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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
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ARRIVALS:		
CARTER, CHRISTOPHER	HUMAN RESOURCES (HRIS)	OCHCO
LEE, NORA	SENIOR ACCOUNTANT	OCFO
LICHVAR, SHAWN	PROJECT ENGINEER (RI-DP)	R-IV
RAU, ADAM	GENERAL ENGINEER	NRR
ROGERS, SHANNON	SENIOR POLICY & PROGRAM DEV SPECIALIS	OCHCO
SMALLEY, NICHOLAS	PROJECT ENGINEER (RIDP)	R-II
RETIREMENTS:		
CHAMBERS, MICHAEL L	PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTOR	R-IV
DEPARTURES:		
HOWELLS, CHRISTOPHER A	COST ANALYST	NMSS
MAYHALL, TAYLOR ANNE	LAW CLERK	ASLBP

**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 September 21 – September 25

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2020-000311	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the detailed description of the WEBACTS database of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safety ¹ , and the operating manual or handbook or user guide for that database	09/21/2020
2020-000312	Ron Hartke	Ardent Technologies, Inc.	Historical PWS/SOW [Performance Work Statement/Statement of Work] for existing contract, NRCHQ4016C0006, with current assignment of Program Manager, Customer of Record, Point of Contact, Contract Officer, and Contract Specialist	09/21/2020
2020-000313	Ron Hartke	Ardent Technologies, Inc.	Historical PWS/SOW [Performance Work Statement/Statement of Work] for existing contract, NRCHQ7P16C0001, with current assignment of Program Manager, Customer of Record, Point of Contact, Contract Officer, and Contract Specialist	09/21/2020
2020-000314	George Levy		All technical and regulatory information related to the resolution and conclusion of Allegation RIV-2019-A-0065 including NRC staff review as cited in the allegation response letter dated Sept. 17, 2020	09/21/2020
2020-000315	William Turner	University of Pennsylvania	All documents pertaining to Dr. Leo C. Young and his work including any documents addressed to or from him. He worked at the Naval Research Laboratory as well as acted as	09/21/2020

¹ Inferred request to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

			Director of Research for the U.S. Department of Defense	
2020-000316	Roald Ramsdal	Teknisk Ukeblad	A copy of the correspondence between Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (DSA) and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding the investigation of irregularities in some earlier research projects at the Halden reactor. The correspondence started spring/early summer 2020. One of the letters/emails from DSA is probably dated 26th of June 2020	09/22/2020
2020-000317	Michael Ayele	Association For The Advancement of Civil Liberties	Appeal the adequacy of search in response to 2020-000279, which seeks (1) All prosecution memorandums submitted to the Attorney General relating to Paul Manafort and Richard Gates; (2) The guilty plea agreement concluded between Michael Flynn and the U.S Government; (3) All search warrants obtained by the U.S Government to look into Michael Flynn ties with the State of Israel and (4) All communications in the form of e-mails and postal correspondence exchanged between employees and legal representatives of the Department of Justice, the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, the Department of Defense, the Department of Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, the Environmental Protection Agency, the NRC and the United Nations, about George Papadopoulos ties with the state of Israel, if such records do indeed exist	09/23/2020
2020-000318	Jacklyn Kerns	LeaseQuery	A copy of the following public records: 1. What accounting standards do you as a federal	09/23/2020

			agency follow? Will you be subject to GASB 96?; 2. All records related to SBITA contracts for the past 2 years; 3. Copies of all current SBITA contracts that are active for the agency; 4. All accounting records related to SBITA contracts and payments for the past 2 years, and 5. All records relating to budgeted expenditures for SBITA contracts for the previous year, current year, and next year	
2020-000319	Austin R. Evers	American Oversight	All calendars or calendar entries of the named U.S. Department of the Treasury senior leaders, between January 20, 2017 to the date a search is conducted, and any calendars maintained for the Secretary's and the Deputy Secretary's Conference Rooms	09/24/2020
2020-000320	Clay Keys		A copy of FOIA request, NRC-2018-000485, and the agency's response	09/24/2020
2020-000321	Clay Keys		A copy of the following closed investigations: C12 056 and C16 016	09/24/2020
2020-000322	Julian Tarver		Copies of the 24 listed initial FOIA requests	09/24/2020
2020-000323	Tommy Smith		The Sunshine Act Meeting Notices for the weeks of April 20th, April 27th, and May 4th	09/25/2020

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Staff Hosted Public Meeting Regarding Comments Received on Draft Guidance on Volcanic Hazards Assessment for Proposed Nuclear Power Reactor Sites

On September 22, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting with representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20265A360), to discuss comments received on Draft Guide 4028, "Volcanic Hazards Assessment for Proposed Nuclear Power Reactor Sites" (ADAMS Accession No. ML20213A749). The staff will consider the feedback and comments from this meeting as they revise the draft guide. The staff is also considering additional public interactions before finalizing and issuing the regulatory guide.

Staff Issued Memorandum Regarding Status of Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 3

On September 24, 2020, the NRC staff issued a memorandum to the Commission (ADAMS Accession No. ML20183A090) describing activities related to Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 3 closure of inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC), inspections related to ITAAC and operational programs, current licensing activities, and any possible impact these activities might have on the timing of the staff's finding under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 52.103(g) that all ITAAC acceptance criteria are met. The licensee cannot operate the facility until this finding has been made.

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

On September 24, 2020, the staff held a public meeting with representatives from the NEI (ADAMS Accession No. ML20258A181) to discuss comments on draft Branch Technical Position (BTP) 7-19, Revision 8, regarding guidance for evaluating potential common cause failures in digital safety systems (ADAMS Accession No. ML20237F570). NEI's comments (ADAMS Accession No. ML20262H182) were provided following the staff's public meeting with the NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Digital Instrumentation and Controls Subcommittee on September 8, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20237F497). The staff plans to finalize BTP 7-19 in preparation for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Full Committee meeting in November, and to submit BTP 7-19, Revision 8 to The Office of Management and Budget for clearance in December.

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>.

Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 (Susquehanna Nuclear, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	08/18/2020 Non-public (security-related)	09/22/2020 ML20232C272

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC International, Inc. MAGNASTOR® Storage System, Certificate of Compliance No. 1031, Amendment No. 9: Direct Final Rule; Part 72 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Regulatory Identifier Number 3250-AK50; NRC-2020-0166)

On September 22, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([85 FR 59396](#)) amending its spent fuel storage regulations by revising the NAC International, Inc. MAGNASTOR® Storage System listing within the “List of approved spent fuel storage casks” to include Amendment No. 9 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1031. The companion proposed rule was also published in the *Federal Register* on September 22, 2020, ([85 FR 59447](#)). This direct final rule is effective December 7, 2020.

NMSS Grants Exemption to the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology

On September 17, 2020, NMSS granted a temporary exemption (ML20252A174) to the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology. The exemption provides relief from the NRC recognized medical specialty board work experience requirement in 10 CFR 35.290(c)(1)(ii)(G). The exemption is related to COVID-19. The staff 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 make Presentation to National Academies of Sciences

On September 22, 2020, NMSS staff made a presentation to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine committee that has been tasked to study: (1) the merits and viability of different nuclear fuel cycles and technology options and (2) the waste aspects of advanced nuclear reactors. Staff’s presentation included an overview of the NRC’s regulatory framework for the fresh and spent fuel portions of the nuclear fuel cycle, fuel cycle licensing and oversight experience, and the preparatory activities for the advanced reactor fuel cycle. The staff addressed questions from the committee on disposal, material control and accounting, and the staff’s communications and engagement with industry and agency counterparts.

NMSS Staff Participate in Workshop on Uranium Recovery Facilities

On September 22 through 24, 2020, staff from NMSS, Region IV, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and five Agreement States (Colorado, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) participated in a workshop to discuss the Completion Review Report (CRR) process for the termination of Agreement State uranium recovery facilities. The workshop included presentations by each Agreement State, DOE, and NMSS. NMSS staff presented on their current CRR activities and on the proposed revision to SA-900, “Termination of Uranium Milling Licenses in Agreement States.” In addition, the NRC staff also discussed their streamlined review process for new uranium recovery applications.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-20-0082	09/08/20	Rulemaking Plan to Extend the Duration of the AP1000 Design Certification
2. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-20-0020	09/21/20	Results of Exploratory Process for Developing a Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operation of Advanced Nuclear Reactors
3. Commission Voting Record SECY-20-0020	09/21/20	Results of Exploratory Process for Developing a Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operation of Advanced Nuclear Reactors
4. SECY-19-0072	07/15/19	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Measurement and Control of Combustible Gas Generation and Dispersal (PRM-50-103; NRC-2011-0189)
5. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-19-0072	08/28/20	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Measurement and Control of Combustible Gas Generation and Dispersal (PRM-50-103; NRC-2011-0189)
6. Commission Voting Record SECY-19-0072	09/21/20	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Measurement and Control of Combustible Gas Generation and Dispersal (PRM-50-103; NRC-2011-0189)
Information Papers		
None		
Memoranda		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum M200915B	09/21/20	Agency's Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Public)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Carolyn Maloney, et al., submits the NRC's fourth report in response to the Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017, dated September 15, 2020.

2. Letter to the Honorable Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, responds to letter regarding opposition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's decision to substitute in-person meetings in New Mexico with a series of webinars, dated September 15, 2020.
3. Letter to the Honorable Lamar Alexander and Marcy Kaptur submits the NRC's monthly Congressional Status Report for August 2020, dated September 17, 2020.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. 679th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) – Notice of Meeting – October 8-10, 2020
2. Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program; Direct Final Rule [NRC-2017-0151] RIN 3150-AK07
3. Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program; Proposed Rule, [NRC-2017-0151] RIN 3150-AK07
4. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; In The Matter of Joseph Shea (Enforcement Action) Docket No. IA-20-008-EA, ASLBP No. 20-968-04-EA-BD01

**Office of Administration (ADM)
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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Conference Room Modernization

On September 21, 2020, contract number 31310020C0040 was awarded to Seventh Sense Consulting, LLC in Woodbridge, VA. The purpose of this contract is to update the audiovisual equipment in the ACRS conference rooms, and to provide maintenance of that equipment. The period of performance is from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021, with four option periods. The total potential value of the contract can be up to \$1,121,344.88.

Active Navigation's Discovery Center Software and Professional Services

On September 23, 2020, contract number NNG15SC82B/31310020F0134 was awarded to New Tech Solutions, Inc. in Fremont, CA. The purpose of this contract is to provide the agency with Active Navigation's Discovery Center software and related professional services. The period of performance is from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021, with four option periods. The total potential value of the contract can be up to \$732,244.45.