

## INFORMATION REPORT

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FOR: The Commissioners

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT – WEEK ENDING  
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**Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)**  
**Items of Interest**  
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<b>ARRIVALS:</b>
NONE
<b>RETIREMENTS</b>
NONE
<b>DEPARTURES</b>
NONE

**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 December 21 – December 23

<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>
2021-000066	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy or printout of the YouTube Creator's Page for the NRC, which shows nonpublic videos (videos categorized as Unlisted or Private) on the agency's YouTube account. Specifically, I request a listing of videos on the agency YouTube channel, marked as UNLISTED or PRIVATE	12/21/2020
2021-000067			Deleted Case <sup>1</sup>	12/23/2020

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<sup>1</sup> 2021-000067 was erroneously entered as a FOIA request and was deleted from FOIAOnline

**Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)**  
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**NRC Issued Supplement to Information Notice 2018-11: Quality Assurance Record Falsification at Kobe Steel and Other International Vendors**

On December 21, 2020, the NRC issued Information Notice (IN) 2018-11, Supplement 1, "Quality Assurance Record Falsification at Kobe Steel and Other International Vendors" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19357A138). The NRC is issuing this IN to alert addressees of alleged quality assurance record falsification by international vendors that appear to have supplied products to nuclear facilities overseas but may or may not have supplied products to domestic nuclear facilities. It is expected that recipients will review the information for applicability to their facilities and consider actions, as appropriate.

**NRC Issued Information Notice 2020-04: Operating Experience Related to Failure of Buried Fire Protection Main Yard Piping**

On December 22, 2020, the NRC issued IN 2020-04, "Operating Experience Related to Failure of Buried Fire Protection Main Yard Piping" (ADAMS Accession No. ML20223A333). The NRC is issuing this IN to inform the addressees of operating experience involving the loss of function of buried cast iron fire water main yard piping due to multiple factors, including graphitic corrosion, over-pressurization, low-cycle fatigue, and surface loads. It is expected that recipients will review the information for applicability to their facilities and consider actions, as appropriate, to avoid similar problems.

**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 Requests for Regulatory Relief Related to COVID-19**

*Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Pacific Gas and Electric Company)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	10/14/2020 12/03/2020 Non-public (security-related)	12/17/2020 ML20346A024

*Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (Dominion Energy South Carolina Inc.)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	12/03/2020 Non-public (security-related)	12/18/2020 ML20342A003

*LaSalle County 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"	11/23/2020 ML20328A292  12/07/2020 ML20342A259	12/18/2020 ML20346A014

*Oregon State University TRIGA reactor (Oregon State University; non-power reactor)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," Section IV.F, "Training"	11/03/2020 ML20318A035  12/10/2020 ML20350B726	12/18/2020 ML20318A380

*Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Northern States Power Company – Minnesota)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	10/14/2020 12/03/2020 Non-public (security-related)	12/21/2020 ML20317A259

*Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1 (Nextera Energy Seabrook, LLC)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," Section IV.F, "Training"	12/03/2020 ML20338A493	12/21/2020 ML20345A119

*Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Vistra Operations Company, LLC)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	12/10/2020 ML20345A341	12/22/2020 ML20350B666

*Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (Northern States Power Company – Minnesota)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel"	10/30/2020 12/14/2020 Non-public (security-related)	12/22/2020 ML20317A136

*River Bend Station, Unit No. 1 (Entergy Operations, Inc.)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," Section IV.F, "Training"	12/03/2020 ML20338A539	12/22/2020 ML20344A135

*Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (Arizona Public Service Company)*

Type	Subject	Incoming Request	Decision
Exemption	Select Requirements of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," Section 26.205, "Work hours"	12/21/2020 ML20356A292	12/23/2020 ML20357A055

**Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)**  
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**Alternatives to the Use of Credit Ratings: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Request for Comment; 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, 50, 70, and 72; [NRC-2017-0021] RIN 3150-AJ92**

On December 21, 2020, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([85 FR 82950](#)) announcing consideration of an amendment to its regulations that would alter financial assurance mechanisms approved by the NRC for the decommissioning of nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. This action would amend provisions for parent company and self company guarantees that require bond ratings issued by credit rating agencies. This action would implement the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, which directed agencies to amend their regulations to remove any reference to or reliance on credit ratings. The NRC is soliciting public comment on potential approaches for amending the regulations. The NRC plans to hold a public meeting during the comment period to facilitate stakeholder participation. Comments are requested by March 8, 2021.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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<b>Document Released to Public</b>	<b>Date of Document</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. Chairman Svinicki's Vote SECY-18-0055	10/08/20	Proposed Rule: Regulatory Improvements for Production and Utilization Facilities Transitioning to Decommissioning (RIN 3150-AJ59)
2. Commissioner Baran's Vote SECY-17-0099	05/11/18	Proposed Rule-Cyber Security at Fuel Cycle Facilities (RIN 3150-AJ64; NRC-2015-0179)
3. SECY-20-0111	12/07/20	Rulemaking Plan to Amend the Receipts-Based NRC Size Standards (NRC-2014-0264)
4. SECY-20-0112	12/09/20	Direct Final Rule: Advanced Boiling Water Reactor Design Certification Renewal (RIN 3150 AK04; NRC 2017 0090)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. None		
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum M201222	12/22/20	Affirmation Session - SECY-20-0084: Oklo Power (Aurora RX) - Emerg. Petition Re: Docketing and Hearing Notice for COL App., and NEIMA Clarifications; SECY-20-0103: Southern Nuclear (Vogtle 3); LBP-20-08 Appeal

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Lamar Alexander and Marcy Kaptur submits the NRC's monthly Congressional Status Report for November 2020

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. None.