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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending JULY 10, 2020

ARRIVALS
NONE
RETIREMENTS
NONE
DEPARTURES
NONE

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending JULY 10, 2020**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of July 6 – July 10**

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2020-000265	Priscilla P. Peret		"Electromagnetic Radiation, Remote Neural Monitoring".. ¹	07/06/2020
2020-000266	Priscilla Leonard	Conner & Winters	Transcript of NRC interview(s) with named individual.	07/09/2020
2020-000267	Koji Kayasaski		All the emails and email attachments that NRC chairman Gregory Jaczko received from any NRC staff members on March 12 and March 14, 2011.	07/09/2020
2020-000268	Koji Kayasaki		Calculation Result regarding Evaluation of the Fukushima Accident by RASCAL between March 11-March 18 in 2011.	07/09/2020

¹ The submitted description was limited to this statement.

**Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Staff Hosted Public Meeting Regarding Digital System Upgrades at Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3

On July 2, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public meeting with Entergy Operations, Inc. (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20170B064) to discuss its draft amendment request for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, regarding digital system upgrades (ADAMS Accession No. ML20168A903). The upgrades, if approved, would replace the existing instrumentation of the core protection and control element assembly calculator systems with a digital system.

Staff Hosted Public Meeting Regarding the Operating License Application for the SHINE Medical Isotope Production Facility

On July 6 and 7, 2020, the NRC held a public meeting with SHINE Medical Technologies, LLC (SHINE) in support of the review of the operating license application for the SHINE Medical Isotope Production Facility (ADAMS Accession No. ML20177A600). Topics of the public meeting focused on proposed audit discussions related to SHINE's accident analysis. Specific technical areas discussed included dose limits, dose calculations, selection of design basis accidents, and criticality safety.

Staff Approved Changes to Quality Assurance Program Description at Columbia Generating Station Related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

On July 7, 2020, the NRC staff approved an Energy Northwest request to revise the Columbia Generating Station's Operational Quality Assurance Program Description (OQAPD) to allow the use of remote source surveillances necessitated by the COVID-19 public health emergency (ADAMS Accession No. ML20181A445). Energy Northwest stated that the COVID-19 related OQAPD proposal was based on industry guidance in the Electrical Power Research Institute document entitled "Remote Source Verification During a Pandemic or Similar State of Emergency: Screening Criteria and Process Guidance."

Staff Hosted Public Meeting Regarding Digital Instrumentation and Controls Integrated Action Plan

On July 9, 2020, the NRC staff held a public meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) representatives to discuss modernization plan #3 of the Integrated Action Plan to Modernize Digital Instrumentation and Controls (ADAMS Accession No. ML20183A258). The main topic was the draft pre-endorsement revision of NEI 17-06, "Guidance on Using IEC 61508 Safety Integrity Level (SIL) Certification to Support the Acceptance of Commercial Grade Digital Equipment for Nuclear Safety Related Applications" (ADAMS Accession No. ML20184A018).

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>.

Licensing Request for Regulatory Relief Related to COVID-19

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2 and 3 (Tennessee Valley Authority)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of Title 10 of the <i>Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"</i>	06/19/2020 ML20174A281	07/06/2020 ML20175A198

Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (Dominion Nuclear)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	6/25/2020 Non-public (security-related)	07/10/2020 ML20182A718

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Staff Hosted Public Meeting on Holtec International Consolidated Interim Storage Facility

On July 9, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held its second public meeting via webinar and teleconference on the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Holtec International consolidated interim storage facility in Lea County, NM. The public meeting lasted 4.5 hours and over 200 individuals participated including local elected officials, concerned citizen organizations, members of the public, and industry representatives. The NRC heard from 42 speakers who called in from New Mexico as well as New York, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, DC, California, and Texas.

Staff Hosted Public Meeting on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal

On July 1, 2020, the NRC staff conducted a second Category 3 public meeting to solicit feedback on a proposed interpretive rule related to the low-level radioactive waste disposal regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 20.2001. The proposed interpretive rule would permit licensees to dispose of very low-level waste by transfer to persons who hold specific exemptions for the purpose of disposal. There were over 200 participants on the webinar. The comment period for the proposed interpretive rule ends on July 20, 2020.

Staff Issued Guidance for Thermal Model Validation

On July 6, 2020, the NRC staff issued NUREG-2238 "Validation of a Computational Fluid Dynamics Method Using Vertical Dry Cask Simulator Data". This report provides information on the validation and uncertainty quantification of a computational fluid dynamic model. The report uses the experimental data from a series of tests conducted using a single, prototypic boiling water reactor fuel assembly to simulate the thermal-hydraulic responses of both aboveground and underground dry storage casks. NUREG-2238 is available in ADAMS Accession No. ML20182A706, and NRC's public site at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr2238/>.

Patient Release Criteria for Radioactive Iodine: Petition for Rulemaking; Withdrawal by Petitioner; Part 35 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations PRM-35-21; NRC-2020-0037

On June 10, 2020, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (85 FR 41442) announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a petition for rulemaking (PRM-35-21), dated November 15, 2019, filed by Peter Crane on behalf of Sensible Controls on Administrations of Radioactive Iodine. The petitioner requested that the NRC revise its regulations regarding the criteria for patient release after the administration of radioactive iodine. By letter dated May 22, 2020, the petitioner withdrew the petition. The docket for PRM-35-21 closed on July 10, 2020.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Document		
1. SECY-20-0056	06/26/20	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking-Alternatives to the Use of Credit Ratings (RIN 3150-AJ92)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to The President, submits the report Promoting the Rule of Law Through Transparency and Fairness in Civil Administrative Enforcement and Adjudication, dated June 29, 2020.
2. Letter to the Honorable John A. Barrasso and Frank Pallone, Jr., submits report on Best Practices for Establishment and Operation of Local Community Advisory Boards Associated with Decommissioning Activities at Nuclear Power Plants, dated July 1, 2020.
3. Letter to the Honorable John Barrasso, et al., submits the NRC's "Report to Congress on the Security Inspection Program for Commercial Power Reactors and Category 1 Fuel Cycle Facilities: Results and Status Update" for calendar year 2019, dated June 29, 2020.