

## INFORMATION REPORT

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

SECY-20-0081

FOR: The Commissioners

FROM: Catherine Haney  
Assistant for Operations  
Office of the Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT – WEEK ENDING  
AUGUST 21, 2020

### CONTENTS

### Enclosure

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer	A
Office of the Chief Information Officer	B
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation	C
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards	D
Office of the Secretary	E
Office of Administration	F

Catherine Haney  
Assistant for Operations, OEDO

Contact: C. Cook, OEDO  
301-415-6397

WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT – WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2020, DATED  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

**DISTRIBUTION:**

EDO R/F

AO R/F

**ADAMS Accession No: ML20238B976**

OFFICE	OEDO	OEDO/AO
NAME	CCook	CHaney
DATE	8/27/20	9/3/20

**OFFICIAL RECORD COPY**

**Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)**  
**Items of Interest**  
**Week Ending AUGUST 21, 2020**

<b>ARRIVALS</b>		
NONE		
<b>RETIREMENTS</b>		
NONE		
<b>DEPARTURES</b>		
AYEBAE, JADA-MERCY K.	SUMMER INTERN	NSIR
DEBONTE, ALEXANDRA ELIZ	STUDENT LAW CLERK	OGC
FOWLER, RYAN	SUMMER INTERN	NSIR
JOHNSTON, LINCOLN A.	STUDENT INTERN	RES
LOFTUS, TAYLOR	STUDENT INTERN	R-II
MATHIS II, PHILLIPE K.	STUDENT INTERN (MGMT ANALYST)	OIG
OLVERA, ERIC	FINANCIAL ANALYST	OCIO
RADICHKOVA, SONYA R.	STUDENT INTERN	OCHCO
SENG, WEN H.	STUDENT INTERN	OCHCO
THOMPSON, BENJAMIN H.	SUMMER INTERN	NMSS
WANG, JONATHAN L.	STUDENT INTERN	OCIO
WILLIAMS, LAUREN	STUDENT INTERN	NRR

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending AUGUST 21, 2020**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received  
During the Period of August 17 – August 21**

<b>Tracking Number</b>	<b>Requester's Name</b>	<b>Requester's Organization</b>	<b>Request Description as submitted by requester</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
2020-000301	Dr. Quentin Jevar Crocheron	President of the United States of America	Appeal agency's response to 2019-000382, for all records with named individual to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General, Office of Special Counsel (Justice Department), Postal Inspector Office of the Inspector General, Office of Professional Accountability (Department of Justice)/All bureaus.	08/18/2020

**Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)**  
**Items of Interest**  
**Week Ending AUGUST 21, 2020**

**Staff Hosted Public Meeting Regarding Regulatory Improvements to Support the Licensing of Advanced Reactors**

On August 20, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a virtual public meeting on regulatory improvements to support the licensing of advanced reactors (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML20232D199); over 200 stakeholders participated in the meeting. Topics included advanced reactor source term pilot studies, annual fee regulations for micro-reactors, Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 53 rulemaking, spent fuel reprocessing rulemaking, and reports on tritium control for molten salt reactors (MSRs), mechanistic source term, and MSR non-power reactor application guidance. This meeting was in support of Strategy 3 (regulatory framework) of the advanced reactor Implementation Action Plans (additional information is available on the NRC public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/advanced.html#visStrat>).

**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**

*Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	07/30/2020 Non-public (security-related)	08/17/2020 ML20213C177

*Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Southern Nuclear Operating Company)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	08/07/2020 Non-public (security-related)	08/18/2020 ML20220A673

*Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	08/07/2020 Non-public (security-related)	08/19/2020 ML20209A525

*Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	08/06/2020 ML20219A448	08/17/2020 ML20219A751

**Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)**  
**Items of Interest**  
**Week Ending AUGUST 21, 2020**

**NMSS Staff Issue Amendment to Global Nuclear Fuels -- Americas**

On August 13, 2020, NMSS staff issued Amendment 16 to Special Nuclear Materials license (SNM-1097) for Global Nuclear Fuels – Americas (GNF-A) (Docket 70-1113). The request, submitted June 23, 2020, is part of the larger GNF-A initiative to fabricate high assay low enriched uranium fuel. The amendment approves GNF-A's nuclear criticality safety analytic methods and validation techniques for the minimum margin of subcriticality up to 8 weight percent.

**NMSS Staff Grants Exemption to Duke Energy**

On August 14, 2020, NMSS staff granted an exemption to Duke Energy Carolinas' McGuire Nuclear Station Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation which allows Duke Energy to maintain MAGNASTOR® Cask 0FCTKN045 in a storage condition where the helium density is above the range specified in the technical specification. The staff reviewed the proposed exemption and determined that the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

**NMSS Staff Participates in Meeting with Navajo Nation**

On August 18, 2020, the NMSS staff and management participated in the Environmental Protection Agency's meeting with the Navajo Nation President, Vice President and Navajo Counsel as part of a multi-agency consultation on the 10-year plan, "Federal Actions to Address Impacts of Uranium Contamination on the Navajo Nation." The Environmental Protection Agency is the lead Federal agency for the 10-year plan. The Department of Energy, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry participated as well. The agencies discussed their roles in the 10-year plan and answered questions from the Navajo Nation representatives.

**NMSS Staff Conduct Meeting on Potential Update of Generic Environmental Impact Statement**

On August 19, 2020, NMSS staff conducted two public scoping meetings (afternoon and evening webinars) to receive comments and suggestions from the public on the review and potential update of the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (NUREG-1437) and associated rule (Table B-1 in Appendix B to Subpart A of 10 CFR Part 51). The staff intends to use this information to determine whether and how to proceed with updating the NUREG and rule. Upon completion of scoping, the staff will prepare a rulemaking plan for the Commission's review and approval. Approximately 35 people attended the afternoon meeting and 5 people attended the evening meeting, including representatives from nuclear industry and Federal and State agencies.

### **NMSS Staff Hold Public Meeting on Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

On August 20, 2020, NMSS staff held its third public meeting via webinar and teleconference on the draft environmental impact statement for the Holtec International proposed consolidated interim storage facility to be located in Lea County, New Mexico. The public meeting lasted approximately 2 hours and approximately 90 individuals (mainly concerned citizen organizations and members of the public) participated, out of which 15 provided oral comments. The next public meetings via webinar and teleconference will be on August 25 and August 26, 2020.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending AUGUST 21, 2020**

<b>Document Released to Public</b>	<b>Date of Document</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-20-0076	08/20/20	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending 08/07/2020

**Commission Correspondence**

1. Letter to the Honorable Gary C. Peters, responds to letter requesting information related to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) plan for reopening and returning federal employees to their normal duty stations in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, dated August 12, 2020.
2. Letter to the Honorable John A. Barrasso, et al., submits the report for the third quarter in Fiscal Year 2020 on the licensing activities and regulatory duties of the NRC (for the reporting period of April 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020), dated August 12, 2020.
3. Letter to the Honorable Jan Schakowsky, responds to letter requesting that the NRC extend the public comment period on the NRC's proposed interpretive rule on the transfer of very low-level waste to exempt persons for disposal, dated August 14, 2020.

**Federal Register Notices Issued**

1. Public Protective Actions During a General Emergency; notice of docketing and request for comment [Docket No. PRM-50-123; NRC-2020-0155]

**Office of Administration (ADM)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending AUGUST 21, 2020**

**Microsoft Enterprise Premier Support**

On August 17, 2020, contract number NNG15SD53B/31310020F0102 was awarded to SHI International Corp. in Somerset, NJ. The purpose of this contract is to provide the agency with Microsoft Enterprise Premier Support for new and existing Microsoft technologies in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission computing environment. The period of performance is from September 25, 2020 to January 24, 2021 with three option periods. The total potential value of the contract can be up to \$686,085.00.