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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Week Ending MAY 15, 2020

ARRIVALS		
NONE		
RETIREMENTS		
SHAFFER, MARK R.	DEPUTY REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	R-IV
DEPARTURES		
NONE		

**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 May 11 – May 15**

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2020-000230	Nancy Burton	CT Coalition Against Millstone	All records of reports and communications between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and its staff and the owners, operators, employees and contractor of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station concerning employees who have tested positive for COVID-10 including such individuals' job position and all applications to date for license exemptions pertaining to the Corona virus vis-a-vis Millstone.	05/11/2020
2020-000231	Harishwar Pasupu	Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Ryan	Copy of records showing information regarding depositor names, amounts and dates for all unrefunded cash escrows, cash deposits, performance or construction bonds which have been deposited with your municipality that have not been returned or refunded; every uncashed/stale-dated vendor check that has aged more than six months in an amount equal to or greater than one thousand dollars, and financial spreadsheet, ledger, or any other accounting record of property tax overpayments, or claimed/unredeemed tax lien certificates which have been refundable for more than six months.	05/11/2020
2020-000232	Thomas Saporito		Any and all documents in connection with NRC or its Office of Investigations related to an investigation of the Arizona Public Service Company (APS), as announced by the NRC on March 8, 1996 (No. 96-50), as specified.	05/11/2020
2020-000233	Thomas Saporito		All Exhibits on the record in Case Nos. 89-ERA-7 and 17.	05/11/2020
2020-000234	Lou Zeller	Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Inc.	Access to documents, data and calculations necessary for review of the License Amendment for Vogtle Unit 3 regarding seismic gap, and any documents, data and calculations	05/11/2020

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			regarding the analysis performed by the NRC Audit Team members in this matter.	
2020-000235	Thomas Saporito		Any and all documents and/or records of any type in connection with and between named individual's during the time period of 1988 to 1990.	05/11/2020
2020-000236	Thomas Saporito		Any and all documents and/or records of any type in connection with and between named individual's during the time period of 1988 to 1990.	05/11/2020
2020-000237	Allan Blutstein	American Rising	Copy of FOIA request 2020-000114, and records released; and records released in 2020-000141 and 2020-000142.	05/11/2020

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Staff Issued Safety Evaluation Related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Regarding Supplier Audits

On May 12, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a Safety Evaluation documenting its review of the Westinghouse Electric Company Topical Report (TR) "Quality Management System (QMS)," Revision 8.0 to extend the period for supplier audits due to COVID-19 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20132A321). The NRC determined that there is reasonable assurance that Westinghouse's QMS TR will continue to meet the requirements of Appendix B to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50 and 10 CFR Part 71 Subpart H while implementing the 25 percent extension of audit and survey frequencies during exigent conditions.

Staff Hosted Public Meeting Regarding the Low Safety Significant Issue Resolution Recommendation 5

On May 14, 2020, the NRC staff held a Category 2 meeting to discuss ongoing efforts to address Low Safety Significant Issue Resolution (LSSIR) Recommendation 5 (i.e., assess options for addressing low safety significant issues within the licensing basis) that was endorsed in the LSSIR Recommendation memorandum (ADAMS Accession No. ML19260G224). NRC's experts within the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) discussed its initiative to develop a streamlined process for the review of risk-informed exemptions to address very low safety significant issues within the licensing basis. Over 80 participants were in attendance.

Staff Hosted Public Meeting with NuScale

On May 14, 2020, the NRR staff held a public meeting with NuScale to discuss their approach for evaluating very small breaks and leaks of the reactor coolant system that are included in the design-basis accident analyses for the design. These analyses have been affected by the recent design changes proposed by the applicant. As a result of the public meeting, NuScale agreed to engage in additional discussions with staff to develop a path forward. The staff continues to evaluate the complex design changes and their impact on the overall review schedule.

Staff Issued Two Letters Related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Regarding Biennial Exercises and Select Fire Protection Requirements

On May 14, 2020, the NRC staff issued two letters to industry related to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). One letter provides information regarding the NRC's planned actions during the COVID-19 PHE related to the requirements contained in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) for full participation biennial exercises under Parts 30, 40, 50, 52, 70, and 72 to all NRC licensees that have a radiological emergency plan (ADAMS Accession No. ML20120A003). The second letter provides information regarding NRC's planned actions during the COVID-19 PHE related to requirements contained in 10 CFR, Section 50.48, "Fire protection," for fire brigade medical exams, quarterly drills, and annual live fire training (ADAMS Accession No. ML20122A022).

Staff Hosted Public Meeting on Regulatory Treatment of Newly Developed Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods

On May 15, 2020, the NRC staff held a Category 2 public meeting with industry representatives to discuss the regulatory treatment of newly developed probabilistic risk assessment methods and associated activities, including the planned update to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.200, "An Approach for Determining Acceptability of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities." Industry conveyed the importance of issuance of the RG as soon as practical, particularly for licensees who are planning to adopt TSTF-505 (i.e., risk-informed extended completion times for technical specifications). NRC staff conveyed to industry that completion of the update of RG 1.200 remains a high priority.

Staff Approved Licensing Requests for Regulatory Relief Related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The NRC staff has reviewed and approved several licensing requests seeking temporary flexibilities to maintain the safe and secure operation of the U.S. nuclear fleet during the pandemic. A summary of approved licensing actions provided during this reporting period are summarized below. A complete list of licensing actions approved by the NRC in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency is available on the NRC public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/covid-19/reactors/licensing-actions.html>.

Columbia Generating Station (Energy Northwest)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
License Amendment	Revise Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation 3.8.4 and 3.8.7	04/15/2020 ML20107G972	05/12/2020 ML20125A080
		04/23/2020 ML20114E280	

Fermi-2 (DTE Energy Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select 10 CFR Part 26 Work Hours Requirements	05/11/2020 ML20132A239	05/14/2020 ML20133K055

H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2 (Duke Energy Corporation)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, Requirements	04/30/2020 (Non-public)	05/14/2020 ML20129J867

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Reactor (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) Non-Power Reactor

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select 10 CFR Part 55 Operators Licenses Requirements	05/11/2020 ML20135H166	05/15/2020 ML20135H188

Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 (Energy Harbor Nuclear Corporation)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, Requirements	04/24/2020 ML20115E551 05/06/2020 ML20128J218	05/14/2020 ML20119A051

Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Southern Nuclear Operating Company Inc.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, Requirements	05/08/2020 (Non-public)	05/14/2020 ML20126G266

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Holtec International HI-STORM Flood/Wind Multipurpose Canister Storage System, Certificate of Compliance No. 1032, Amendment No. 5; Direct Final Rule; Part 72 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) [Regulatory Identifier Number (RIN) 3150-AK47; NRC-2020-0050]

On May 13, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a notice in the *Federal Register* (FR) ([85 FR 28479](#)) amending its spent fuel storage regulations by revising the Holtec International HI-STORM Flood/Wind Multipurpose Canister Storage System listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" to include Amendment No. 5 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1032. The companion proposed rule was also published on May 13, 2020 ([85 FR 28251](#)). The direct final rule is effective July 27, 2020.

Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies: Proposed Rule and Guidance; Request for Comment; 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 (RIN-3150-AJ68; NRC-2015-0225)

On May 12, 2020, the NRC published a notice in the FR ([85 FR 28436](#)) proposing to amend its regulations to include new alternative emergency preparedness (EP) requirements for small modular reactors (SMRs) and other new technologies (ONTs), such as non-light-water reactors (non-LWRs) and certain non-power production or utilization facilities. The new EP requirements would acknowledge technological advancements and other differences from large LWRs that are inherent in SMRs and ONTs. Concurrently, the NRC is issuing for public comment draft Regulatory Guide DG-1350, "Performance-Based Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors, Non-Light-Water Reactors, and Non-power Production or Utilization Facilities." The NRC plans to hold a public meeting to promote full understanding of the proposed rule and guidance and to facilitate public comment. Comments are requested by July 27, 2020.

Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality Guidance: Draft NUREG; Request for Comment; Extension of Comment Period; 10 CFR Chapter 1 (NRC-2018-0142)

On May 15, 2020, the NRC published a notice in the FR ([85 FR 29358](#)) extending the comment period for draft NUREG-1409, "Backfitting Guidelines," Revision 1," published on March 23, 2020. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on May 22, 2020. In recognition of the impacts of the current COVID-19 public health emergency across the nation, the NRC has decided to extend the public comment period to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit comments. The due date of comments requested in the document published on March 23, 2020 ([85 FR 28436](#)) is extended. Comments should be filed no later than July 22, 2020.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-20-0036	04/28/20	Annual Report to the Commission on Licensee Performance in the Nuclear Materials and Waste Safety Program Fiscal Year 2019
2. SECY-20-0039	04/30/20	Revisions to the Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment Program.
3. SECY-20-0040	05/01/20	Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment for Calendar Year 2019

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Edward Markey, et al., responds to questions about the Seabrook Nuclear Plant refueling process during the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak, dated May 5, 2020.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. 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 (Docket ID: NRC-2020-0108)
2. Petition for Rulemaking - Voluntary Adoption of Revised Design Basis Accident Dose Criteria [Docket No. PRM-50-121; NRC-2020-0055]
3. Categorization of the Licensee Fee Category for Full-Cost Recovery [Docket No. PRM-170-7; NRC-2018-0172]