges (e.g., staff’s ability to access operational experience on FLEX equipment and alignment on how FLEX strategies can be incorporated into probabilistic risk assessment models) that could inhibit progress. At the conclusion, the staff proposed (and industry agreed) to reflect on the information discussed at the meeting and hold the next meeting to discuss high-level strategies to address anticipated challenges.

Peach Bottom, Units 2 and 3 - Approval of Extended Power Uprate

On November 15, 2017, the staff approved a 1.66% measurement uncertainty recapture (MUR) power uprate for Peach Bottom, Units 2 and 3. Stretch and extended power uprates were previously approved for Peach Bottom. As such, the MUR represents a power level equivalent to 122% of the original licensed thermal power level. The licensee plans to implement the MUR for both units within 90 days.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-17-0105	10/25/2017	Update to the Integrated Strategy to Modernize the NRC'S Digital Instrumentation and Control Regulatory Infrastructure
1. SECY-17-0107	10/30/217	Annual Update on the Status of Emergency Preparedness and Incident Response Programs Activities
2. SECY-17-0115	11/15/2017	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending November 10, 2017

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, et al., submits the NRC's Semiannual Status Report on the Licensing Activities and Regulatory Duties (April – September 2017), dated November 6, 2017.
2. Letter to the Honorable Trey Gowdy, Mark Meadows, John Barrasso, Kevin Brady, Sam Johnson, Ron Johnson, Orrin Hatch and Greg Walden submits first report in response to the Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017, dated November 9, 2017.