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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
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ARRIVALS:		
DJAPARI, AZMI	TRANSPORTATION & STORAGE SAFETY INSP	NMSS
THOMLINSON, AARON	QUALITY ASSURANCE ENGINEER	NMSS
RETIREMENTS:		
NONE		
DEPARTURES:		
GUISHARD, KEVIN A	SENIOR AUDITOR	OIG
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**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 November 16 – November 20

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000031	Michael Ayele	Association For The Advancement of Civil Liberties	Records pertaining to named individual as described	11/19/2020
2021-000032	Stealthmode Hu		All documents concerning an event at Watts Bar on November 11, 2015	11/19/2020
2021-000033	Aaron R. Lampi		All information for OI-3-2017-003 ROI and anything else in regard to this case	11/19/2020
2021-000034	Ron Hartke	Ardent Technologies Inc.	Historical Performance Work Statement (PWS)/Statement of Work (SOW) for existing contract - NRCHQ4017C0001; for existing contract: who is currently assigned, PM (program manager), COR (Contracting Organization Representative), POC (point of contact), CO/KO (contract officer), and CS (contract specialist)	11/20/2020
2021-000035	Jamerra Cherry	Hyman Phelps & McNamara PC	Request for any and all records concerning proposed or final guidelines for hair testing released by or on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services. Any and all records concerning the names, title and curriculum vitae of individuals or subject matter experts who participated in preparing or were consulted with during preparation of any such guidelines for hair testing. Any and all records for documentation relied upon by such individuals and Subject Matter Experts. In addition, any and all financial records, statements or invoices for such Subject Matter Experts and individuals' participation or consultation relating to the guidelines, including any conflict of interest statements.	11/20/2020

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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NextEra Submitted a Subsequent License Renewal Application for Point Beach Units 1 and 2

On November 16, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received a subsequent license renewal application from NextEra Energy for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The current renewed operating licenses for Point Beach, Units 1 and 2, expire on October 5, 2030, and March 8, 2033, respectively. The staff plans to complete its safety and environmental reviews within 18 months after the application is accepted for review. More information on subsequent license renewal can be found at <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/subsequent-license-renewal.html#future>.

NRC Hosted Meeting with the National Organization of Test, Research and Training Reactors, Inc.

On November 19, 2020, NRC staff conducted a virtual public meeting (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20307A166) with members of the National Organization of Test, Research and Training Reactors, Inc. (TRTR). The purpose of the public meeting was to discuss the proposed white paper being developed by members of TRTR providing guidance on compliance with the regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.59, "Changes, tests and experiments," emphasizing aspects specific to research and test reactors.

NRC Hosted Public Meeting on Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.183

On November 19, 2020, the NRC held a Category 2 public meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML20308A496) to discuss the process, schedule, and enhancements under consideration for a revision to Regulatory Guide 1.183, "Alternative Radiological Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors." This revision is expected, in part, to include guidance associated with licensing of advanced light water reactors and other industry initiatives, such as accident tolerant fuel, high-burnup, and increased enrichment. Approximately 140 participants, including representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute, Electric Power Research Institute, nuclear fuel vendors, and reactor licensees attended. The staff plans to hold another public meeting in early 2021 and will continue to seek stakeholder feedback prior to issuance of the draft regulatory guide for public comment in late 2021.

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-1

Vogtle, Unit No. 2 (Southern Nuclear Operating Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Relief Request	Deferral of 10 CFR 50.55a Owner's Activity Report (OAR-1)	10/30/2020 ML20304A380	11/12/2020 ML20307A141

Calvert Cliffs, Unit 1 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Other Licensing Action	Extension of Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program Capsule Report	08/10/2020 ML20223A257	11/16/2020 ML20307A500

Callaway, Unit No. 1 (Union Electric Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	11/05/2020 ML20310A333	11/17/2020 ML20317A153

Fermi-2 (DTE Electric Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	11/10/2020 ML20315A373	11/18/2020 ML20317A272

Davis-Besse, Unit No. 1 (Energy Harbor Nuclear Corp.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	11/18/2020 ML20323A169	11/19/2020 ML20323A412

Palo Verde, Unit No. 2 (Arizona Public Service Co.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Relief Request	One-Time Deferral of Containment Post-Tensioning (Tendon) Inspection	11/05/2020 ML20315A156	11/19/2020 ML20325A039

Hope Creek Generating Station and Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 And 2 (PSEG Nuclear LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	10/26/2020 ML20300A588	11/20/2020 ML20309A887

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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NMSS Staff Approved Implementation of Cyber System for Piketon, Ohio Facility

On November 17, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, in coordination with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), approved the implementation of Centrus Energy Corp./American Centrifuge Operating's (ACO's) cyber system at ACO's Piketon facility for the processing of classified information up to and including Secret Restricted Data for three years. The approval authorized ACO to begin using its distributed control system for the 16-centrifuge cascade which is to be installed in the Piketon, Ohio facility under the High Assay Low Enriched Uranium Demonstration Program. Based on the NRC's October 30, 2020, approval of ACO's security plans and the results of the operational readiness review performed by the staff, in coordination with DOE, it was determined that ACO's cyber system provides adequate security.

NMSS and Regional Staff Held a Public Meeting on COVID-19 Related Regulatory Requests

On November 17, 2020, NMSS and Regional staff held a public meeting to discuss available regulatory relief for medical, industrial, and academic licensees during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and to engage stakeholders to determine whether there is need for additional regulatory relief. Approximately 174 licensees, Agreement State representatives, and other stakeholders joined the WebEx meeting. The staff answered questions regarding the timing of exemption requests, available relief for closed facilities, how inspections are handled when facilities are limiting site access, what COVID-prevention measures NRC inspection staff are taking during on-site inspections, whether remote inspections are eventually followed up with in-person inspections, and how requests for remote training for authorized users are being handled.

NMSS Staff Held Public Meeting on the Technology Inclusive Advanced Nuclear Reactor Rulemaking

On November 18, 2020, the staff held a public webinar to discuss preliminary proposed safety criteria rule language (subpart B) for the technology inclusive Part 53 advanced nuclear reactor rulemaking. More than 100 stakeholders attended the meeting, including representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute, United States Nuclear Industry Council, and advanced reactor developers. Stakeholders provided varying perspectives on the preliminary rule language, but in general were supportive. The next steps will be to release preliminary proposed rule language related to design (subpart C) and siting (subpart D) criteria to support a public meeting on January 7, 2021.

NMSS Staff Participated in American Nuclear Society Meeting

During the week of November 16, 2020, NMSS staff participated remotely in two expert panels at the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting. The staff delivered presentations on the NRC's decommissioning staff development, training, and qualification programs and the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act Section 108 Final Report on Best Practices for Local Community Advisory Boards.

NMSS Staff Participated in Public Meeting on Hanford Waste

On November 19, 2020, NMSS staff participated in a DOE public meeting to discuss its Draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation regarding the Vitrified Low Activity Waste Disposed Onsite at the Hanford Site. The purpose of the meeting was for NRC to provide clarification on the Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) that were issued to DOE on November 6. After providing a general overview of the RAIs, the meeting format enabled the public to ask questions directly to the NRC staff about NRC's review process and the development of the RAIs. This format has been effective in enhancing public confidence in the review process and highlighting NRC's independent review.

Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
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Staff Participated in the Annual Meeting of the Centrifuge Collaboration Security Working Group

On November 12, 2020, staff from NSIR and the Office of International Programs (OIP) participated in a WebEx call of the annual meeting of the Centrifuge Collaboration Security Working Group. The working group is composed of five countries, the United Kingdom, Germany, The Netherlands, France and the United States. These countries are party to the Treaty of Paris, which provides a framework for the establishment of procedures for the handling of classified information regarding the operation of uranium installations in the U.S. and abroad using European centrifuge enrichment technology. The next meeting will be held in the United States in late summer 2021 (pending the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. and abroad).

Staff Hosted Public Meeting on Cyber Security Program Guidance

On November 17 and 18, NSIR hosted a Category 2 public meeting to discuss implementation of risk-informed enhancements to the cyber security program, as described in the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) white papers "Changes to NEI 10-04 and NEI 13-10 Guidance for Identifying and Protecting Digital Assets Associated with the Balance of Plant" and "Changes to NEI 10-04 and NEI 13-10 Guidance for Identifying and Protecting Digital Assets Associated with Safety-Related and Important-to-Safety Functions." The meeting was attended by nearly 70 participants from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, industry and the public. The meeting provided an opportunity for industry to present the white papers using examples for identifying critical digital assets associated with balance of plant and safety-related and important-to-safety functions. Additionally, the meeting provided the NRC, industry, and the public the opportunity to provide feedback on industry's proposed implementation of the guidance in the white papers.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-20-0102	10/30/20	Proposed Rule: Harmonization of Transportation Safety Requirements with International Atomic Energy Agency Standards (RIN 3150-AJ85; NRC-2016-0179)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-20-0101	10/30/20	Annual Update on the Status of Emergency Preparedness and Incident Response Programs' Activities
2. SECY-20-0096	11/17/20	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending 10/09/2020
3. SECY-20-0104	11/17/20	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending 10/16/2020
4. SECY-20-0105	11/17/20	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending 10/23/2020
5. SECY-20-0106	11/17/20	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending 10/30/2020
Memoranda		
1. None		

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable John Barrasso, et al, submits the NRC's fourth quarter Status Report on the Licensing Activities and Regulatory Duties from July 1 through September 30, 2020, dated November 12, 2020.
2. Letter to the Honorable Mike Braun, et al., submits the NRC's Semiannual Status Report on the Licensing Activities and Regulatory Duties from April 1 through September 30, 2020 and includes a list of rulemaking activities and their priority schedule, dated November 12, 2020.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. 681st Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) – Notice of Meeting – December 1-4, 2020