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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
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ARRIVALS		
AZEIZAT, JOSEPH	ATTORNEY	OGC
BURTON, MATHEW	MATERIALS ENGINEER	NRR
CORCORAN, TYLER	PROJECT ENGINEER RES INSP PROG	R-I
FAY, KEVIN	REACTOR INSPECTOR	R-III
GANGEWERE, MEGAN	REACTOR INSPECTOR	R-III
MURPHY, KEVIN	OPERATIONS ENGINEER	R-I
VEUNEPHACHAN, STORM	HEALTH PHYSICIST	R-I
WEST, CHRISTOPHER	TRAINING SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGER	OCHCO
RETIREMENTS		
HICKS, VALENCIA R	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	R-II
DEPARTURES		
HARRISON, DEBORAH C	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-IV
KONDURI, INDU M.	SENIOR IT SPECIALIST (PROJ MANAGER)	OCIO
SANDOVAL, ANTHONY J	STUDENT ENGINEER (CO-OP)	NMSS

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of November 30 – December 4

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000042	Jared R. Sullivan	jr-sullivan.com	Transcripts or notes the NRC Office of Enforcement or the Office of Investigation has in their possessions of named individual's interview to the TVA Office of General Counsel	12/02/2020
2021-000043	Jared R. Sullivan	jr-sullivan.com	Any and all transcripts of interviews with named TVA employee relating to Docket# IA-20-008, NRC Office of Investigations Report NO. 2-2019-015, or Report for Investigation No. 2-2018-033. NRC-2021-000021	12/02/2020
2021-000044	Jared R. Sullivan	jr-sullivan.com	Any and all transcripts of interviews with named TVA employee relating to Docket# IA-20-008, NRC Office of Investigations Report NO. 2-2019-015, or Report for Investigation No. 2-2018-033. NRC-2021-000021	12/02/2020
2021-000045	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the same records requested in NRC FOIA Case 2020-000289	12/03/2020
2021-000046	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the same records requested in NRC FOIA Case 2020-000267	12/03/2020
2021-000047	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the same records requested in NRC FOIA Case 2020-000276	12/03/2020
2021-000048	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the same records requested in NRC FOIA Case 2020-000209	12/03/2020
2021-000049			(Test Case for Developers)	12/03/2020

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000050	Jennifer Gadd Edwards	Occidental Petroleum Corp.	Documents between December 1, 2013 and January 31, 2015 relating to the Settlement Agreement or the settlement of the claims asserted in the Complaint-In-Intervention or the Adversary Proceeding; documents between December 1, 2013 and January 31, 2015 relating to the valuation of any claims or damages asserted in the Complaint-In-Intervention or the Adversary Proceeding; documents between December 1, 2013 and January 31, 2015 relating to expected and/or actual costs for cleanup of Covered Sites; documents between December 1, 2013 and January 31, 2015 relating to receipt, distribution, and/or expenditure of funds received by the Agency in connection with the Settlement Agreement; documents between December 1, 2013 and January 31, 2015 concerning Agency's valuation of a CERCLA multiplier for claims discharged in the Settlement Agreement; communications relating to the Settlement Agreement or the Adversary Proceeding exchanged between December 1, 2013 and January 31, 2015 between Agency and any of the named individuals; and any demand letters sent to Anadarko (including all Kerr-McGee entities included in the Anadarko definition provided herewith) in the time period from 2006 to present	12/04/2020

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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NRC Held Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute on 10 CFR 50.59

On December 1, 2020, NRC staff, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and other industry representatives conducted a public meeting (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20335A491) to discuss incorporating risk insights into Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.59 evaluations. NEI staff shared clarification and improvement ideas related to the industry's 10 CFR 50.59 guidance in NEI 96-07, "Guidelines for 10 CFR 50.59 Implementation," responded to several NRC staff questions from the October 8, 2020, public meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML20268B313), and discussed next steps. NRC staff presented an update on the development and implementation of its new draft Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0335, "Changes, Test, and Experiments," related to inspection of 10 CFR 50.59.

NRC Held Meeting with Industry Risk-Informed Steering Committee

On December 2, 2020, NRC staff and industry Risk-Informed Steering Committees participated in a public meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML20336A228) to continue discussions on areas of mutual interest. Specifically, the NRC staff and industry had discussions on NEI 20-04, "The Nexus Between Safety and Operational Performance in the U.S. Nuclear Industry," the NRC's Risk-Informed Process for Evaluations (RIPE) initiative, treatment of flexible coping strategies (FLEX) in risk-informed licensing, status and next steps on Aluminum high energy arc faults, and efforts to risk-inform the 10 CFR 50.59 process. The meeting, which was well attended by phone and Microsoft Teams, was successful in sharing insights and establishing common understanding of these issues.

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

LaSalle, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Exelon Generation Company, LLC)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	11/24/2020 ML20329A301	12/01/2020 ML20330A326

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

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	11/24/2020 ML20329A533 12/01/2020(S) ML20336A341	12/02/2020 ML20332A017

DC Cook, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Indiana Michigan Power Company)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	11/30/2020 ML20338A324	12/03/2020 ML20336A111

Palisades, Unit No. 1 (Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.)

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	11/12/2020 ML20317A300	12/03/2020 ML20330A000

Hatch, Units Nos. 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"	11/06/2020 ML20311A662	12/04/2020 ML20329A488

Farley, Unit Nos. 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"	11/06/2020 ML20311A662	12/04/2020 ML20315A374

Vogtle, Unit Nos. 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"	11/06/2020 ML20311A662	12/04/2020 ML20329A392

Quad Cities, 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"	11/13/2020 Non-public (security-related)	12/04/2020 ML20332A175

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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NMSS Staff Issued Guidance Document for Dry Storage and Transportation of High Burnup Spent Nuclear Fuel

On November 30, 2020, staff issued NUREG-2224, "Dry Storage and Transportation of High Burnup Spent Nuclear Fuel" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20191A321). This document provides an engineering assessment of the mechanical performance of high burnup spent nuclear fuel (HBU SNF) based on recent NRC-sponsored mechanical testing of HBU SNF. Based on the results of that assessment, NUREG-2224 presents example approaches for enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of licensing and certification of HBU SNF in transportation and dry storage. The issuance of NUREG-2224 followed a detailed safety focused assessment that was enhanced by significant stakeholder interactions.

NMSS Staff Held Public Meeting on Environmental Impact Statement for New Mexico Site

On December 2, 2020, the staff held its first public meeting via webinar and teleconference (ADAMS Accession No. ML20318A044) to gather comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the disposal of mine waste at the United Nuclear Corporation mill site, located in McKinley County, New Mexico. The public meeting lasted 3 hours and approximately 115 individuals participated with 18 people providing verbal comments. Staff indicated during the presentation that based on recent requests to extend the comment period, the 45-day comment period would be extended another 60 days to end on February 26, 2021.

Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
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Staff Participated in Interagency Meeting on Supply Chain Management

On December 1, NRC staff participated in a quarterly meeting of the Information and Communications Technology Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) Task Force, led by the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The meeting included discussions on draft reports related to threat evaluation, a vendor SCRM assessment template, and a summary of the Year 2 efforts. The meeting also included discussions on potential future efforts, such as focus groups to capture future-looking supply chain risk areas that warrant study and integrating the vendor assessment template into a platform that would both guide the vendor to the next appropriate question and capture the results.

Staff Participated in Interagency Meeting on Securing Energy Infrastructure

On December 2, the NRC staff participated in a meeting of the Securing Energy Infrastructure Task Force's (SEI TF) Senior Technical Group (STG), led by DOE's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response. Members of the STG represent government organizations, utilities, academia, and national laboratories. The SEI TF's Congressionally mandated mission is to advise a two-year pilot program to isolate and defend critical industrial control systems from security vulnerabilities and exploits. This pilot program will address cyber risks in the energy sector supply chain that cannot be solved by the public or private sector alone.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-20-0065	11/30/20	Rulemaking Plan–Categorical Exclusions from Environmental Review
2. Commission Voting Record SECY-20-0065	11/30/20	Rulemaking Plan–Categorical Exclusions from Environmental Review
Information Papers		
1. None		
Memoranda		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum M201118	12/01/20	Meeting with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes
2. Staff Requirements Memorandum M201204A	12/04/20	Affirmation Session - SECY-20-0017: Interim Storage Partners, LLC (WCS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility), Appeal of LBP-19-11 (denial of motion to file late contention)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Lamar Alexander and Marcy Kaptur submits the NRC's monthly Congressional Status Report for October 2020, dated November 23, 2020.
2. Letter to the Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., et al., submits the October 2020 monthly status report on the NRC activities and use of unobligated carryover funds appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund, dated November 23, 2020.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Notice of renewal of the Charter of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
2. Proposed Evaluation Policy Statement; request for comment [NRC-2020-0262]